

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Sheboygan County, Wisconsin from 2001-2006, and is meant to complement the report, *The Burden of Suicide in Wisconsin*. Please refer to this report for technical notes and suicide prevention strategies. For counties with fewer than 20 suicides each year, data are aggregated for 2001-2006 and findings are presented in bullets rather than tables.

KEY FINDINGS

- ◆ The suicide rate in Sheboygan County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (14.8 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 3,157 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 494.2 for 2001-2006. This was more than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The greatest number of suicides occurred in individuals aged 35-44 and the greatest number of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits occurred in younger individuals, aged 15-24. These findings are similar at the state level.
- ◆ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$1.6 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Sheboygan County suicides (44%) followed by poisoning (25%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (25%).

Numbers and rates (per 100,000 population) of suicides, inpatient hospitalizations, and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injuries, by age, Sheboygan County, 2001-2006.

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	3	3.2‡	79	83.7	11	14.1‡
15-24	15	16.2‡	415	447.7	56	72.2
25-34	19	21.9‡	295	339.3	32	44.2
35-44	22	20.4	296	274.9	16	18.0‡
45-54	17	16.5‡	102	98.7	4	4.6‡
55-64	8	12.0‡	45	67.5	2	3.5‡
65-74	9	20.3‡	18	40.6‡	0	--
75-84	3	8.6‡	8	23.0‡	1	3.5‡
85+	6	39.4‡	2	10.0‡	0	--
Total	102	14.8	1260	182.9	122	22.6

*Emergency department data are not available for 2001.

‡Rates based on numbers of 20 or less are considered unstable due to random chance and should be interpreted with caution.