

ST. CROIX COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to St. Croix 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 St. Croix County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (8.0 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,371 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 330.1 for 2001-2006. This was less than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The greatest number of suicides occurred in individuals aged 45-54, while the greatest number of hospitalizations and emergency department visits occurred in younger individuals, aged 15-24. This finding is the same at the state level.
- ◆ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$148,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in St. Croix County suicides (49%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (31%) and poisoning (14%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	5	7.74†	8	14.7†
15-24	6	10.1†	39	66.0	55	109.4
25-34	4	6.7†	14	23.6†	24	47.6
35-44	7	9.5†	15	20.4†	24	38.9
45-54	8	12.0†	7	10.5†	9	15.8†
55-64	6	15.1†	2	5.0†	3	8.7†
65-74	2	9.3†	0	--	3	16.5†
75-84	0	--	0	--	1	8.3†
85+	2	29.3†	0	--	0	--
Total	35	8.0	82	20.2	127	36.9

*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.