

TAYLOR COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Taylor 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 Taylor County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (12.6[‡] versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 327 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 299.3 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 65-74, which was older than the state as a whole. 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 \$28,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Taylor County suicides (67%) followed by poisoning (13%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]
5-14	0	--	5	30.3 [‡]	2	14.8 [‡]
15-24	0	--	35	213.4	27	196.5
25-34	2	15.2 [‡]	13	99.1 [‡]	3	27.5 [‡]
35-44	2	11.0 [‡]	9	49.4 [‡]	5	33.4 [‡]
45-54	2	11.2 [‡]	4	22.5 [‡]	4	26.5 [‡]
55-64	2	17.4 [‡]	2	17.4 [‡]	0	--
65-74	4	45.7 [‡]	0	--	0	--
75-84	3	46.9 [‡]	1	15.6 [‡]	0	--
85+	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	15	12.6[‡]	69	61.8	41	44.0

*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.