

# VERNON COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Vernon 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 Vernon County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (16.7 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 730 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 461.1 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 35-54, 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 \$167,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Vernon County suicides (72%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (14%) and poisoning (10%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	9	35.8‡	2	9.6‡
15-24	5	22.0‡	36	158.2	39	202.9‡
25-34	2	12.2‡	22	134.1	8	58.6‡
35-44	7	29.6‡	32	135.3	9	46.3‡
45-54	7	26.9‡	17	65.2‡	2	9.1‡
55-64	1	5.2‡	6	31.3‡	1	6.1‡
65-74	3	22.1‡	0	--	0	--
75-84	2	19.8‡	0	--	1	12.0‡
85+	2	41.6‡	0	--	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>45.9</b>

\*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.