

# VILAS COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Vilas 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 Vilas County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (13.7<sup>‡</sup> versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 439 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 370.4 for 2001-2006. This was less than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$353,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Vilas County suicides (72%) followed by poisoning (28%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>
5-14	0	--	13	94.2 <sup>‡</sup>	10	88.7 <sup>‡</sup>
15-24	3	22.7 <sup>‡</sup>	65	492.0	44	392.6
25-34	1	9.3 <sup>‡</sup>	34	315	11	122.6 <sup>‡</sup>
35-44	3	17.2 <sup>‡</sup>	51	293.0	9	62.5 <sup>‡</sup>
45-54	3	14.7 <sup>‡</sup>	20	98.0	7	40.6 <sup>‡</sup>
55-64	3	14.5 <sup>‡</sup>	8	38.7 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--
65-74	1	5.9 <sup>‡</sup>	4	23.5 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--
75-84	3	30.0 <sup>‡</sup>	1	10.0 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--
85+	1	30.9 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13.7<sup>‡</sup></b>	<b>196</b>	<b>154.9</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76.4</b>

\*Emergency department data are not available for 2001.

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