

WALWORTH COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Walworth 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 Walworth County for all years was slightly higher than the state rate for all years (12.0 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,348 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 429.9 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 15-24, while the greatest number of suicides for the state occurred in individuals 35-54. The greatest number of hospitalizations and emergency department visits occurred in the same age group, 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 \$778,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Walworth County suicides (51%), followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (21%) and poisoning (20%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	13	16.5†	36	54.9
15-24	15	15.5†	129	133.6	173	214.0
25-34	10	15.1†	66	99.7	66	119.8
35-44	11	12.5†	76	86.1	59	80.4
45-54	12	14.0†	40	46.7	26	35.8
55-64	8	13.7†	15	25.6†	5	10.0†
65-74	9	23.8†	6	15.8†	2	6.3†
75-84	4	14.8†	3	11.1†	2	8.8†
85+	1	8.8†	2	17.6†	0	--
Total	70	12.0	350	59.9	369	75.3

*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.