

# WASHBURN COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Washburn 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 Washburn County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (7.0<sup>‡</sup> versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 343 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 375.1 for 2001-2006. This was less than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The suicides were dispersed across age groups. However, the greatest number of hospitalizations and emergency department visits occurred in younger individuals, aged 15-24.
- ◆ Firearms were used in all Washburn County suicides during this time period.

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

	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>
Suicides	7	7.0 <sup>‡</sup>
Inpatient Hospitalizations	53	55.6
Emergency Department Visits	50	62.6

\*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.