

WASHINGTON COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Washington 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 Washington County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (9.2 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,347 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 335.0 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 35-44, 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 \$953,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Washington County suicides (47%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (28%) and poisoning (22%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	19	17.9†	17	19.3†
15-24	12	13.0†	133	144.3	60	77.2
25-34	7	7.9†	52	58.5	16	21.7†
35-44	19	14.5†	74	56.3	31	28.3
45-54	17	14.6†	62	53.4	12	12.2†
55-64	8	10.7†	13	17.4†	4	6.3†
65-74	1	2.3†	4	9.0†	0	--
75-84	3	9.9†	3	9.9†	0	--
85+	1	8.4†	0	--	0	--
Total	68	9.2	360	51.7	140	24.0

*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.