

WAUPACA COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Waupaca 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 Waupaca County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (10.4 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,128 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 390.9 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 35-54, 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 \$376,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Waupaca County suicides (58%) followed by poisoning (24%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (18%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	1	2.3†	16	37.4†	9	25.5†
15-24	5	12.4†	84	208.7	77	227.4
25-34	5	14.4†	21	60.4†	21	72.7
35-44	11	22.8†	42	87.0	45	112.8
45-54	4	8.4†	32	67.4	17	42.4†
55-64	4	12.0†	8	24.0†	3	10.5†
65-74	3	12.6†	8	33.5†	0	--
75-84	0	--	1	5.1†	1	6.1†
85+	0	--	1	11.0†	2	26.2†
Total	33	10.4	213	71.1	175	69.9

*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.