

WAUSHARA COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Waushara 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 Waushara County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (12.3[‡] versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 331 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 246.3 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 \$92,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Waushara County suicides (61%) followed by poisoning (22%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (17%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]
5-14	0	--	6	35.3 [‡]	4	28.8 [‡]
15-24	0	--	42	232.4	14	90.9 [‡]
25-34	2	14.2 [‡]	28	198.6	14	117.8 [‡]
35-44	4	18.8 [‡]	26	122.4	14	79.3 [‡]
45-54	3	13.2 [‡]	20	88.0	2	10.4 [‡]
55-64	1	5.2 [‡]	7	36.3 [‡]	0	--
65-74	4	26.4 [‡]	1	11.2 [‡]	0	--
75-84	2	22.3 [‡]	0	--	1	13.3 [‡]
85+	2	61.9 [‡]	0	--	0	--
Total	18	12.3[‡]	130	93.0	49	41.7

*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.