

# WOOD COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Wood 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 Wood County for all years was the same as the state rate for all years (11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,664 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 398.7 for 2001-2006. This was slightly more 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 \$1 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Wood County suicides (52%) followed by poisoning (26%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (19%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	29	48.3	17	34.5‡
15-24	7	11.7‡	143	238.6	123	245.2
25-34	7	13.5‡	69	132.7	76	176.0
35-44	13	18.8‡	109	157.2	86	150.7
45-54	12	17.3‡	53	76.6	18	30.9‡
55-64	6	12.7‡	16	34.0‡	5	12.5‡
65-74	5	15.1‡	4	12.1‡	1	3.6‡
75-84	5	19.0‡	2	7.6‡	0	--
85+	2	16.2‡	1	8.1‡	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>91.0</b>

\*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.