

JEFFERSON COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Jefferson 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 Jefferson County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (15.8 versus 11.8).

Suicide represented a total of 2,529 years of potential life lost (YPLL), at a rate of 578.9 for 2001-2006. This was 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 \$700,000 in 2006 alone.

Firearms were the most frequently used method in Jefferson County suicides (47%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (23%) and poisoning (18%).

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