

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	--
Total	57	11.8	426	99.2	326	91.0

*Emergency department data are not available for 2001.