

# LAFAYETTE COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Lafayette 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 Lafayette County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (9.2 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 212 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 235.2 for 2001-2006. This was less than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The number of suicides was equal in individuals aged 25-34, 35-44, and 75-84, while the greatest number of hospitalizations and emergency department visits occurred in younger individuals, aged 15-24. These findings are similar at the state level.
- ◆ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$150,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Lafayette County suicides (89%) followed by poisoning (11%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	9	65.0‡	0	--
15-24	1	7.3‡	21	153.2	10	87.1‡
25-34	2	20.0‡	15	150.3‡	7	84.2‡
35-44	2	13.6‡	11	75.0‡	4	33.3‡
45-54	1	6.7‡	5	33.5‡	2	15.8‡
55-64	1	10.4‡	0	--	0	--
65-74	0	--	0	--	0	--
75-84	2	36.9‡	0	--	0	--
85+	0	--	0	--	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28.2</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.