

DOUGLAS COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Douglas County, Wisconsin from 2001-2006, and is meant to complement the report, [Suicide in Wisconsin: A Report on the Burden of Suicide](#). 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 Douglas County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (18.6 versus 11.8).
- ! Suicide represented a total of 1,541 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 472.1 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 45-54, which is the same as at the state level. However, inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits may be deceptively low due since many residents are treated in hospitals in Minnesota.
- ! Firearms were the most frequently used method in Douglas County suicides (49%) followed by poisoning (22%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (20%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
5-14	1	3.1!	3	9.2!	2	7.5!
15-24	8	21.6!	3	8.1!	13	42.4!
25-34	8	23.6!	3	8.9!	4	14.0!
35-44	9	23.3!	2	5.2!	0	--
45-54	12	29.2!	2	4.9!	1	2.9!
55-64	4	14.4!	1	3.6!	0	--
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