

# LA CROSSE COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to La Crosse 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 La Crosse County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (5.6 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,166 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 353.4 for 2001-2006. This was less 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 \$2 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in La Crosse County suicides (49%) followed by poisoning (16%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (16%).

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