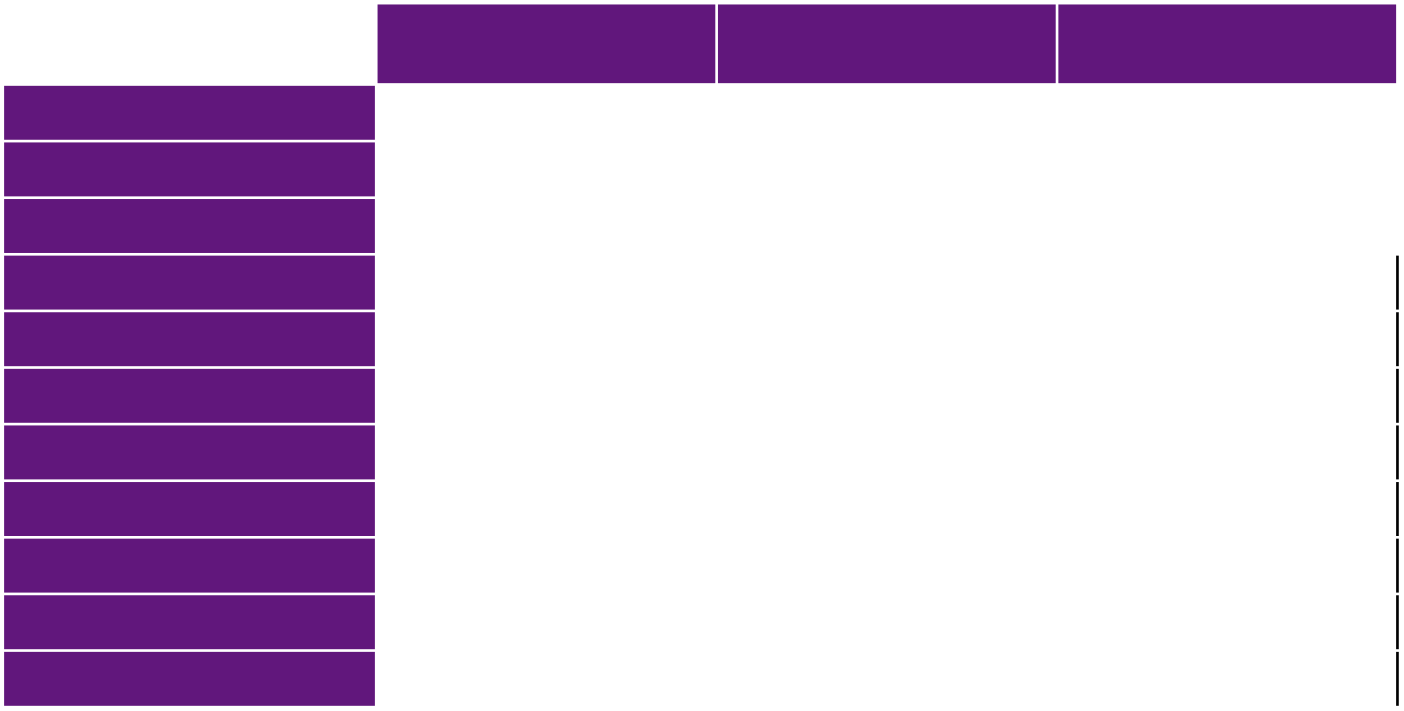
LAFAYETTE COUNTY

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.