COLUMBIA COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Columbia 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 Columbia County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (12.6 versus 11.8).

✦Suicide represented a total of 1,356 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 447.5 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, 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 $560,000 in 2006 alone.

✦Firearms were the most frequently used method in Columbia County suicides (44%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (29%) and poisoning (17%).

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

	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
Age Group	*Number*	*Rate!*	*Number*	*Rate!*	*Number*	*Rate!*
5-14	1	2.33!	12	28.0!	25	70.7