

Injury and Violence

Sexual Assault and Violence

Sexual Violence is a verbal and/or physical act that breaks a person's trust and safety and is sexual in nature.

Behaviors range from sexual harassment to unwanted fondling to forced penetration. All are done without consent. Sexual violence affects women at a significantly higher rate than men; four-fifths of victims are female. It is estimated that one in seven or 14% of Wisconsin women over the age of 18 has been raped at some point in her lifetime. Approximately 90% of victims know the person who assaults them. Two-thirds of victims of reports assaults are less than 15 years of age.

Suicide

The suicide rate in Wisconsin is four times the homicide rate.¹⁰ Annually, over 700 Wisconsin residents die by suicide. In addition, approximately 5,500 Wisconsin residents are hospitalized due to intentional, self-inflicted injury. More on suicide in Wisconsin can be found in the Mental Health section.

Violence

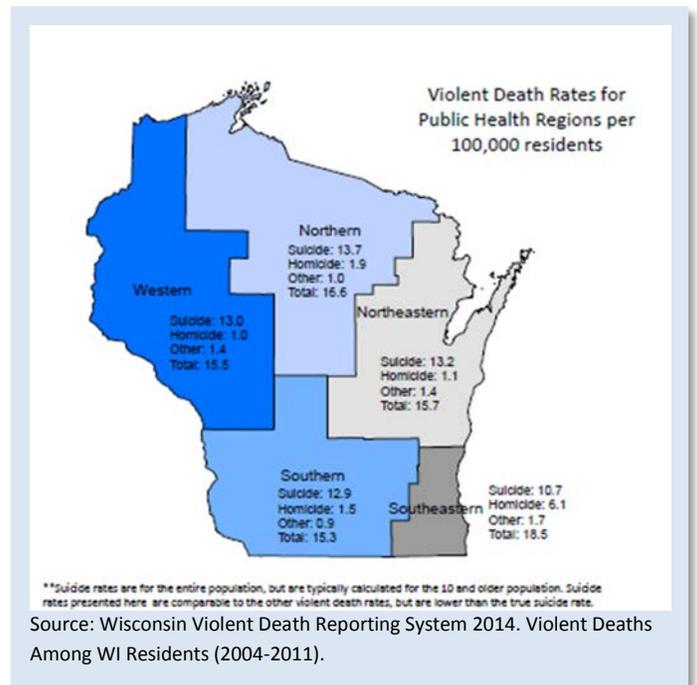
Wisconsin ranked 19th for violent crime in America's Health Rankings 2015.¹¹ The number of violence crime (murders, rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults) per 100,000 population has remained relatively stable in Wisconsin for the past three years at approximately 280. The national average for violent crime for the same period was 387 offenses per 100,000.

What's Being Done

- ✓ Wisconsin Falls Prevention Initiative and Wisconsin Fall Prevention Action Plan
- ✓ Forward Wisconsin: A Plan for the Prevention of Sexual Violence
- ✓ Prevent Suicide Wisconsin

What Can Be Done

- Increase access to information on evidence based injury prevention programs and policies at the state, regional and local levels
- Increase the capacity of professionals in WI to design, implement and evaluate evidence based injury and violence prevention programs and policies
- Develop an injury and violence prevention policy agenda



¹ Wisconsin Department of Health Services, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2020*, Injury and Violence Focus Area Profile.

² DHS. Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health: Injury-related Mortality Module.

http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/main/InjuryMortality/InjuryMortality_home.htm

³ Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Burden of Injury in Wisconsin.

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/P0/P00283.pdf>

⁴ Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH), Wisconsin resident death certificates.

⁵ Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH), Injury Hospitalizations Module, hospital inpatient discharge database

⁶ Wisconsin Department of Transportation. 2013 Wisconsin Traffic Crash Facts.

⁷ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Injury Prevention and Control: Motor Vehicle Safety. Teen Drivers.

http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen_drivers/index.html

⁸ Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS); 2009-2011 combined landline-cell dataset.

⁹ Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Fatalities by County. April 2016.

¹⁰ Wisconsin Department of Health. The Burden of Suicide in Wisconsin: 2007-2011 (P-00648).

¹¹ America's Health Rankings 2015. Wisconsin. Violent Crime.