

WISCONSIN STATISTICS

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PREVALENCE OF SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FOR ADULTS IN WISCONSIN, 2004

State Totals:

- 4,119,320: The adult population in Wisconsin defined as 18 years of age or older in 2004
- 233,154: Estimated number of Wisconsin adults with a serious mental illness in 2004
- 5.66: Estimated percent of non-institutionalized adults with a serious mental illness in 2004

Treatment Prevalence for Adults with Serious Mental Illness in Wisconsin, 2004

- 41,777: Estimated number of adults 18 and older served by Wisconsin's public mental health system in 2004

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- A report submitted by public mental health agencies in eight states (Arizona, Missouri, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) for data from 1997 to 2000 found persons with serious mental illnesses die 25 years younger than the general population when treated by public systems. About 60 percent of the 10.3 million people with serious mental illness get care in public facilities (Colton).

Information compiled from the Wisconsin State Mental Health Plan: Federal Fiscal Years 2006-2007. For definition of Serious Mental Illness, see Glossary.



TESTIMONY

"I worked as a chef for about 15 years. But there was a lot of stigma around mental illness in the restaurant business. Every restaurant I worked at, I saw other people disclose about themselves and they wound up being badly harassed and losing their jobs. So I hid my illness."



Sam Harris' Story
from SAMHSA's
What a Difference A Friend Makes campaign
www.whatadifference.org

Wisconsin Adult Prevalence Estimates of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) by County, 2004

COUNTY	2004 Population Estimate (Age 18+)	Estimated % of Non-Institutionalized Adults with SMI	Estimated # of Adults with SMI	COUNTY	2004 Population Estimate (Age 18+)	Estimated % of Non-Institutionalized Adults with SMI	Estimated # of Adults with SMI
Adams	16,396	4.30%	705	Marathon	95,124	5.20%	4,946
Ashland	12,649	4.70%	595	Marinette	33,805	4.85%	1,640
Barron	34,756	4.70%	1634	Marquette	11,728	4.00%	469
Bayfield	11,737	4.40%	516	Menominee	2,819	5.40%	152
Brown	175,641	5.60%	9836	Milwaukee	691,828	6.70%	46,352
Buffalo	10,511	4.70%	494	Monroe	30,643	4.90%	1,502
Burnett	12,774	4.10%	524	Oconto	27,951	4.60%	1,286
Calumet	31,613	6.70%	2118	Oneida	29,324	4.30%	1,261
Chippewa	43,757	4.90%	2144	Outagamie	122,068	6.60%	8,056
Clark	24,057	4.60%	1107	Ozaukee	62,374	5.60%	3,493
Columbia	40,834	4.80%	1960	Pepin	5,569	4.40%	245
Crawford	12,920	4.60%	594	Pierce	29,154	5.80%	1,691
Dane	348,588	6.90%	24053	Polk	32,331	4.70%	1,520
Dodge	66,437	5.10%	3388	Portage	52,313	5.70%	2,982
Door	22,694	4.50%	1021	Price	12,148	4.20%	510
Douglas	33,404	6.20%	2071	Racine	140,159	5.40%	7,569
Dunn	31,937	5.70%	1820	Richland	13,542	4.60%	623
Eau Claire	73,680	5.70%	4200	Rock	114,287	5.30%	6,057
Florence	4,022	4.50%	181	Rusk	11,659	4.50%	525
Fond du Lac	74,502	5.10%	3800	Sauk	52,291	4.80%	2,510
Forest	7,623	4.20%	320	Sawyer	43,384	4.10%	1,779
Grant	38,545	5.10%	1966	Shawano	12,935	4.60%	595
Green	25,834	5.00%	1292	Sheboygan	31,161	5.10%	1,589
Green Lake	14,672	4.40%	646	St. Croix	85,928	5.50%	4,726
Iowa	17,233	4.90%	844	Taylor	14,480	4.90%	710
Iron	5,599	3.70%	207	Trempeleau	20,720	4.60%	953
Jackson	14,935	4.70%	702	Vernon	20,969	4.40%	923
Jefferson	58,531	5.30%	3102	Vilas	17,431	3.80%	662
Juneau	19,004	4.60%	874	Walworth	73,269	5.40%	3,957
Kenosha	113,799	5.50%	6259	Washburn	12,771	4.20%	536
Kewaunee	15,455	4.80%	742	Washington	90,616	5.40%	4,893
La Crosse	83,602	5.60%	4682	Waukesha	275,072	5.50%	15,129
Lafayette	11,871	4.70%	558	Waupaca	39,498	4.70%	1,856
Langlade	16,053	4.30%	690	Waushara	18,963	4.20%	796
Lincoln	22,588	4.70%	1062	Winnebago	123,281	6.60%	8,137
Manitowoc	62,807	4.90%	3078	Wood	56,665	5.00%	2,833
				State Total	4,119,320	5.66%	233,154

The estimates of percentage of non-institutionalized adults with SMI in this table is derived from "Estimation of the 12-month Prevalence of Serious Mental Illness (SMI)," Working Paper #8 (April, 1997, Kessler, Berglund, Walters, Leaf, Kouzia, Bruce, Friedman, et. al.

PREVALENCE OF SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE FOR CHILDREN IN WISCONSIN, 2004

- 999,680: The child population in Wisconsin defined as 5-17 years of age or older
- 209,932 (21 percent): Estimated number of children in Wisconsin with some level of mental need (Methodology for Epidemiology of Mental Disorders in Children and Adolescents [MECA] study)
- 89,971 (9 percent): Estimated number of Wisconsin children with a serious emotional disturbance (SED)
- 10.9 percent: Wisconsin's estimated poverty rate for children 17 and under in 2002 (US Census Bureau)

Methodology

- Wisconsin bases its estimation methodology on that of the federal Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS).
- The poverty rate is factored into the prevalence rate.
- Because Wisconsin is more than 5 percent below the national poverty level, the lower end of the 9-11 percent range is used for our prevalence estimates as recommended by CMHS.

Information compiled from the Description of Wisconsin's Mental Health Service System: Federal Fiscal Years 2006-2007.

For definition of Serious Emotional Disorders for Children, see Glossary.

MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION IN THE WISCONSIN FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY, 2004

Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 2004

Highlights:

- 128,000 adults (3 percent of all adults) in Wisconsin were limited by a mental health condition. About half the adults limited by a mental health condition were also reported to be limited in working, housework, or going to school (68,000 adults).
- 301,000 adults (7 percent of all adults) in Wisconsin reported receiving mental health counseling in the past year, 2004.
- 70,000 children (5 percent of all children) in Wisconsin reported receiving mental health counseling in the past year, 2004.
- 371,000 Wisconsin adults (9 percent of the adult household population) have been diagnosed with depression at some point in their lives. Less than half received mental health counseling in the past year.
- 211,000 Wisconsin adults (5 percent of the adult household population) have ever been diagnosed with anxiety disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder at some point in their lives. Over half received mental health counseling in the past year.



STORY IDEA

FACT: According to the National Institute of Mental Health, women and children account for 75 percent of people in the United States living in poverty. Poverty contributes to negative health outcomes and in many cases the onset of stress that leads to depression. Overall, rates of depression are higher among single women with children and women of color (Fazel et al.).

STORY: Run a feature on the implications of being a woman of color and dealing with depression as well as the caliber of services provided by the state.

WISCONSIN SUICIDE STATISTICS, 2004

Statewide

- Suicide was 10th ranking cause of death, 11th ranking cause of death nationally
- 656 Wisconsin residents died by suicide, compared to 149 Wisconsin residents who died by homicide
- Suicides outnumber homicides 4:1
- Suicide rate: 11.7 per 100,000. The national suicide rate was 10.8
- Suicide accounted for 74 percent of violent deaths, approximately 2 suicides each day

Age

Adults

- Adult working men and women ages 25-64 account for more than two-thirds of the total suicides in Wisconsin
- Elderly males ages 75 and older are three times more likely to complete suicide than the general Wisconsin population
- In the month prior to their suicide, 75 percent of elderly persons had visited a physician

Youth

- More teenagers and young adults died from suicide in 2004 than heart disease, cancer, birth defects, AIDS, pneumonia, stroke, influenza and chronic lung disease, combined
- Suicide was the second leading cause of death among ages 15 to 34 in 2003. The first leading cause of death for youth is car accidents. Nationally for this age group, suicide is the third ranking cause of death
- The cause of death for about 20 percent of people under age 25 in Wisconsin was suicide (State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction)

Gender

- Males: approximately 76 percent of suicides; 8th ranking cause of death
- Females: approximately 24 percent of suicides; 18th ranking cause of death
- Males died from suicide at rate 3.2 times the rate of female death by suicide
- Women are less likely to complete suicide, but are 1.6 times more likely to make suicide attempts

Diverse populations

- White Non-Hispanic (NH): 82 percent of firearm suicides and 79 percent of non-firearm suicides
- Hispanic: 1.7 percent firearm suicides and 5.2 percent non-firearm suicides
** Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.*
- African Americans: 2.8 percent firearm suicides and 5.2 percent non-firearm suicides
- American Indian: 1 percent firearm suicides and 1.4 percent non-firearm suicides

Location

- The Southern Region* had the highest suicide rate, 13.3 per 100,000
** Statistic represents Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Vernon, Rock and Sauk counties.*



STORY IDEA

FACT: The rate of youth suicide in Wisconsin is higher than the national rate. On average, one Wisconsin youth will complete suicide each week (DPI).

STORY: You could investigate the underlying causes of these numbers, particularly among American Indian youth.

Method

- Firearms: 1st leading method
- Suffocation: 2nd leading method
- Poisoning: 3rd leading method

Males vs. Females

- Firearms: 1st leading method for males; males completed approximately 88 percent of suicides by firearm
- Poisoning: most frequent method of injury used in female suicides, approximately 43 percent
- Firearms: Men completed suicide by firearm at rates 7 times that of females

Cost

- Average medical cost for Self-Inflicted Violent Injury Hospitalization: \$9,242
- Average medical cost for Self-Inflicted Violent Injury Emergency Department Visits: \$1,464

Circumstances

- 90 percent of those who completed suicide had either a mental illness or a substance abuse disorder

Facts from specific studies

- According to the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 18 percent of Wisconsin high school students reported to have seriously considered attempting suicide
- Data from 1999 to 2005 shows Wisconsin has the 8th highest rate of youth suicide among all states (State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction)
- Data from 1995 to 2002 show American Indian youth have the highest rates of suicide and hospitalization of all ethnic groups in Wisconsin (Eisenberg, et al., 2005)

Prevention

- Trigger locks – most effective prevention
- Recognize depression (screening)
- Treat depression
- QPR training (Questions, Persuade, Refer). Question the person, save a life. Contact HOPES for more information on available QPR training.
- National Depression Screening Day in October

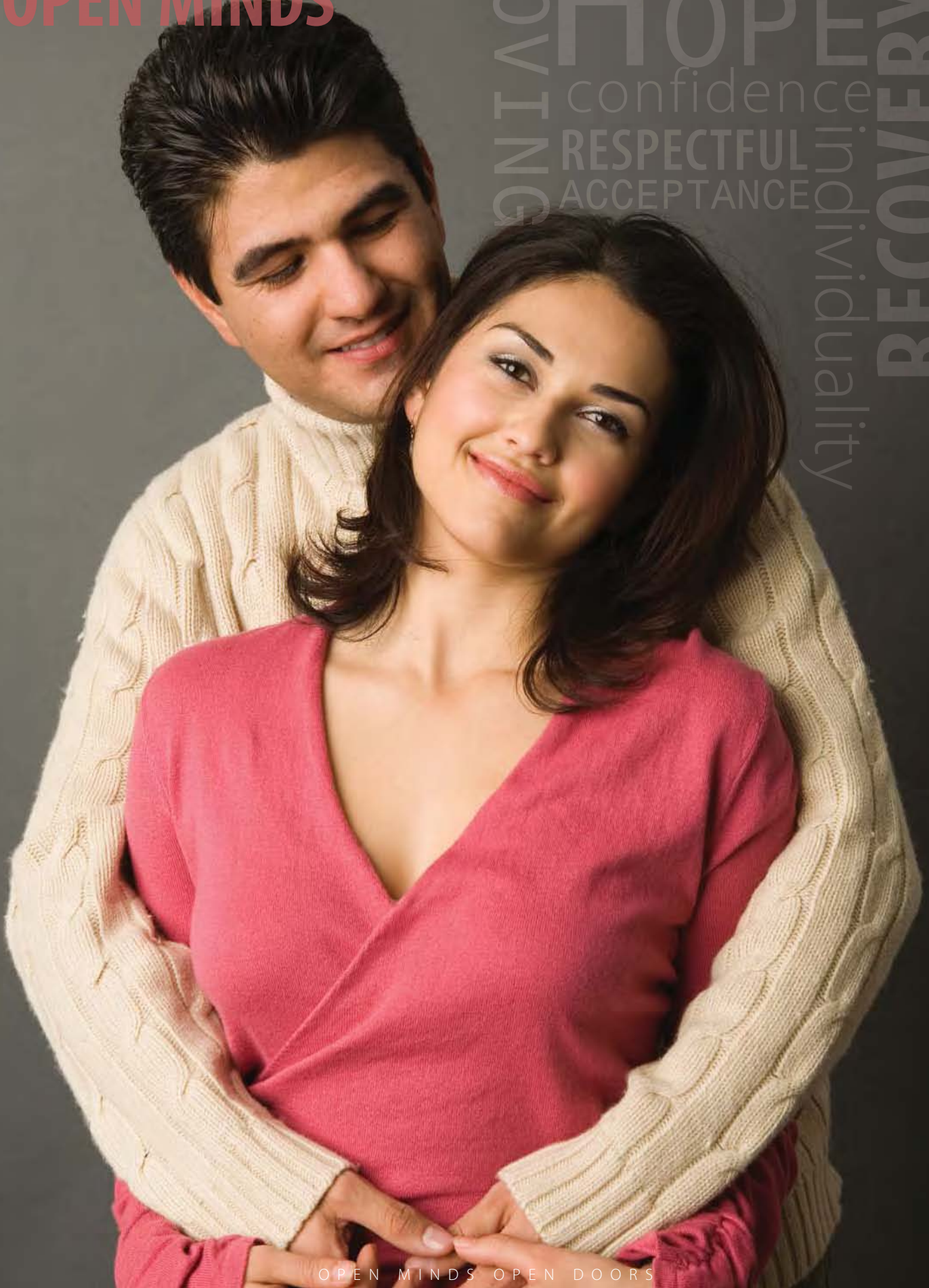
Fact sheet compiled from the Annual Report 2004 Wisconsin Violent Injuries and Deaths produced by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health, Injury Prevention Program, and the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Youth Suicide in Wisconsin fact sheets, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



STORY IDEA

STORY: Increasing coverage of mental health issues in any way can help normalize discussions, support and treatment of mental illnesses. This could prevent drastic consequences like suicide.

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