

Health Behavior Determinants

Violence

Health Determinant: Violence

Health Behavior Component: Violent Crime per 100,000

Number and Rank: 2007 - 70 (21)

2008 - 74 (23)

Healthiest Wisconsin Health Priority: Intentional and Unintentional Injuries and Violence; Social and Economic Factors that Influence Health

Violent crime is a measure of the annual number of reported violent crimes per 100,000 adults in the population, averaged from 2002-2005. Crimes defined as violent are those that involved face-to-face confrontation between victim and perpetrator, including murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. The weight in health determinants of violent crime is 1.5%. Violent crime rates are closely associated with mortality and have a potential number of other effects on psychological and physical health.

Waupaca County has seen a slight rise in violent crime in the last year. As the demographics in the county change and the economy changes, we may also see changes in violent crime data. Waupaca County, despite these changes, remains in the top of the upper middle quartile for this health behavior component.