

# Competitive County Benchmark:

## *A Safe County*

Keeping communities safe, including ensuring a low violent death rate, can make a county more attractive to both individuals and businesses to live, work, and enjoy the cultural and recreational opportunities of the county.

Annual Violent Deaths* per 100,000 Population (2008)			
County	Violent Deaths*	Population	Per 100,000 Population
Waukesha	35	382,697	9.1
State	984	5,675,156	17.3
Brown	33	245,168	13.5
Dane	64	471,559	13.6
Milwaukee	216	938,490	23.0
Outagamie	25	174,778	14.3
Racine	39	196,321	19.9

*\*According to the WI Department of Health Services violent deaths include suicide deaths, all homicide deaths, deaths of undetermined intent, deaths resulting from legal intervention, and deaths related to unintentional firearm injuries. The above figures are the latest available from the WI Department of Health Services.*

**SOURCE: Wisconsin Department of Health Services**