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May Drowning Toll at Five

Four non recreational drowning fatalities contributed to a total of five drowning deaths for the month of May according to statistics released by Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ).

48 New Zealanders have drowned thus far this year. At the same time last year there had been 40 drowning deaths recorded in New Zealand.

The month of May is the first month for 2007 that the monthly toll is below that of the equivalent month in 2006 when there were seven drownings.

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Drowning Statistics by Activity January to May by Year



Provisional Statistics

Activity	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	May-07	
Recreational																						
Land Based Fishing																						
Angling	3	4	3	5	3	2	6	4		5	1	2	3		4	1	2	4		2		
Net Fishing						5									1	2			2	2		
Shellfishing			1	1	1		1			4			1	4	1	2		1				
Non Powered Boat																						
Canoeing				1	1	1		2		1	1				2							
Kayaking						1					1		4		1	2	2	1		1	1	
Rafting	1	2	2		3		1							1		1						
Rowing Craft / Dinghy	1	1	2		3				2	4			1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1		
Powered Boat																						
Jet Boat	1	2	3																			
Jet Skis						1					1									1		
Over 4m	2	6	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	3	1	3	4	1		3	3	4	6	2		
Under 4m	3	2	5	2	2	4	3		2	1	1	2	5	3	5	1		2				
Sailing																						
Fixed Keel Boat			1	1	1		1	1		1			2			1						
Offshore Sailing		1																1				
Sailing Dinghy																						
Trailer Sailer	2																					
Underwater																						
Free Diving							1								1	1		1		1		
Scuba Diving	3	2	5	3	2	4	4	2	1	3		3	4	1	2	4		1	2	2		
Snorkelling	1	1	2		2	3	4			2	2	1	3	3	2		1	1	1	1		
Water Sport / Recreation																						
Board Riding		1														2	3			1		
Boogie Boarding				1				1						1	1		3					
Diving / Jumping	1	1	1				3	1	1	1	2	2	1	1		1	1	2		4		
Swimming	7	9	21	11	5	9	11	9	11	13	20	15	9	2	10	16	11	6	6	5		
Tubing	1		1	1			1															
Water Skiing														1	1							
Windsurfing													2									
Total Recreational	26	32	48	27	25	28	35	27	21	38	30	30	39	16	36	38	32	24	19	23	1	
Non-Recreational																						
Immersion Incident																						
Accidental Immersion	20	22	22	11	17	9	11	8	16	14	17	12	14	14	13	15	8	13	10	12	2	
Flood/Civil Emergenc	4																					
Homicide				1	1					3			1	1					1	1		
Non-Water Related R	4	4	3		2	2	2	2	2			2	2		1	1		1	4	2		
Rescuing Others	1	3	2	3	3	1			1	2	2		3	1	4	1	3	2	1	1		
Suicide	6	5	4	11	6	7	5	10	6	11	4	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	1	5		
Occupational Related																						
Commercial Fishing	7		2	2	5	4		2	3		3	1	2	3		1	2					
Other Commercial						1		1	1		2		1						1			
Transportation																						
Aircraft				1		1																
Passenger Ship																						
Road Vehicle	10	9	2	7	2	7	6	5	6	6	2		2	10	4	4	4	4	11	3	4	2
Total Non-Recreational	52	43	35	36	36	32	24	28	35	36	30	22	32	34	27	26	22	33	21	25	4	
Total Drownings	78	75	83	63	61	60	59	55	56	74	60	52	71	50	63	64	54	57	40	48	5	

