

# Regional Drowning Fact Sheet Canterbury



The following facts represent fatal drownings in the Canterbury Region from 2006-2010. All data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™.

- From 2006 to 2010 there were 52 drowning deaths in the Canterbury Region.
- 38% of drownings in the Canterbury Region occurred whilst participating in a non-recreational activity.
- 75% of Canterbury victims are Male.
- Ethnicity Breakdown\*
  - 63% NZ European
  - 13% Maori
- Activity Breakdown\*
  - 35% Immersion Incident
  - 21% Water Sport / Recreation
  - 27% Other
- Environment Breakdown\*
  - 33% Rivers
  - 19% Beaches
- Age Group Breakdown\*
  - 17% 15-24 years of age
  - 27% 45-54
  - 19% 65+
- Council Breakdown
  - 58% Christchurch City Council
  - 6% Timaru District Council
  - 7% Hurunui District Council
  - 7% Mackenzie District Council
  - 6% Selwyn District Council
  - 6% Ashburton District Council
  - 6% Waimakariri District Council
  - 4% Waimate District Council

\* Note - % figures are shown for the highest variables.

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