

# Drowning Fact Sheet

## Gender - Male



The following facts represent fatal drownings of Males in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

All data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™.

### Drownings by Gender – Male

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Recreational	34	46	52	54	43	229
Non-Recreational	20	26	25	22	14	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>336</b>

- 64% of total drowning victims are Male.
- 18% of Male drownings involved Alcohol.
- 67% of Male drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
  - 31% Immersion Incident
  - 26% Water Sport / Recreation
  - 23% Boating
  - 10% Land Based Fishing
  - 9% Underwater Activities
  - 1% Occupational Related
- Environment Breakdown
  - 25% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
  - 23% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
  - 19% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
  - 15% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
  - 10% Inland Still Waters (eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
  - 4% Home Pools (eg. Home, spa or inflatable pools)
  - 2% Domestic Environment (eg. Baths or buckets)
  - 2% Public Pools (eg. Public, thermal, hotel/motel or institution pools)
- Ethnicity Breakdown
  - 46% NZ European
  - 25% Maori
  - 10% Pacific Peoples
  - 9% Asian
  - 6% Other Nationalities
  - 4% Unknown
- Age Group Breakdown
  - 6% 00-04 years of age
  - 3% 05-14
  - 18% 15-24
  - 13% 25-34
  - 13% 35-44
  - 21% 45-54
  - 12% 55-64
  - 14% 65+

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