

Drowning Fact Sheet

Ethnicity - NZ European



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

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

Drownings by Ethnicity – NZ European

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Recreational	19	18	34	28	17	116
Non-Recreational	21	22	19	17	8	87
Total	40	40	53	45	25	203

- 39% of total drowning victims are NZ European.
- 77% of NZ European victims are Male.
- 18% of NZ European drownings involved Alcohol.
- 56% of NZ European drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 42% Immersion Incident
 - 25% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 23% Boating
 - 5% Land Based Fishing
 - 4% Underwater Activities
 - 1% Occupational Related
- Environment Breakdown
 - 28% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 17% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
 - 13% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
 - 16% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
 - 12% Inland Still Waters (eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
 - 7% Domestic Environment (eg. Baths or buckets)
 - 6% Home Pools (eg. Home, spa or portable pools)
 - 1% Public Pools (eg. Public, thermal, hotel/motel or institution pools)
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 7% 00-04 years of age
 - 2% 05-14
 - 14% 15-24
 - 11% 25-34
 - 13% 35-44
 - 20% 45-54
 - 12% 55-64
 - 21% 65+

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