

Drowning Fact Sheet

Environment – Rivers



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

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

Drownings by Environment – Rivers

Environment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Creeks	5	-	4	-	6	15
Rivers	23	30	25	19	22	119
Streams	2	5	13	7	1	28
Total	30	35	42	26	29	162

- 31% of total drownings occurred in Rivers.
- 75% of River drowning victims are Male.
- 19% of River drownings involved Alcohol.
- 38% of River drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 43% Immersion Incident
 - 43% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 11% Boating
 - 3% Land Based Fishing
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 53% NZ European
 - 21% Maori
 - 9% Other Nationalities
 - 6% Pacific Peoples
 - 5% Asian
 - 6% Unknown
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 2% 00-04 years of age
 - 4% 05-14
 - 32% 15-24
 - 13% 25-34
 - 12% 35-44
 - 9% 45-54
 - 9% 55-64
 - 19% 65+

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