

Drowning Fact Sheet

Age Group – 5-14 Years



The following facts represent fatal drownings of 5-14 year olds in New Zealand from 2005-2009.

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

Drownings by Age Group – 5-14 Years Old

Activity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Recreational	3	2	2	1	1	9
Non-Recreational	-	-	1	2	2	5
Total	3	2	3	3	3	14

- 3% of total drowning victims are aged 5-14 years.
- 79% of 5-14 year old victims are Male.
- 64% of 5-14 year old drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 36% Boating
 - 36% Immersion Incident
 - 21% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 7% Land Based Fishing
- Environment Breakdown
 - 36% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
 - 29% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 21% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
 - 7% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
 - 7% Domestic (eg. Baths or buckets)
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 50% Maori
 - 43% NZ European
 - 7% Pacific Peoples

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