

2021 Drowning Deaths Regional Breakdown – Auckland



Drowning data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™ and the figures provided are provisional as at 10 January 2022.

- 12 people died in preventable drowning incidents in the Auckland region in 2021.

Preventable fatalities include recreational and non-recreational drowning deaths. They do not include those fatalities classified as 'other' (arising as a result of road or air vehicle accidents, homicide, suicide or of unknown origin) as these are not considered applicable to the prevention and rescue efforts of the water safety sector.

- 16% of the national total of 74 preventable drowning fatalities occurred in Auckland.
- The number of preventable drowning fatalities in Auckland is down from 15 in 2020.
- Auckland's preventable drowning fatalities occurred while the victims were:

Activity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Immersion Incident	2
Non Powered Boat	1
Powered Boat	3
Underwater	2
Swimming	3
Water Sport / Recreation	1
Total	12

- The location of preventable drowning fatalities were:

Environment	Total preventable drowning deaths
Beaches	4
Domestic	1
Offshore	1
Rivers	2
Tidal Waters	4
Total	12

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- The gender of the victims were:

Gender	Total preventable drowning deaths
Female	1
Male	11
Total	12

- The age groups of the victims were:

Age Group	Total preventable drowning deaths
00-04	-
05-14	-
15-24	-
25-34	-
35-44	1
45-54	4
55-64	4
65+	3
Total	12

- The ethnicity of the victims were:

Ethnicity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Asian	2
Maori	2
NZ European	2
Other	-
Pacific Peoples	3
Unknown	3
Total	12

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