

2021 Drowning Toll Regional Breakdown – Hawke’s Bay



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

- 2 people died in preventable drowning incidents in the Hawke’s Bay 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.

- 3% of the national total of 74 preventable drowning fatalities occurred in Hawke’s Bay.
- The number of preventable drowning fatalities in Hawke’s Bay is down from 7 in 2020.
- Hawke’s Bay’s preventable drowning fatalities occurred while the victims were:

Activity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Immersion Incident	1
Swimming	1
Total	2

- The location of preventable drowning fatalities were:

Environment	Total preventable drowning deaths
Beaches	1
Rivers	1
Total	2

- The gender of the victims were:

Gender	Total preventable drowning deaths
Female	-
Male	2
Total	2

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- The age groups of the victims were:

Age Group	Total preventable drowning deaths
00-04	-
05-14	1
15-24	-
25-34	-
35-44	-
45-54	-
55-64	-
65+	1
Total	2

- The ethnicity of the victims were:

Ethnicity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Asian	-
Maori	1
NZ European	-
Other	-
Pacific Peoples	-
Unknown	1
Total	2

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