

# 2021 Drowning Toll Regional Breakdown – Otago



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

- 4 people died in preventable drowning incidents in the Otago 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.*

- 5% of the national total of 74 preventable drowning fatalities occurred in Otago.
- The number of preventable drowning fatalities in Otago is down from 7 in 2020.
- Otago's preventable drowning fatalities occurred while the victims were:

| Activity                 | Total preventable drowning deaths |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Non Powered Boat         | 1                                 |
| Powered Boat             | 1                                 |
| Swimming                 | 1                                 |
| Water Sport / Recreation | 1                                 |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>4</b>                          |

- The location of preventable drowning fatalities were:

| Environment         | Total preventable drowning deaths |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Beaches             | 1                                 |
| Inland Still Waters | 1                                 |
| Rivers              | 1                                 |
| Tidal Waters        | 1                                 |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>4</b>                          |

- The gender of the victims were:

| Gender       | Total preventable drowning deaths |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Female       | 1                                 |
| Male         | 3                                 |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4</b>                          |

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- The age groups of the victims were:

| Age Group    | Total preventable drowning deaths |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 00-04        | 1                                 |
| 05-14        | -                                 |
| 15-24        | 1                                 |
| 25-34        | 1                                 |
| 35-44        | -                                 |
| 45-54        | 1                                 |
| 55-64        | -                                 |
| 65+          | -                                 |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4</b>                          |

- The ethnicity of the victims were:

| Ethnicity       | Total preventable drowning deaths |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Asian           | 2                                 |
| Maori           | -                                 |
| NZ European     | 1                                 |
| Other           | 1                                 |
| Pacific Peoples | -                                 |
| Unknown         | -                                 |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>4</b>                          |

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