

2021 Drowning Toll Regional Breakdown – Waikato



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 Waikato 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 Waikato.
- The number of preventable drowning fatalities in the Waikato is up from 8 in 2020.
- The Waikato's preventable drowning fatalities occurred while the victims were:

Activity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Immersion Incident	1
Land Based Fishing	2
Powered Boat	2
Swimming	6
Water Sport / Recreation	1
Total	12

- The location of preventable drowning fatalities were:

Environment	Total preventable drowning deaths
Beaches	5
Home Pools	1
Inland Still Waters	2
Offshore	1
Rivers	3
Total	12

- The gender of the victims were:

Gender	Total preventable drowning deaths
Female	-
Male	12
Total	12

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- The age groups of the victims were:

Age Group	Total preventable drowning deaths
00-04	-
05-14	-
15-24	2
25-34	1
35-44	2
45-54	5
55-64	1
65+	1
Total	12

- The ethnicity of the victims were:

Ethnicity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Asian	3
Maori	4
NZ European	3
Other	-
Pacific Peoples	1
Unknown	1
Total	12

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