

2021 Drowning Toll Regional Breakdown – Wellington



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 Wellington 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 X preventable drowning fatalities occurred in Wellington.
- The number of preventable drowning fatalities in Wellington is up from 5 in 2020.
- Wellington's preventable drowning fatalities occurred while the victims were:

Activity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Immersion Incident	5
Non Powered Boat	1
Powered Boat	1
Underwater	3
Swimming	2
Total	12

- The location of preventable drowning fatalities were:

Environment	Total preventable drowning deaths
Beaches	3
Offshore	2
Rivers	1
Tidal Waters	6
Total	12

- The gender of the victims were:

Gender	Total preventable drowning deaths
Female	2
Male	10
Total	12

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- The age groups of the victims were:

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

- The ethnicity of the victims were:

Ethnicity	Total preventable drowning deaths
Asian	-
Maori	3
NZ European	5
Other	1
Pacific Peoples	1
Unknown	2
Total	12

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