

2016 Drowning Toll Regional Breakdown – Northland



Drowning data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™ and the figures provided are provisional as at 9 January 2017.

- 17 people died in preventable drowning incidents in the Northland region in 2016.

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.

Note: this total includes the eight deaths involved in the Francie charter boat (powered boat) incident on Kaipara Harbour Bar (tidal waters) in November 2016.

- 21% of the national total of 81 preventable drowning fatalities occurred in Northland.
- The number of preventable drowning fatalities in Northland is up from 11 in 2015.
- Northland's preventable drowning fatalities occurred while the victims were:

Activity	Total preventable
Immersion Incident	1
Land Based Fishing	1
Powered Boat	10
Underwater	1
Water Sport / Recreation	1
Swimming	3
Total	17

- The location of preventable drowning fatalities were:

Environment	Total preventable
Beaches	4
Offshore	3
Rivers	1
Tidal Waters	9
Total	17

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- The gender of the victims were:

Gender	Total preventable
Female	3
Male	14
Total	17

- The age groups of the victims were:

Age Group	Total preventable
00-04	-
05-14	-
15-24	2
25-34	2
35-44	3
45-54	4
55-64	4
65+	2
Total	17

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