

# NEW ZEALAND

**POPULATION<sup>c</sup>** 5 172 836 | **INCOME GROUP<sup>d</sup>** High income | **GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA** 48 610

**REPORTED FATALITIES (YEAR)<sup>a</sup>:** **94 (2022)**

**WHO ESTIMATED DROWNING FATALITIES (YEAR)<sup>b</sup>:** **62 (2021)**

**WHO ESTIMATED DEATH RATE PER 100 000 POPULATION (YEAR)<sup>b</sup>:** **1.2 (2021)**

<sup>a</sup> Data from Water Safety New Zealand

<sup>b</sup> Data from WHO Global Health Estimates. Numbers of deaths have been rounded according to the following scheme: < 100 rounded to nearest 1; 100–999 rounded to nearest 10; 1000–9999 rounded to nearest 100; and > 10 000 rounded to nearest 1000.

## GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION

**NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR DROWNING PREVENTION** ✓

**NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION STRATEGY** ✓

**NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION** ✓

**GOVERNMENT SECTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DROWNING PREVENTION:**  
Health | Police | Transport | Maritime Safety | Disaster Risk Reduction | Education | Accident Compensation Corporation | Local / Regional Government Councils

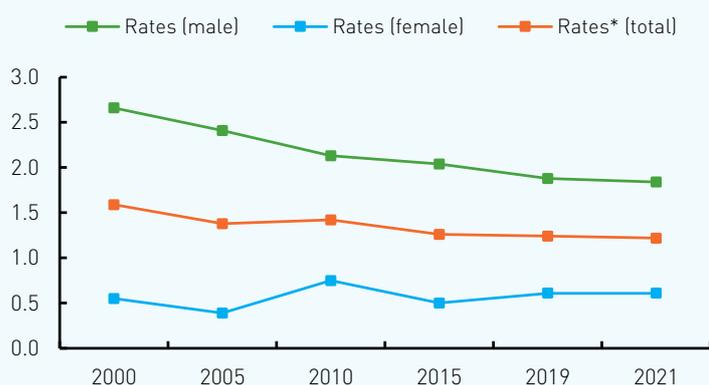
**NON-GOVERNMENT SECTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DROWNING PREVENTION:**

Lifesaving organizations | Swimming associations | Research organizations | Search and rescue organizations | Fisher associations

## POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Policy for disaster risk management which specifies drowning	NO
Legislation for fencing around <b>private</b> swimming pools	NATIONAL
Legislation for fencing around <b>public</b> swimming pools	NATIONAL
Legislation to ensure safety of domestic passenger water transport	NATIONAL
Legislation mandating lifejacket use when boating	SUB-NATIONAL
Regulations preventing alcohol consumption and/or sales near public waterbodies	NO

## RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS OVER TIME



\* Rate = age standardized death rate

Source: Global Health Estimates Data, 2000–2021

<sup>c</sup> UN World Population Prospects (2023)

<sup>d</sup> World Bank Income Groups

## DATA

**DROWNING DEATHS CAPTURED IN VITAL REGISTRY SYSTEM** ✗

**MOST DETAILED NATIONAL DATA SOURCE CAPTURES:**

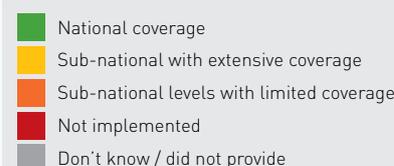
Age of victim	✓	Sex of victim	✓
Type of water body	✓	Activity at time of drowning	✓

## INTERVENTIONS

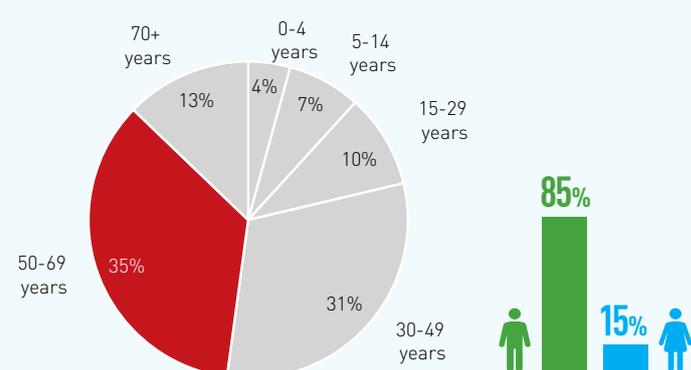
Daycare services provided for pre-school children	■
Swimming and water safety included in school curriculum	■
Barriers installed to limit access to water	■
Lifeguards present at public swimming venues	■
Rescue and resuscitation training programmes available	■
Operational search and rescue service present	■
Free weather alerts available	■
Operational disaster warning systems	■
Community resilience for managing flood risk exists	■
Community disaster resilience programs exist which specify drowning	■

## AWARENESS RAISING

Drowning prevention mass media campaigns	■
Campaigns on child safety	■
Campaigns highlighting the dangers of consuming alcohol before or during aquatic activities	■



## SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX



Source: Water Safety New Zealand (2022)