**JAPAN**

**Population:** 126,264,931  
**Income group:** High  
**Gross national income per capita:** US$ 41,580 (2019)

**MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION**

**DOES JAPAN HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION?**  
**NO**

**SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:**
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education
- Police
- Meteorology Department
- Ministry of Transport
- Maritime safety
- Coastguard/Military
- Japan Life-saving Association

**INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION**

**AVAILABLE**  
**COVERAGE**  
**EVALUATED**

- Physical barriers
- Swim skills training
- Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating
- Rescue and resuscitation
- Lifeguards
- Search and rescue
- Maritime safety
- Media

**SOURCES OF DROWNING DATA**

**TYPE OF DROWNING CAPTURED**

**SOURCE OF DATA**  
**FATAL INFORMATION COLLECTED**  
**NON-FATAL INFORMATION COLLECTED**

- Vital registry
- Verbal autopsy
- Hospital admission data
- Hospital emergency department data
- Police
- Transport sector
- Education sector
- Maritime safety
- Coastguard
- Tourism sector
- National community survey
- Media

**SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP**

- **70+ years:** 82%
- **15 to 24 years:** 1%
- **30 to 49 years:** 13%
- **50 to 69 years:** 52%
- **30 to 49 years:** 48%

**LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION**

**MARITIME SAFETY**

- **Mandated registration of watercraft:** YES
- **Mandated licensing of watercraft:** YES
- **Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft:** YES
- **Mandated licensing of the operator:** YES
- **Law against alcohol consumption and boating:** YES
- **If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit:** 0.15 mg per litre
- **Law against drug use and boating:** NO
- **Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity:** YES
- **Restrictions on watercraft load capacity:** YES
- **Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft:** YES
- **Specific standard of lifejacket required:** National standards exist
- **Specific number of lifejackets required:** YES

**CHILD SAFETY**

- **Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools:** NO
- **Swimming lessons in school curricula:** YES
- **Structured adult supervision of preschool children:** NO
- **Prosecution of neglect against children:** NO

**WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES**

- **Required competencies for swimming instructors:** NO
- **Required competencies for lifeguards:** YES

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

- **Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings:** YES

**DROWNING DATA**

- **One agency maintains all vital registry statistics:** YES

**SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL**

- **No response or not applicable**

**STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION**

**DOES JAPAN HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY?**  
**NO**

**Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included?**  
**If yes, please specify:**

**Do these strategies align with relevant SDGs?**

**Are plans underway, or is there interest, to develop a national water strategy?**

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*Global Health Estimates (GHE) data, 2019*  
*GHE data, 2000–2019*  
*Data based on national consensus and cleared by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare*