

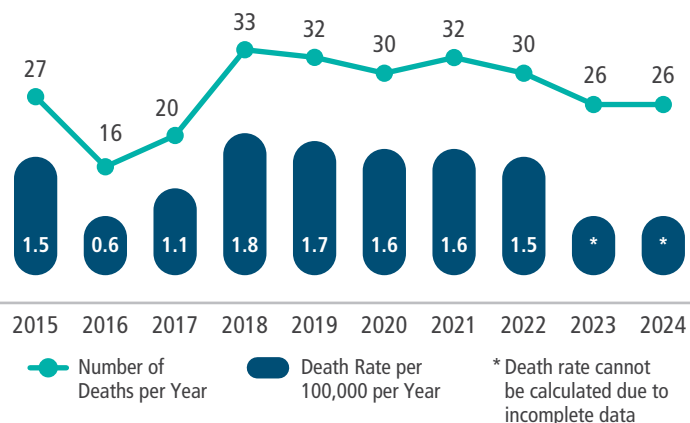


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Drowning Data Snapshot

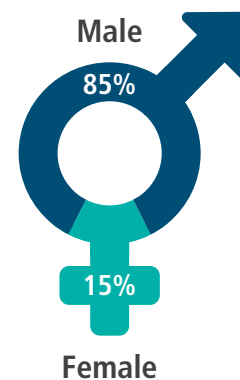
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MARITIMES WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2015–2024

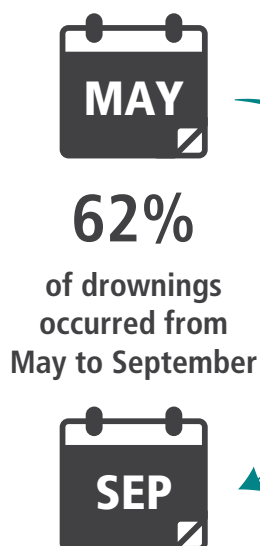


This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Offices of the Chief Coroner and Medical Examiner for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2020–2024. The 2023 and 2024 data are based on partial data. Data for Prince Edward Island for 2023 and 2024 were not available at the time of data collection.

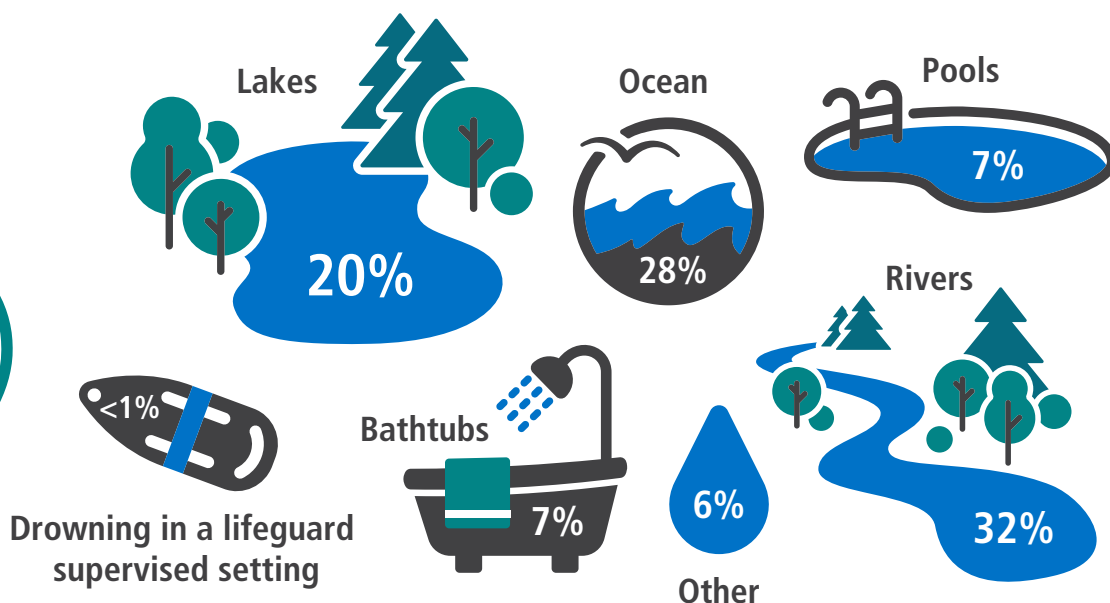
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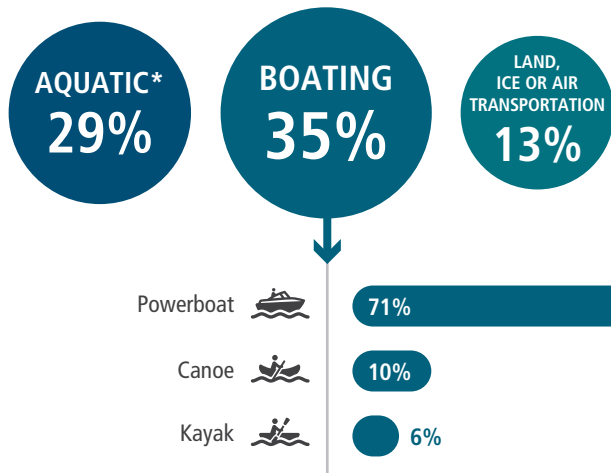
WHEN?



WHERE ARE THEY DROWNING?

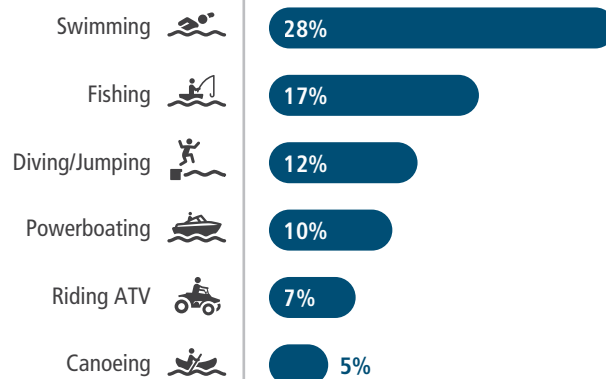


WHAT WERE THEY DOING?



* The person intended to be in the water (e.g. swimming/wading)

WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY



RISK FACTORS

CHILDREN Age: <5



100%

Supervision absent or distracted



Not wearing a PFD



Weak or non-swimmer



Supervision absent



Consuming alcohol



Alone



YOUNG ADULTS Age: 15–34

75% of cases, where known

34%

19%



MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS Age: 35–64

65% of cases, where known

40%

40%



OLDER ADULTS Age: 65+

100% of cases, where known

39%

56%

BOATING

76% of cases, where known

31%

29%



SWIMMING

26%

22%

13%



Risk factors for children aged 5–14 not reported due to small sample sizes.

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METHODS:

Water-related death data is extracted from the office of the Chief Coroner or Medical Examiner for each province and territory. Data is collected for all deaths resulting from incidents "in, on, or near" water. "Near water" incidents were included if the intent was closely related to water-based recreational, vocational or daily living activity. The data includes only unintentional deaths, not deaths due to natural causes, suicide, or homicide.

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