

Drowning Statistics in Canada

Water-related fatality statistics and trends from 2008-2012



Men (82%) Women (18%)

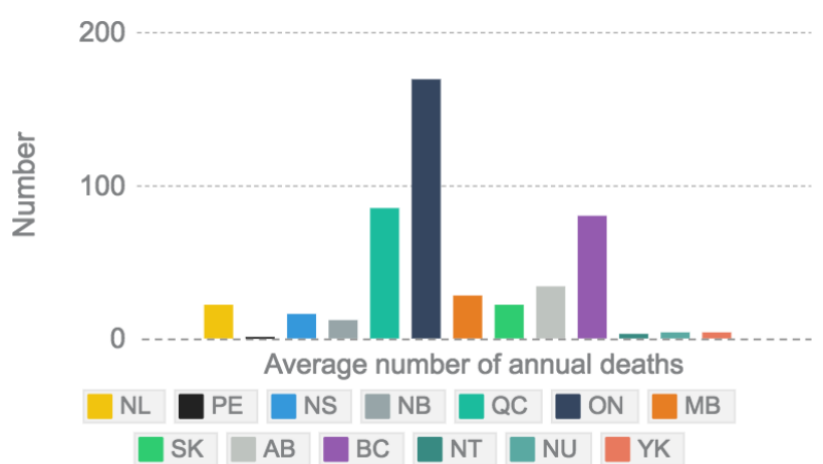
Water fatalities by gender

Between 2008 and 2012...

A staggering 82 per cent of drowning victims over this time-span — 1,968 out of 2,392 — were men.

Average deaths per year

Although Ontario has the highest average annual deaths, it is one of the lowest provinces in deaths per capita. Proportionally, the largest death rates belong to Yukon (11.6 per cent,) Nunavut (11.4 per cent) and the Northwest Territories (7.8 per cent.)



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What can be done?



Personal flotation devices can help mitigate the majority of water-related fatalities. Avoid drunk boating and rough waters, and ensure adequate supervision whenever you can — especially around young children.