

# DROWNING STATISTICS



## FATAL DROWNINGS

Every year in the United States there are an estimated: 3,960 fatal (unintentional) drownings, including boating-related drownings — that is an average of 11 drowning deaths per day.

## NON-FATAL DROWNINGS

Every year in the United States there are an estimated: 8,080 non-fatal drownings — that is an average of 22 non-fatal drownings per day.



For every child who dies from drowning, another eight receive emergency department care for non-fatal drowning.

More than 40% of drownings treated in emergency departments require hospitalization or transfer for further care.

## CATASTROPHIC INJURIES

Near-drowning injuries can cause brain damage and other serious outcomes, including long-term disability.



## RISK FACTORS

- Not being able to swim
- Lack of supervision
- Location: Most drownings happen in home swimming pools
- Using alcohol or prescription medications

Children ages 1–4 have the highest drowning rates. Nearly 80% of people who die from drowning are male.

[All statistics taken from CDC.gov.](https://www.cdc.gov)