

## **Annual Report on Drowning Deaths in New York City: Provisional Data from 2023 Death Certificates**

This report is submitted pursuant to Local Law No. 159 and the New York City Administrative Code 17-199.23, which requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to submit the information enumerated below, as available, to the Mayor and City Council Speaker by January 1, for the prior calendar year.

- 1. The manner in which the drowning death occurred;*
- 2. The age group of the decedent;*
- 3. The gender identity of the decedent;*
- 4. The race and ethnicity of the decedent;*
- 5. Whether the decedent had any physical, medical, mental, or psychological impairment, or a history or record of such impairment, such as a seizure disorder;*
- 6. Whether alcohol, drugs, or prescription medication was a contributing factor regarding the drowning death;*
- 7. The type of location or facility at which the drowning death occurred, including, but not limited to, a beach, public outdoor pool, public indoor pool, private outdoor pool, or private indoor pool, and whether such location or facility has lifeguard supervision;*
- 8. The council district in which the drowning death occurred; and*
- 9. The community district in which the drowning death occurred.*

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**Decedent characteristics, drowning deaths in NYC, 2024**

	N	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Manner</b>		
<b>Accident</b>	26	31.33
<b>Suicide</b>	29	34.94
<b>Homicide</b>	2	2.41
<b>Undetermined Intent</b>	26	31.33
<b>Age group</b>		
<b>0-24</b>	20	24.10
<b>25-34</b>	14	16.87
<b>35-44</b>	16	19.28
<b>45-54</b>	11	13.25
<b>55-64</b>	9	10.84
<b>65+</b>	13	15.66
<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Male</b>	63	75.90
<b>Female</b>	20	24.10
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>		
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	16	19.28
<b>Asian &amp; Pacific Islander</b>	14	16.87
<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	23	27.71
<b>Non-Hispanic Black</b>	24	28.92
<b>Other or Unknown</b>	6	7.23

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## Contributing causes, drowning deaths in NYC, 2024

	N	%
Total	83	100.00
Physical or mental health conditions, excl. substance use	8	9.64
<i>Cardiometabolic</i>	3	3.61
<i>Other conditions</i>	9	10.84
Substance use	10	12.05
<i>Alcohol</i>	5	6.02
<i>Other substances, including illicit or prescription drugs</i>	6	7.23
<i>Other substances, including tobacco</i>	1	1.20

*N's are not mutually exclusive*

*Other injuries are not listed in table (e.g., blunt force trauma)*

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### Injury location, drowning deaths in NYC, 2024

	N	%
Total	83	100.00
Outdoors (e.g., open body of water)	71	85.54
<i>Beach</i>	8	9.64
Pool	*	
Bathtub	9	10.84
Unknown	*	

*\* Numbers smaller than 5 are suppressed*

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### Drowning Deaths in NYC by City Council District of Injury, 2024

	N	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>
Lower Manhattan (1, 3, 4)	9	10.84
Upper Manhattan + Bronx (5, 6, 8, 13, 17)	11	13.25
Eastern Queens (19, 20, 24, 32)	12	14.46
Northern Brooklyn (33, 38, 40, 42)	7	8.43
Southern Brooklyn (46, 47, 48)	8	9.64
Staten Island (49, 51)	5	6.02
Unknown	31	37.35

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### Drowning Deaths in NYC by Community District of Injury, 2024

	N	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Lower Manhattan (101, 102, 103, 104, 106)	8	9.64
Upper Manhattan (107, 108, 111)	7	8.43
Bronx (201, 203, 210)	5	6.02
Northern Brooklyn (301, 302, 306, 307)	5	6.02
Southern Brooklyn (310, 313, 315, 317, 318)	10	12.05
Eastern Queens (407, 411, 414)	11	13.25
Staten Island (501, 502, 503)	5	6.02
Unknown	32	38.55

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