

DROWNING IN IRELAND

QUICK FACTS¹⁻⁴

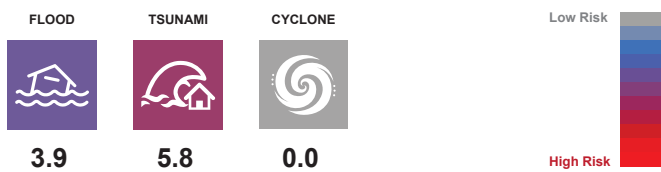
4.896 millions
population (2019)

0.945
Human Development Index (2021)

GDP 104 039 USD per capita
High income (2022)

Area 70 280 sq km
% land below 5 meters 2.1%
Coastline 6 437km

NATURAL HAZARD INDEX



With regard to natural hazards, Ireland experiences only very minor earthquakes as the island is on a passive margin of the European continental plate. Other hazards, such as sinkholes, landslides and flooding are more frequent in Ireland.



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DROWNING MORTALITY SNAPSHOT^{5,6}

57 people fatally drowned
in Ireland in 2019

14% were
under 25 years of age

Leading causes of death by age group 1-24 years, 2019

rank	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24
1	Congenital anomalies	Congenital anomalies	Brain and nervous system cancers	Self-harm	Self-harm
2	Brain and nervous system cancers	Brain and nervous system cancers	Congenital anomalies	Road injury	Road injury
3	Neonatal conditions	Leukaemia	Road injury	Drug use disorders	Drug use disorders
4	Lower respiratory infections	Road injury	Lower respiratory infections	Drowning	Interpersonal violence
5	Leukaemia	Exposure to mechanical forces	Self-harm	Congenital anomalies	Drowning
6	Road injury	Drowning	Epilepsy	Interpersonal violence	Congenital anomalies
7	Meningitis	Interpersonal violence	Leukaemia	Cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, endocarditis	Brain and nervous system cancers
8	Epilepsy	Kidney cancer	Drowning	Exposure to mechanical forces	Cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, endocarditis
9	Fire, heat and hot substances	Cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, endocarditis	Lymphomas, multiple myeloma	Asthma	Epilepsy
10	Drowning	Fire, heat and hot substances	Exposure to mechanical forces	Diabetes mellitus	Falls

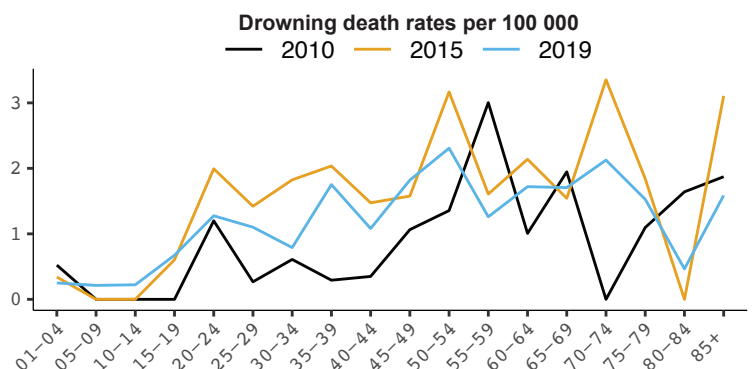
81% Males **19%** Females



30.6% of drowning deaths are causally associated with alcohol

8% decrease alcohol-related deaths from 2000 to 2019

2 477 Years of Life Lost



Sources: 1. UNDESA, Population Division (2022). World Population Prospects 2022, Online Edition 2. World Bank 3. INFORM Risk Index 2023 4. World Resources Institute 5. WHO, Global Health Estimates 2019 6. Burden of Injuries Attributable to Alcohol Use in the European Region of the WHO, Report