DROWNING IN NORWAY

World Health Organization

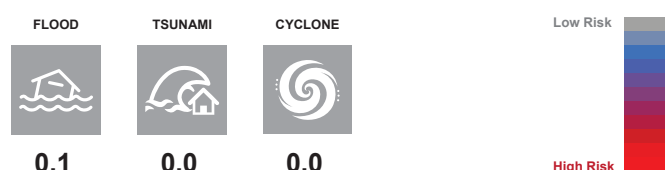**European Region**

QUICK FACTS[1-4]

5.348 millions
population (2019)

0.961
Human Development Index (2021)

GDP 106 149 USD per capita
High income (2022)

Area 624 499 sq km
% land below 5 meters 1.6%
Coastline 53 199km

NATURAL HAZARD INDEX

FLOOD	TSUNAMI	CYCLONE
0.1	0.0	0.0

Low Risk

High Risk

Floods and storms are among the most frequently occurring natural hazards in Norway, followed by landslides and avalanches. Although no major earthquake has occurred recently, Norway has high seismic activity, making geophysical risk a critical risk.

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DROWNING MORTALITY SNAPSHOT [5,6]

65 people fatally drowned
in Norway in 2019

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	Brain and nervous system cancers	Self-harm	Self-harm	Self-harm
2	Brain and nervous system cancers	Leukaemia	Road injury	Road injury	Drug use disorders
3	Neonatal conditions	Road injury	Epilepsy	Drug use disorders	Road injury
4	Leukaemia	Exposure to mechanical forces	Leukaemia	Brain and nervous system cancers	Epilepsy
5	Poisonings	Epilepsy	Brain and nervous system cancers	Congenital anomalies	Congenital anomalies
6	Lower respiratory infections	Diarrhoeal diseases	Congenital anomalies	Leukaemia	Cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, endocarditis
7	Meningitis	Interpersonal violence	Drowning	Epilepsy	Leukaemia
8	Epilepsy	Poisonings	Interpersonal violence	Diabetes mellitus	Interpersonal violence
9	Lymphomas, multiple myeloma	Liver cancer	Falls	Interpersonal violence	Drowning
10	Diarrhoeal diseases	Lymphomas, multiple myeloma	Lymphomas, multiple myeloma	Drowning	Falls

8% were
under 25 years of age

86% Males   **14% Females**

23.4% of drowning deaths are causally associated with alcohol

3% decrease alcohol-related deaths from 2000 to 2019

2 247 Years of Life Lost

Drowning death rates per 100 000

— 2010   — 2015   — 2019

01-04 05-09 10-14 15-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59 60-64 65-69 70-74 75-79 80-84 85+

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