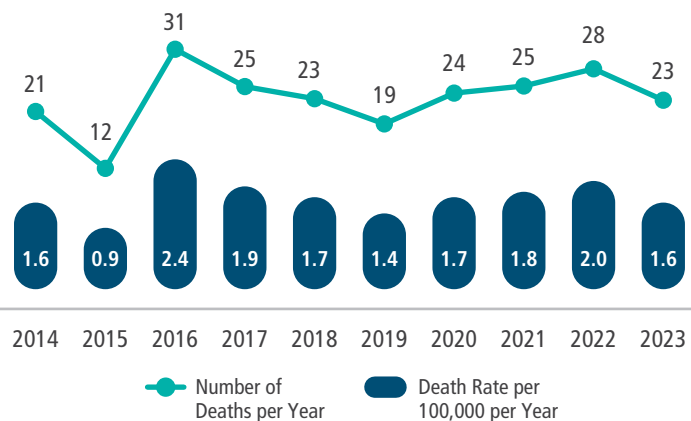


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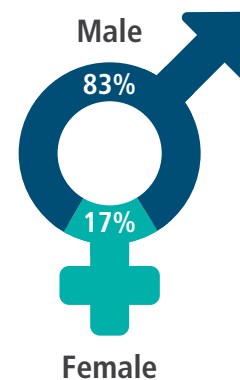
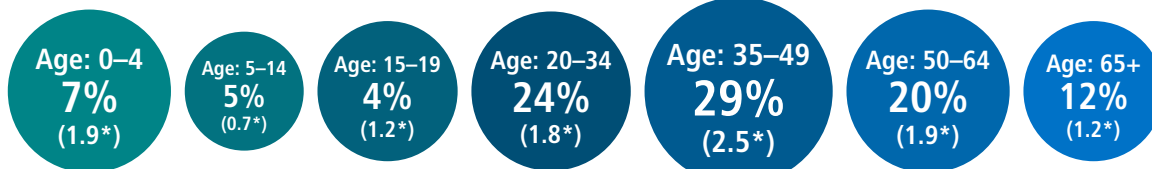
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MANITOBA WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2014–2023

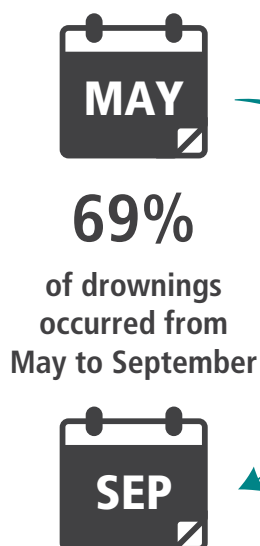


This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Manitoba. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2019–2023.

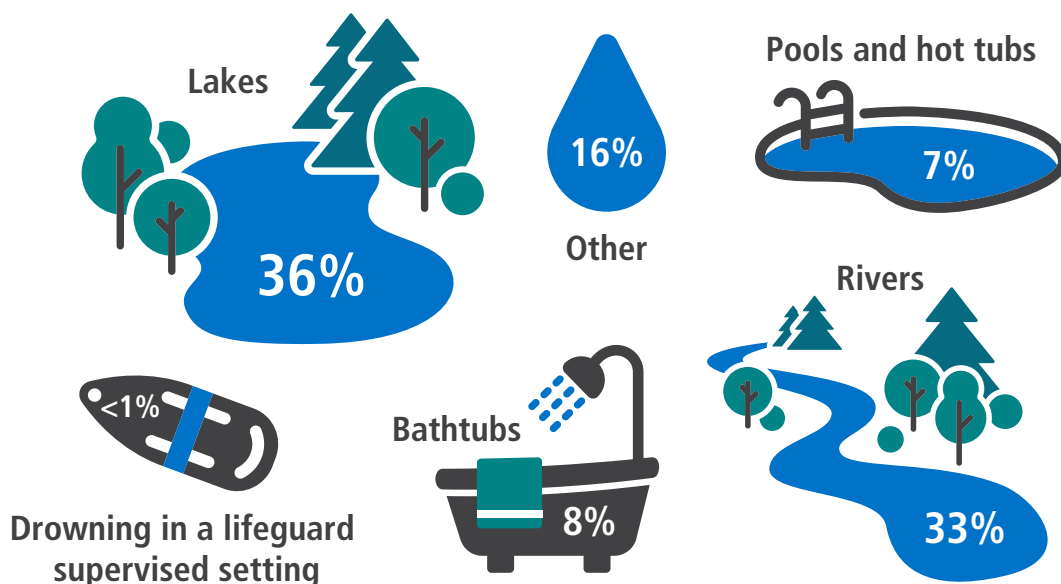
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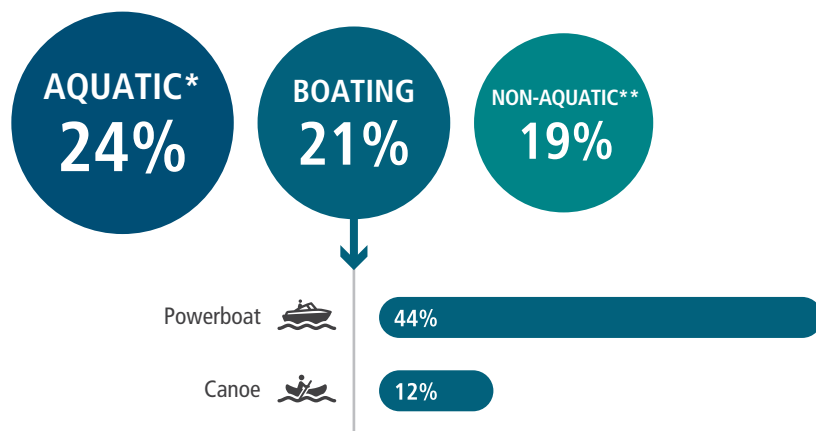
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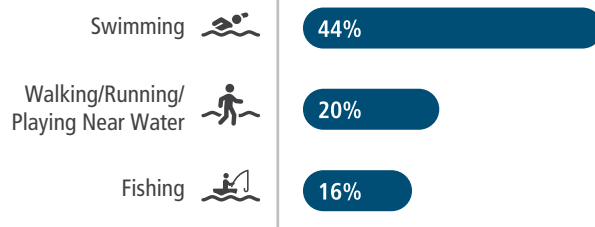
WHERE ARE THEY DROWNING?



WHAT WERE THEY DOING?



WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY



* The person intended to be in the water (e.g. swimming/wading)

** Unintentional fall into water (e.g. walking/biking/working near water and fell in)

RISK FACTORS

CHILDREN Age: <5



100%

Supervision absent
or distracted



Not wearing
a PFD



Weak or
non-swimmer



Supervision
absent



Consuming
alcohol



Alone

YOUNG ADULTS Age: 15–34



100% of cases, where known

58%

55%

MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS Age: 35–64



100% of cases, where known

59%

52%

OLDER ADULTS Age: 65+



100% of cases, where known

57%

BOATING



100% of cases, where known

56%

24%

SWIMMING



36%

41%

18%

Risk factors for children aged 5–14 not
reported due to small sample sizes.

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METHODS:

Water-related death data is extracted from the office of the Chief Coroner or Medical Examiner for each province and territory. Data is collected for all deaths resulting from incidents "in, on, or near" water. "Near water" incidents were included if the intent was closely related to water-based recreational, vocational or daily living activity. The data includes only unintentional deaths, not deaths due to natural causes, suicide, or homicide.

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