

Drowning Statistics Summary – 2017

As of 04/07/2018

Incident Count	2017
Total Incidents	100
Fatal Incidents	44
Non-fatal Incidents	56

Incidents involving adults age 50 & older	32	24 Fatal
		8 Non-fatal

Age Group Breakdown	2017		
	Total Incidents	Fatal Incidents	Non-Fatal Incidents
0 - 4 Yr. Old Victims	38	5	33
5 - 14 Yr. Old Victims	7	1	6
15 - 19 Yr. Old Victims	4	1	3
20 - 34 Yr. Old Victims	8	5	3
35 - 64 Yr. Old Victims	26	17	9
65 + Yr. Old Victims	17	15	2
Total	100	44	56

Water Source Breakdown	2017
Backyard Pool/Spa	31
Community Pool/Spa	33
Ocean/Bay	18
Lake/Lagoon/Pond	2
River/Channel/Canal	1
Bucket/Fountain/Puddle	0
Bathtub	15
Other	0
Unknown	0
Total	100

Precipitating Event	2017
Did not know how to swim	8
Intoxicated swimming	8
Lack of barriers	15
Lapse in supervision	16
Medical issue	10
Reliance on flotation device	7
Sudden unresponsiveness while in water	8
Suicide	5
Surf conditions exceed ability	6
Surfing accident	2
Swimming alone	4
Unknown	11
Total	100

Data By City- 2017			
City	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Total
Aliso Viejo	0	1	1
Anaheim	5	1	6
Brea	0	3	3
Buena Park	2	0	2
Costa Mesa	1	1	2
Cypress	0	1	1
Dana Point	0	2	2
Fountain Valley	0	1	1
Fullerton	0	5	5
Garden Grove	0	1	1
Huntington Beach	6	8	14
Irvine	4	5	9
La Palma	0	0	0
Laguna Beach	2	0	2
Laguna Hills	1	0	1
Laguna Niguel	1	2	3
Laguna Woods	1	1	2
Lake Forest	1	4	5
Los Alamitos	0	0	0
Mission Viejo	2	2	4
Newport Beach	3	4	7
Orange	2	4	6
Other	3	0	3
Placentia	1	1	2
Rancho Santa Margarita	1	1	2
San Clemente	0	0	0
San Juan Capistrano	0	1	1
Santa Ana	4	0	4
Seal Beach	0	2	2
Stanton	0	0	0
Tustin	0	2	2
Unincorporated O.C.	1	1	2
Unknown	0	0	0
Villa Park	1	0	1
Westminster	1	1	2
Yorba Linda	1	1	2
Grand Total	44	56	100
Delayed fatalities resulting from non-fatal incidents in previous years	0		
Total deaths per year due to drowning	44 in 2017		



*The data includes all 34 Orange County cities and is only as reliable as the reports received. A major difference in the increase in non-fatal incidents is more complete reporting of information from cities outside of OCFA's jurisdiction.