



## **114 Drowned in 2014, 9 fewer than in 2013**

***79% were male; Six were children aged 14 and under...***

The drowning statistics for 2014 reflect the importance of uninterrupted child supervision and an appeal for people to take training before pursuing aquatic activities. This appeal comes in the wake of 114 drownings last year, **9 fewer than in 2013**.

An analysis reveals that:

### **OVERALL:**

114 people drowned in Ireland in 2014. 55 were accidents (**77 in 2013**), 33 suicides (**27 in 2013**), 25 undetermined (**19 in 2013**), 1 homicide. **123 drowned in 2013**.

The highest figure recorded in any one year was 235 in 1983, the lowest was 73 in 1936.

### **GENDER:**

Males were particularly at risk, accounting for 79% of drownings (90); 24 females drowned.

Of the 24 females: 50% suicide, 29% accident, 17% undetermined, 4% homicide.

Of the 90 males: 53% accident, 23.5% suicide, 23.5% undetermined.

### **AGE:**

Six children aged 14 and under drowned. Six teenagers drowned (3 accidental, 3 suicide).

23% of all those who drowned were adults aged 50-59.

25% drowned aged 0-29; 55% aged 30-59; 20% aged 60-85.

### **LOCATION:**

Leinster 39%; Munster 33%; Connacht 17%; Ulster(partof) 11%

Dublin had the highest (16); Cork and Limerick had 2<sup>nd</sup> highest (13 each); Galway had 3<sup>rd</sup> highest (12).

**BY COUNTY - See Over....**

**Irish Drowning Fatality Data by County and Year (2014 and 2013)**

County	Number of Drownings 2014	Number of Drownings 2013
Carlow	5	3
Cavan	5	1
Clare	6	6
Cork	13	23
Donegal	6	8
Dublin	16	20
Galway	12	11
Kerry	2	6
Kildare	7	3
Kilkenny	0	2
Laois	2	1
Leitrim	0	1
Limerick	13	2
Longford	2	0
Louth	3	5
Mayo	4	6
Meath	2	5
Monaghan	1	1
Offaly	3	3
Roscommon	0	3
Sligo	3	2
Tipperary	3	2
Waterford	1	3
Westmeath	3	1
Wexford	2	3
Wicklowl	0	2