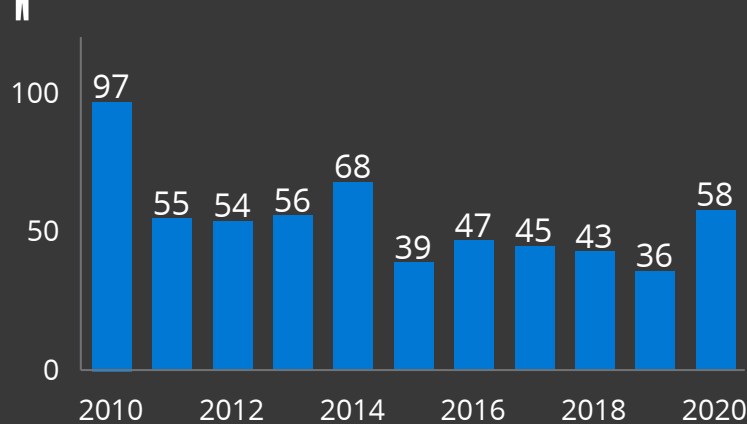


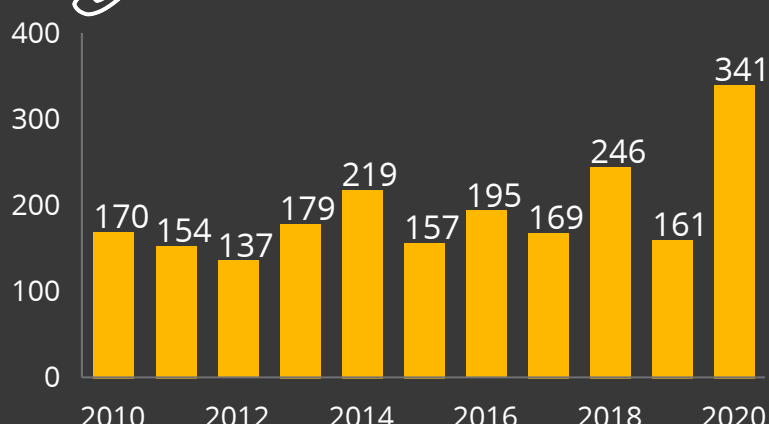
WATER ACCIDENT FATALITIES 2020

Deaths from water accidents



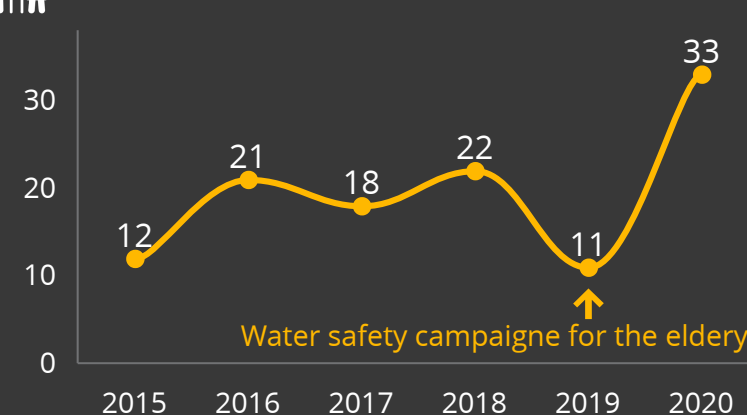
- The most drownings **in the last five years**.
- 4.36 people** per 100,000 inhabitants drowned (in 2019, it was 2.72 people).

Water accidents



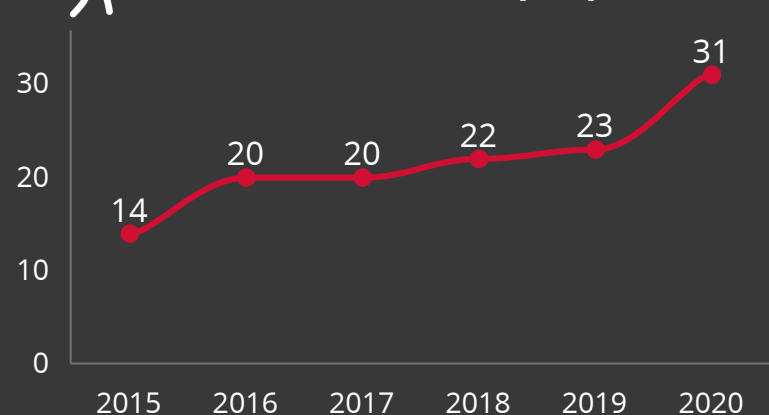
- The most water accidents **since the restoration of independence**.
- Twice as many water accidents** as last year.

Drowned elderly persons

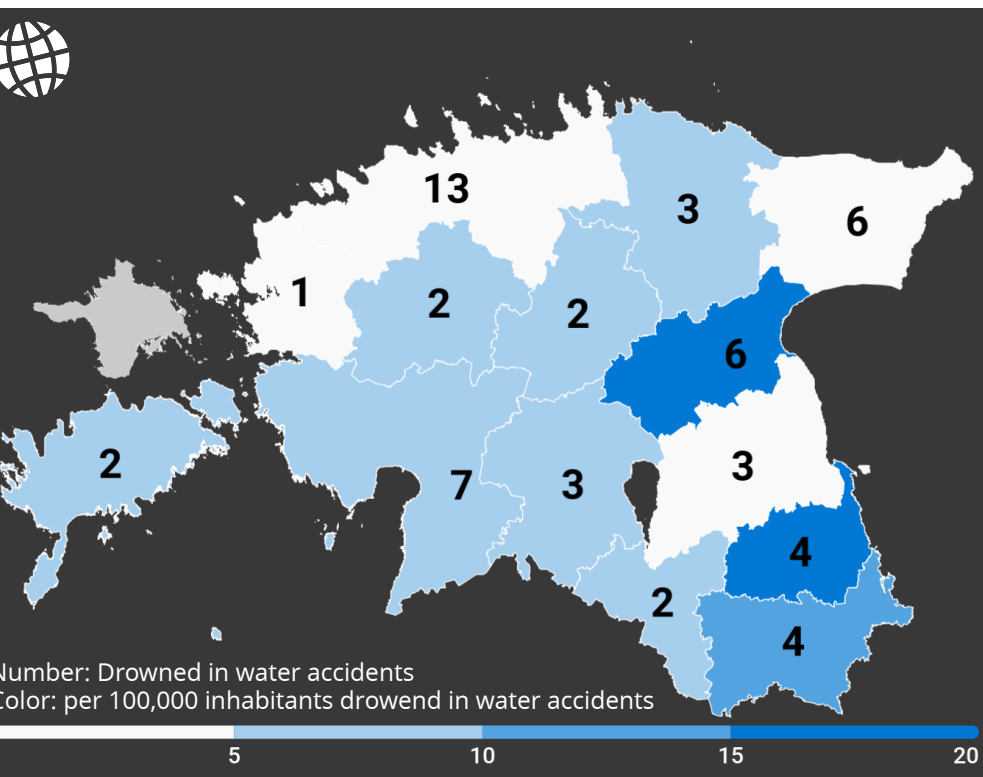


- More than half** of those killed in water accidents were **elderly persons** (33).
- Three times more** elderly persons drowned than during last year (2019).
- This is the highest number of elderly person drownings **in 10 years**.

Drowned intoxicated people



- For 3 years in a row**, more than half of those who drowned **have been intoxicated**.
- The average **intoxication was 2.58%** and the highest was 5.66%.
- The number of **intoxicated** drowned people is **increasing**.



Weather

- The largest number of drownings in **summer and winter in the last 5 years** (25 and 10 drownings, respectively).
- Warmer winters result in more drownings**. The winter was warmer and rainier than average.
- This summer was warmer than average and there was a little more sunshine than the norm.

Medical issues

- 25 drowned people had medical issues**. 9 drowned people had mental problems, 16 drowned people had physical health problems.
- According to the statistics of the Estonian Rescue Board, there were 8 suicides, which have been separated from drownings.
- Currently, **statistics include 6 more suspected cases of suicide**.

The average age of drowned adults is **61 years**, which is the **highest** average age of drowned people **through the years**.

There were **no drownings in the age group 19-30**, which is the first time in 10 years.

Among the drowned people was a **child**. No children drowned the year before.

Most of the people killed by water accidents drowned in **inland waters** (76%, that is 44 people).

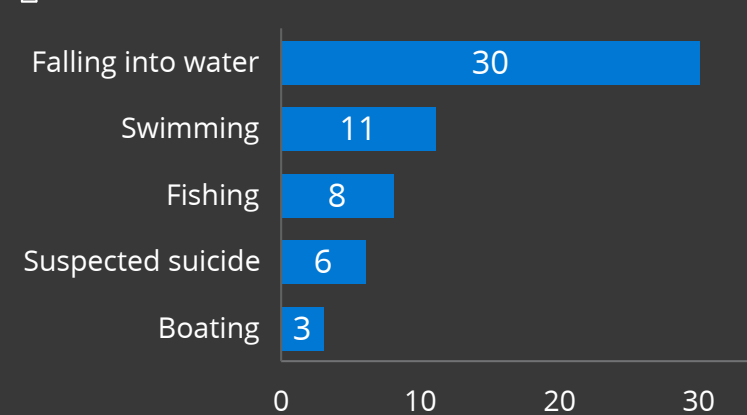
79% (46) of the drowned people were male and 21% were female (in 2019, 86% and 14%, respectively)..

The number of **all accidents** requiring the assistance of rescuers due to waterfront and above water activities increased. More than half of the water occurrences were related to ice.

In total, **29 people were rescued from 20 water accidents**. In 2019, 20 people were rescued from 15 water accidents.

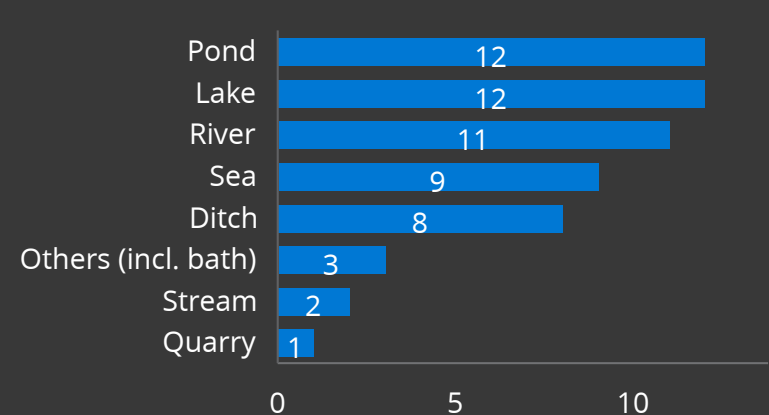
The profile of the rescued people differs from the drowned people, the biggest difference being age-related – younger people are able to be rescued and older people drown

Activity prior to drowning



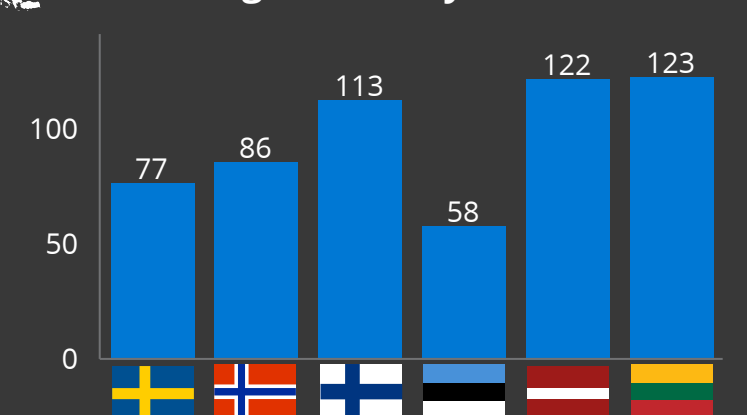
- More than half of the drownings** are caused by **falling into the water** 52% (30).
- The number of drowning from falling **is the highest of the last five years**.
- The number of drownings from falling into the water is increasing**.
- 20 people drowned in a public environment and 10 people drowned in a home environment.

Water bodies



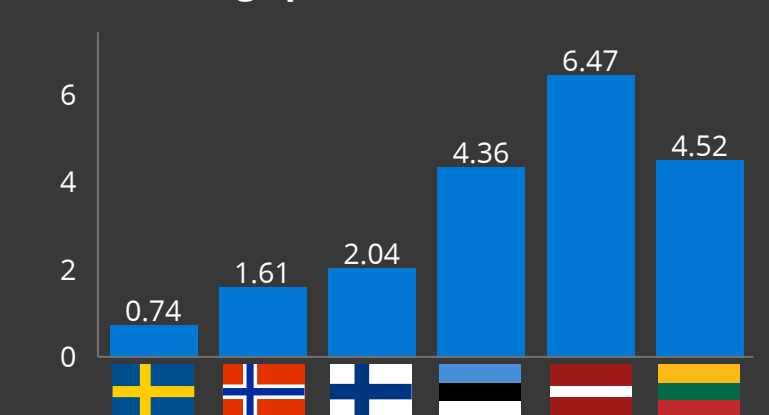
- Most drownings from falling took place in **ditches and ponds** – 8 and 7 people, respectively (the year before, those numbers were both 3).
- All the older persons who drowned during swimming were sober, and **all the working-age people who drowned during swimming were intoxicated**.
- Compared to drownings from 5 years ago, the average age of people drowning during swimming is 20 years older.

Drownings in nearby countries



- In all nearby countries**, more people drowned in 2020 than last year (2019).
- In the Republic of Finland**, there were most drownings of the last five years (113). In Finland, there were 23 more drownings than last year (2019).

Drownings per 100,000 inhabitants



- In the Republic of Latvia**, there were 122 drownings, which is 26 more than in the year 2019.
- A large proportion of older persons drowned** in the kingdoms of **Sweden and Norway**, as in Estonia (47% and 31%, respectively, of all drowned people).