

THE DROWNING REPORT

JUNE 2026

Provisional Monthly Analysis

PROVISIONAL DATA

264

VICTIM RECORDS DATED JUNE 2026

A focused analysis of demographic patterns, water settings, geography, recorded circumstances, and data quality in THE DROWNING REPORT database.

45

STATES REPRESENTED

Stored state values

80%

MALE

211 of 264 records

66%

LAKE, RIVER, OCEAN

175 of 264 records

CRITICAL DATE LIMITATION

Before August 4, 2026, the database Date field was commonly used for the report, recovery, or identification date rather than the incident date. These are therefore records carrying June 2026 dates, not a verified count of drownings that physically occurred during June.

What the 264 dated records show

264

DATED RECORDS

One victim per record

211

MALE

79.9% of records

115

AGE 19 OR UNDER

43.6% of records

175

LAKE, RIVER, OCEAN

66.3% of records

Key findings

- A pronounced male majority**
 - Men and boys account for 211 records (79.9%), compared with 52 female records; one gender value is uncoded. Among coded records, the male-to-female ratio is 4.06 to 1.
- Adults remain the largest age group**
 - Adults age 20 and older account for 147 records (55.7%). Youth age 19 and younger account for 115 records (43.6%).
- Pools and ponds remain central child settings**
 - Of the 69 records involving children age 12 and under, 36 (52.2%) are coded to a home pool or pond. Thirty of those 36 are home-pool records.
- Open water dominates the monthly file**
 - Lakes, rivers, and ocean/bay/sound settings total 175 records (66.3%). Lakes are the largest single setting with 87 records.
- Boating and paddling stand out**
 - Motorized boats appear in 23 records and paddling craft in 23. No PFD is explicitly recorded in 16, while fishing or hunting appears in 9. These documented factors can overlap.
- June is geographically dispersed**
 - California leads with 22 records, followed by Florida with 21 and Texas with 19. Georgia has 13 and Oklahoma 12; the five leading states account for 87 records (33.0%).

Read every count as provisional

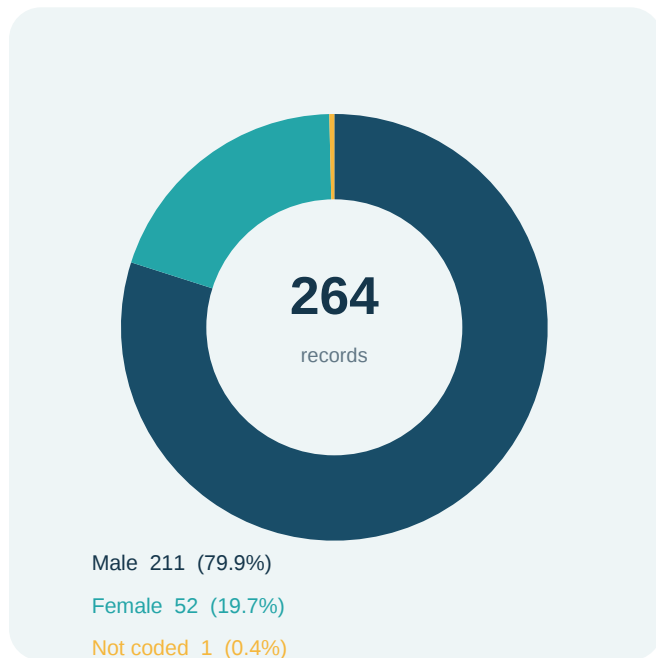
This file is not an official national mortality total and does not support population rates. Circumstance flags overlap, and an unchecked field can mean either that the factor was absent or that the source did not report it. Only 3 of the 264 records are currently marked SOURCE VERIFIED.

Demographic profile

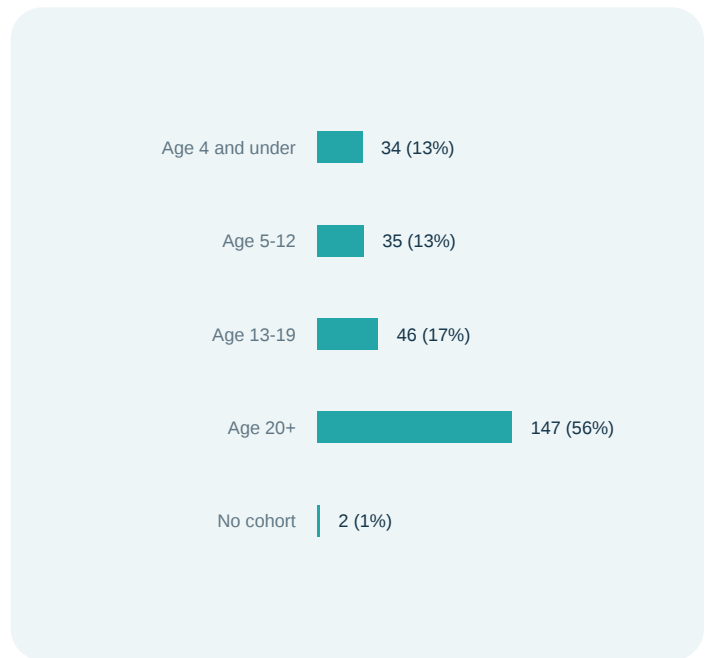
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Gender and age cohort distribution

Gender



Age cohorts



Male share

211 of 264 records are male (79.9%). Female is coded in 52 records, and one record has no gender value.

Youth profile

115 records involve people age 19 and under: 34 age 4 and under, 35 age 5-12, and 46 age 13-19.

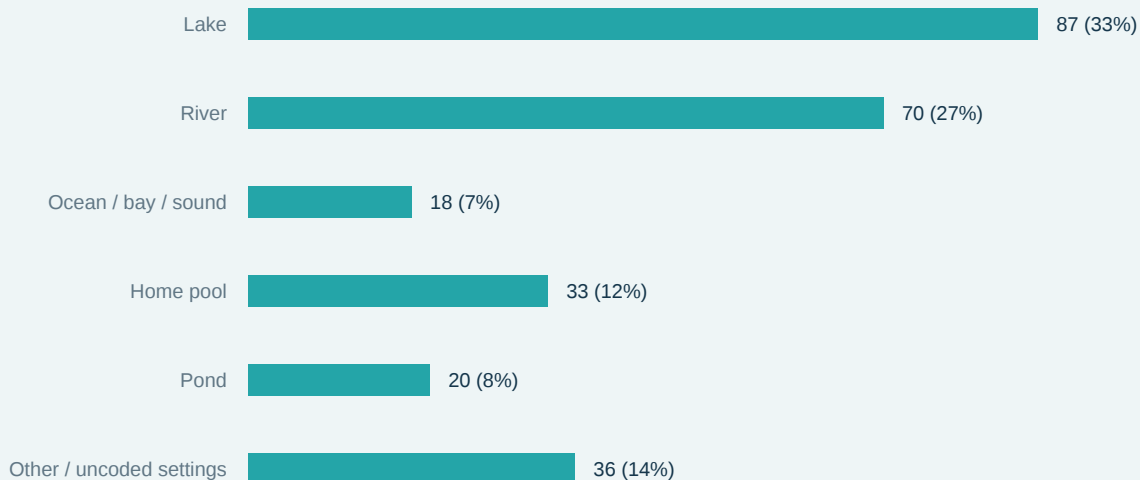
Cohort coverage

An age cohort is present for 262 of 264 June-dated records (99.2%). Two records have no age cohort coded.

Interpretation

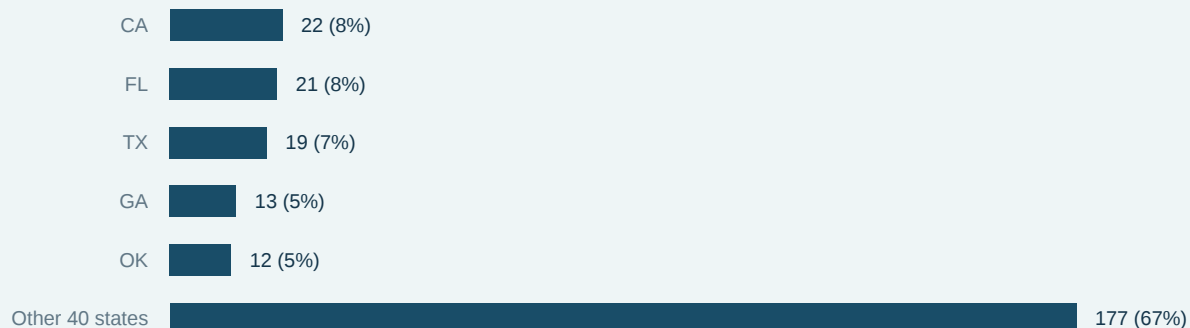
The age groups shown here are the database's operational cohorts, not standard public-health age bands. In particular, the TEEN category includes ages 13 through 19. Percentages use all 264 records as the denominator.

Water setting



Other / uncoded settings combine the remaining 36 June records outside the five largest setting categories, including 6 records with no PLACE value.

Top states

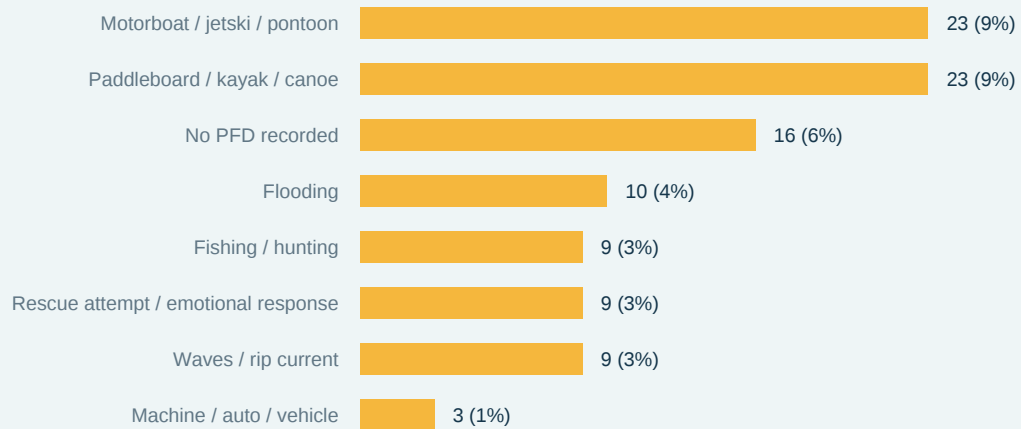


State counts use stored database values and have not been individually source-audited for this report.

Recorded circumstances and prevention themes

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Flags can overlap and should be treated as minimum counts



1. Life jackets around boats and paddling

Motorized boats appear in 23 records and paddling craft in 23. Sixteen records explicitly note no PFD, a minimum documented count rather than a full measure of non-wearing.

2. Open-water and surf decisions

Lakes, rivers, and ocean/bay/sound settings account for 175 records (66.3%). Waves or rip currents are flagged in 9. Check conditions, use appropriate flotation, and avoid entering beyond ability.

3. Rescue and flooding

Rescue attempts or emotional responses are flagged in 9 records and flooding in 10. These incidents call for reach-throw rescue, avoiding floodwater entry and crossings, and rapid use of trained responders.

4. Home pools remain a young-child hazard

June contains 33 home-pool records. Thirty involve children age 12 and under, including 21 age 4 and under. Four-sided barriers, door alarms, active supervision, and rapid missing-child response remain central prevention tools.

Methodology and data quality

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Why the June figures are provisional

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SOURCE VERIFIED

1.1% of records

86

ENTRY WARNINGS

32.6% of records

0

POSSIBLE DUPLICATES

No duplicate flags

262

AGE COHORTS

99.2% coverage



Scope

The report includes every victim record whose stored Date falls from June 1 through June 30, 2026. Each Airtable row is counted once. No attempt was made to estimate unreported deaths or reconcile the file to CDC, medical-examiner, or vital-statistics totals.

Interpretation rules

Percentages use 264 as the denominator unless stated otherwise. Circumstance categories are not mutually exclusive. A single death may be coded as boating, fishing, no PFD, waves, rescue, or another factor at the same time. Totals across factors must not be added together.

Critical date limitation

The Date field changed meaning on August 4, 2026. Earlier records may use the news-report date, body-recovery date, or identification date instead of the incident date. Because these June records were created before that rule change, the monthly count cannot be described as a verified incident-month total.

What a blank field means

For several fields, blank or unchecked does not mean the factor was absent. It can mean the source did not state the information or the record has not yet been fully screened. The factor counts in this report are therefore minimum documented counts.

Ethnicity is intentionally omitted

The database schema warns that historical ethnicity values include unsourced inference and should not be published until the field is re-sourced or cleared. This report follows that restriction.

Recommended cleanup before a final June edition

1) verify the incident date against the source for all 264 records; 2) resolve the 86 automated entry warnings; 3) audit stored state and place values; 4) mark records SOURCE VERIFIED only after the source, date, location, and demographic fields have been checked.

Leading state record counts

State	Records	Share
CA	22	8.3%
FL	21	8.0%
TX	19	7.2%
GA	13	4.9%

State	Records	Share
OK	12	4.5%
NC	11	4.2%
MO	9	3.4%
PA	9	3.4%
Other 37 states	148	56.1%

Other 37 states groups 148 records across the remaining represented states; June includes 45 states in total.

Definitions used in this report

Record count: one victim per Airtable row. Multi-victim events therefore contribute more than one record.

Youth: the database cohorts CHILD 4&U;, CHILD 5 to12, and TEEN 13 to19 combined.

Lake, river, ocean: the PLACE values LAKE, RIVER, and OCEAN/BAY/SOUND combined. Ponds are shown separately.

Recorded factor: a checked circumstance field. Factors can overlap, and unchecked fields are not reliable evidence of absence.

Provisional: counts have not been fully source-verified and may change after incident-date, location, duplicate, or classification review.

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