

Inland Drowning

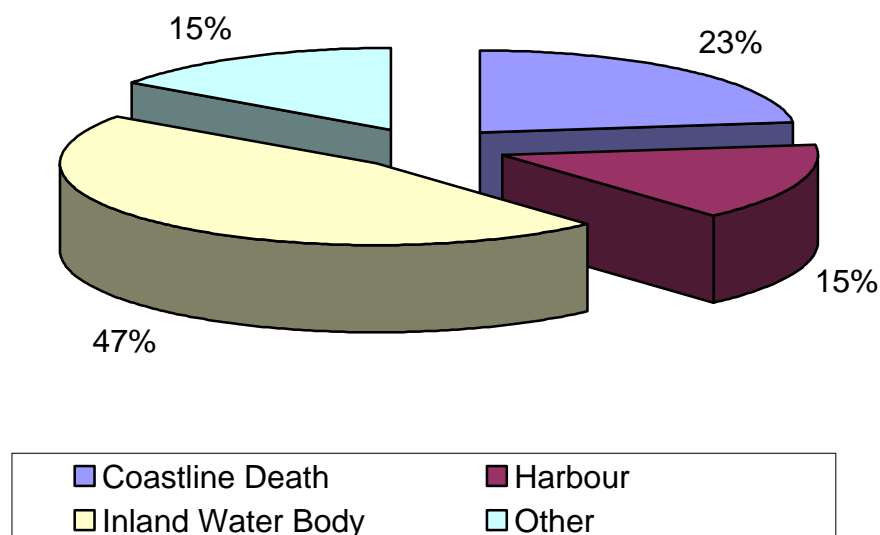
Information on incidents of inland drowning was obtained from the Grampian Police Mortuary. Grampian Police cover deaths that occur throughout the whole of Grampian and Moray.

Figures on inland drowning were obtained for the period between 2001 and 2004 and were broken down into the following categories:

- ① Coastline (foreshore, shoreline, etc)
- ① Harbour
- ① Inland Water Body (both linear and enclosed) - includes Rivers, Lochs, Streams, Burns, Reservoirs, Quarries, etc.
- ① Other (includes man-made structures).

During the period there were **13** deaths within Aberdeenshire area. As can be seen below, the majority of all drowning (**47%**) occurred in Inland Water Bodies, although this accounts for just less than half of all inland drowning in Aberdeenshire. **23%** of deaths occurred on the Coastline, with **15%** of deaths occurring in Harbours or other places.

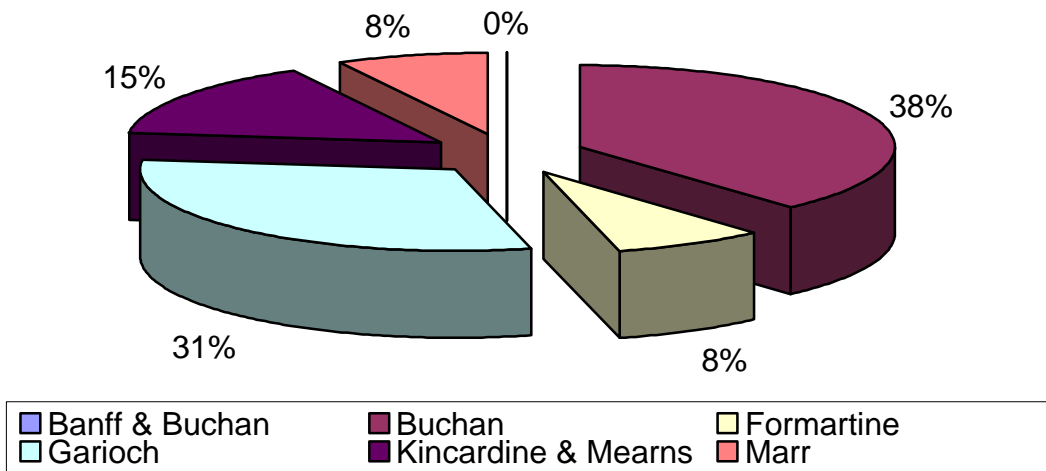
Inland Drowning in Aberdeenshire between 2001 and 2004



Source: Grampian Police

The majority (**38%**) of all drowning occurred in the Buchan area, with Garioch following closely behind, which accounted for **31%** of all deaths in Aberdeenshire area. It is important to note that geographical factors may have contributed to the number of deaths in these areas, such as the river Don, which runs through the heart of Garioch, and with Buchan being a coastal town with an operational harbour within it.

Inland Drowning in Aberdeenshire between 2001 and 2004, by Local Areas



Source: Grampian Police

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

- A majority of drowning happened in Inland Water Bodies and accounted for 47% of all drowning within Aberdeenshire.
- The majority of all drowning occurred in the Buchan (38%) and Garioch (31%).