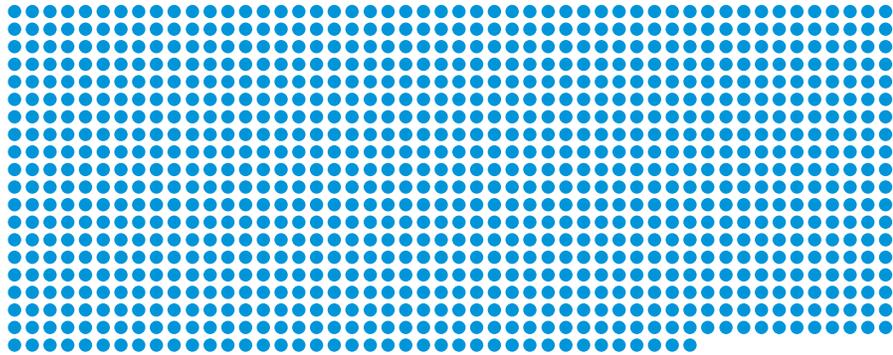


# THE FACTS ABOUT Child Drowning Deaths in the U.S.

## DROWNING DEATHS

**981**

children ages 0-19 years  
drowned in the U.S. in 2023.



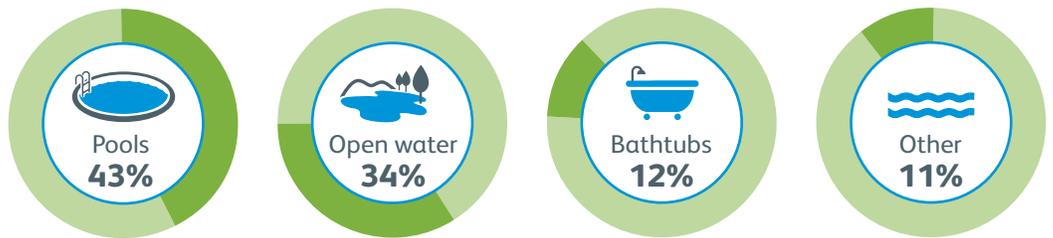
## BY MONTH



In 2020 – 2023, **2/3** of child drownings happened during May – August, with the highest number of deaths occurring in July.

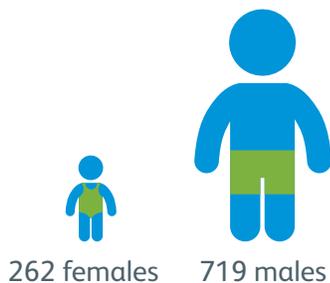
## BY SETTING

Overall 2023 breakdown  
(all ages)



## BY SEX

Boys face a much higher drowning risk than girls. In 2023, for every 1 female drowning death, there were 2.7 male deaths.



## BY AGE

Drowning risk varies by age.



**76%** of drowning deaths of 0-4 year olds occurred in **pools or bathtubs**.



**60%** of drowning deaths among older children (ages 5-19) occurred in **open water**.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

- Actively supervise kids when they are in and around water, without distraction.
- Enroll children in swim lessons that include the 5 Water Survival Skills.
- Use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket appropriate for the child's weight and water activity.
- Learn CPR and basic rescue skills.
- Make sure pools have four-sided fencing at least 4 feet high with self-closing and self-latching gates.