

Table: Major characteristics of drowning deaths, Italy, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 1998

Characteristic	Year			
	1970	1980	1990	1998
	rate *	rate *	rate *	rate *
Age, years				
0-14	22.3	13.5	4.6	3.0
15-29	32.9	22.7	12.0	6.1
30-49	13.7	10.9	6.7	4.6
50-69	21.0	14.1	8.0	5.9
70 and over	28.5	21.7	14.2	9.4
Sex				
Male	39.0	25.7	14.4	9.7
Female	6.4	6.1	3.2	1.6
Geographic area				
Northwest	25.6	17.0	7.6	5.6
Northeast	31.8	23.7	11.6	5.7
Center	16.5	11.4	6.4	4.8
South	16.9	12.2	6.9	4.7
Islands	22.4	14.2	10.9	5.7
Italy	22.7	15.7	8.3	5.2

* Per million residents per year