

Expedition Duration vs Summit Success Rate

Causes of Fatalities

Himalayan Expedition Fatality Report (2010-2020)



Total Fatalities: 222 | Total Successful Summits: 7,408

Over a decade, more than 7,000 climbers reached the summit, while 222 lives were lost highlighting the enduring risks of Himalayan expeditions.



Deadliest Mountains Everest (23.6%) | Ama Dablam (18.3%) | Manaslu (10.8%)

Everest, as the most attempted peak, leads in death count. Other technically challenging peaks also contribute significantly to total fatalities.

Seasonal Fatalities



Spring: 65.8% | Autumn: 34.2%

Summer/Winter: 0%

The majority of fatalities occurred during Spring, aligning with peak expedition season. Despite being the "safest" window, high volume = high risk exposure.

Victim Nationalities



USA | South Korea | India | Japan | Russia

Countries with high expedition participation also record the most deaths. Emphasizes the importance of targeted safety training for these climber groups.

Duration vs Summit Rate 📈



No clear correlation between longer expedition durations and success rate. However, expeditions with higher success rates tend to cluster between 1,500-3,000 total days, suggesting an optimal range of preparedness and acclimatization.

Causes of Fatalities



#1 Cause: Accident (Death or Serious Injury) – 57.1%

Fatalities are most often caused by direct accidents rather than environmental conditions suggesting a need for stricter safety protocols and technical readiness.