

Drink and Drug Driving



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RPU Christmas Campaign 29th Nov – 9th Jan

Operations across the Limerick Division
targeting Driving Whilst Intoxicated
(DWI)

Key roads leading to local/large towns
and key arterial routes will be targeted



Driving Whilst Intoxicated - Limerick

ALCOHOL

- On average every one (1) in one hundred and thirty (130) road side breath tests returns positive for alcohol

• DRUGS


- On average every one (1) in seven (7) road side oral fluid swabs returns positive for drugs





Operation Thor

Using ANPR technology and intelligence, the Roads Policing Unit, through enforcement, target criminals and deny them the use of the road network



Crime Prevention

Victim Support

Working in Partnership

Education and Awareness -
Lifesaver



January 1st – November 30th 2021

- ALCOHOL TESTS

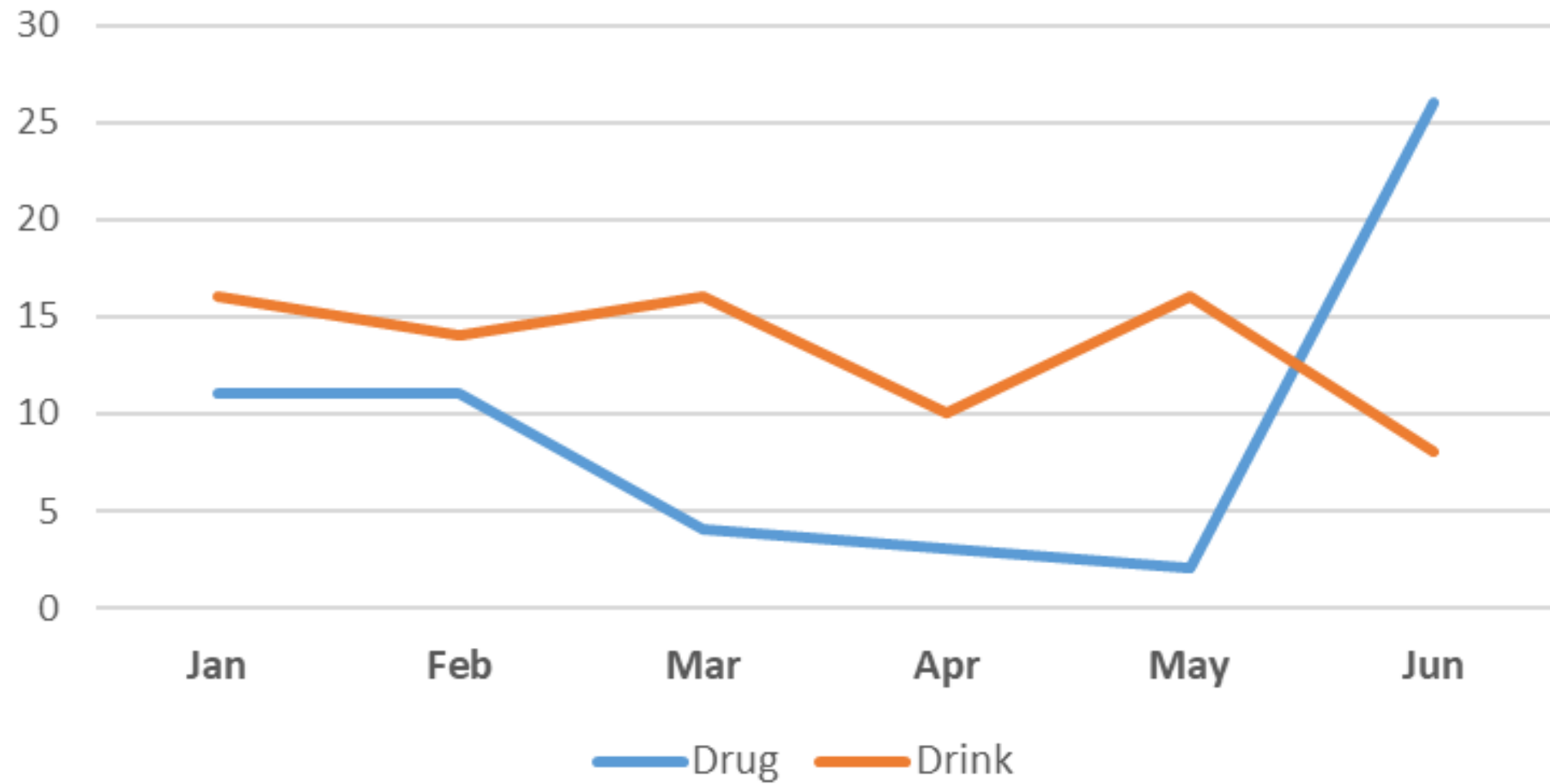
- 4,721 breath tests
- 36 drivers returned positive for alcohol
- Failure rate – 1/130

- ORAL FLUID DRUG TESTS

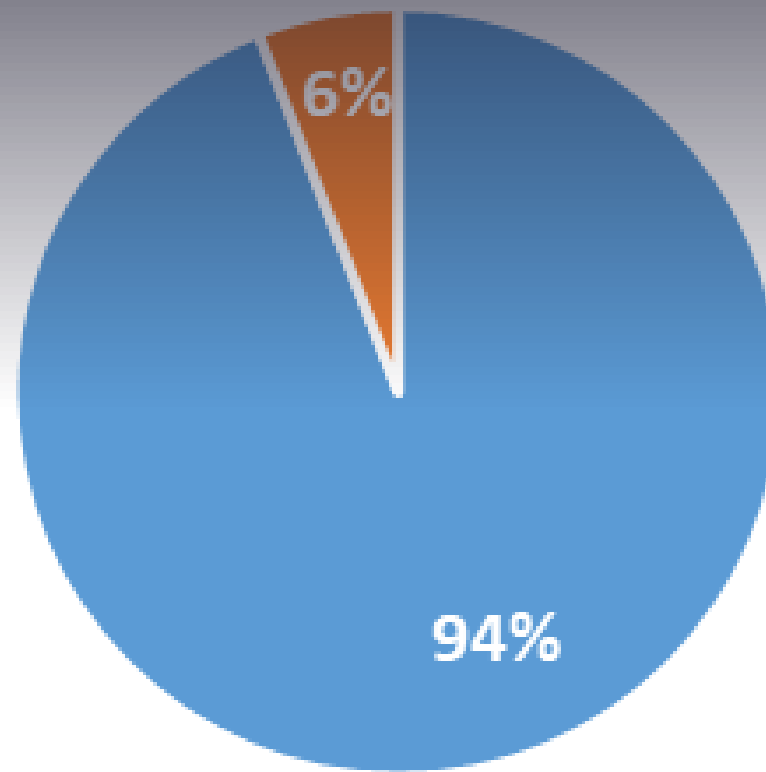
- 509 Oral Fluid Drug Tests
- 78 drivers returned positive for drugs
- Failure rate 1/7



Limerick 2020 - Drug Driving v Drink Driving

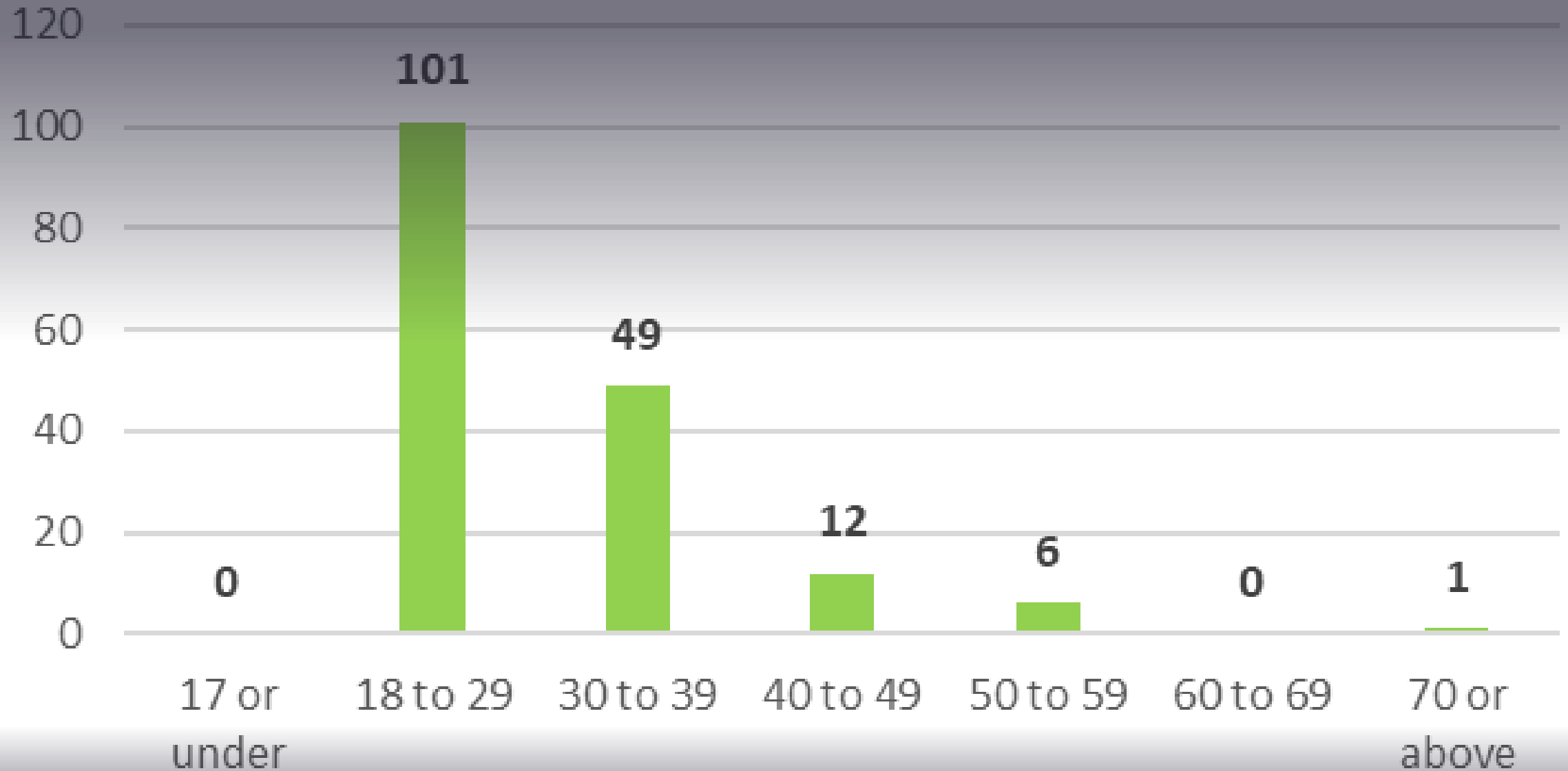


Limerick Drug Driving - Gender

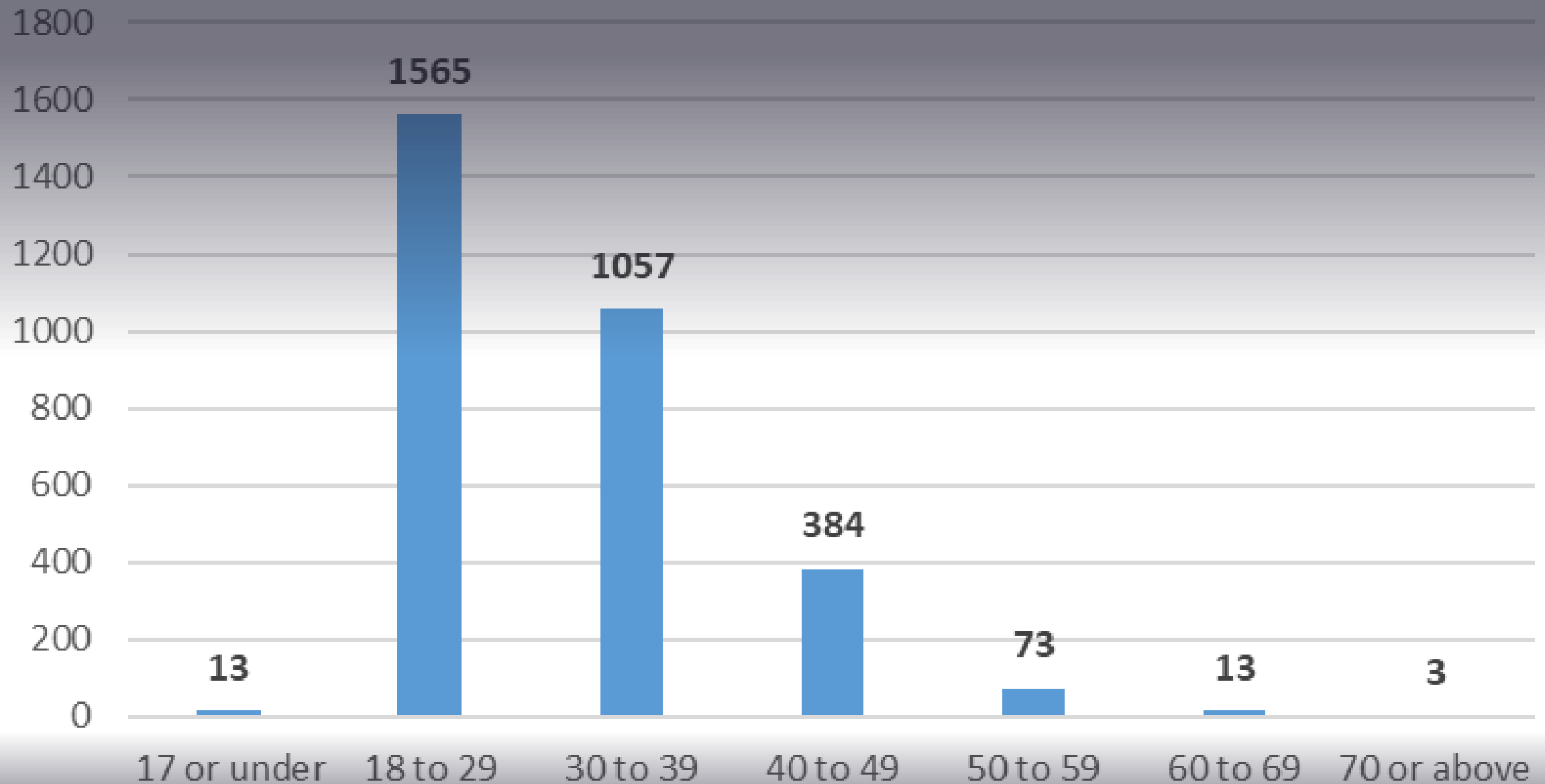


■ Male ■ Female

Limerick Drug Driving - Age Profile



Nationwide Drug Driving - Age Profile



Drug driving is both an Urban and Rural Problem



Drug Driving Legislation

- Robust and in the main rarely challenged
- Suspect is required to provide a blood sample after arrest
- On conviction – Mandatory disqualification from driving

Penalties

- The maximum penalty for drink driving is €5,000 or 6 months in prison or both. Disqualifications range from 3 months to 4 years. Previous convictions result in an increase in disqualification at the discretion of the Court.
- Drug Driving – disqualification of not less than 1 year, in the case of a first offence under the section concerned, and not less than 2 years, in the case of a second or subsequent offence. The maximum penalty for drug driving is €5,000 or 6 months in prison or both.



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