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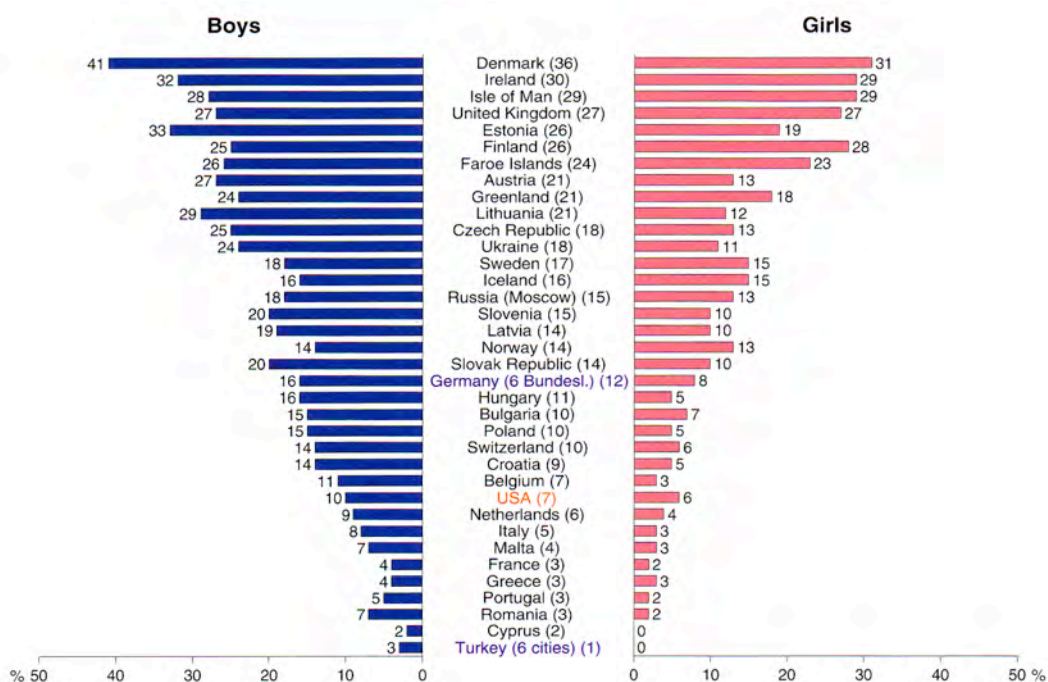
International Comparisons

International health surveys show the UK as having unusually high levels of 'risk' behaviour in teenagers, particularly in relation to alcohol, illegal drugs and sexual activity.

Proportion of boys and girls who have been drunk 20 times or more in lifetime, 2003¹

Values within brackets refer to all students. Data sorted by all students. Germany and Turkey: limited geographical coverage. USA: limited comparability

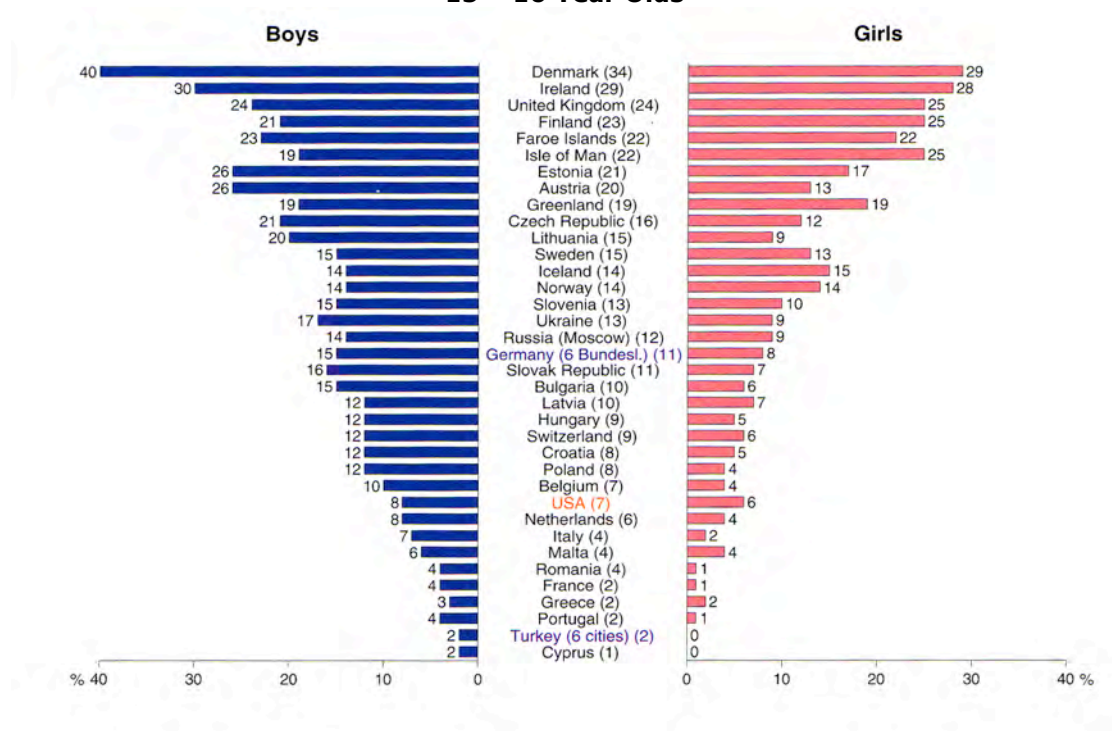
15 – 16 Year Olds



Proportion of boys and girls who have been drunk 10 times or more during last 12 months, 2003¹

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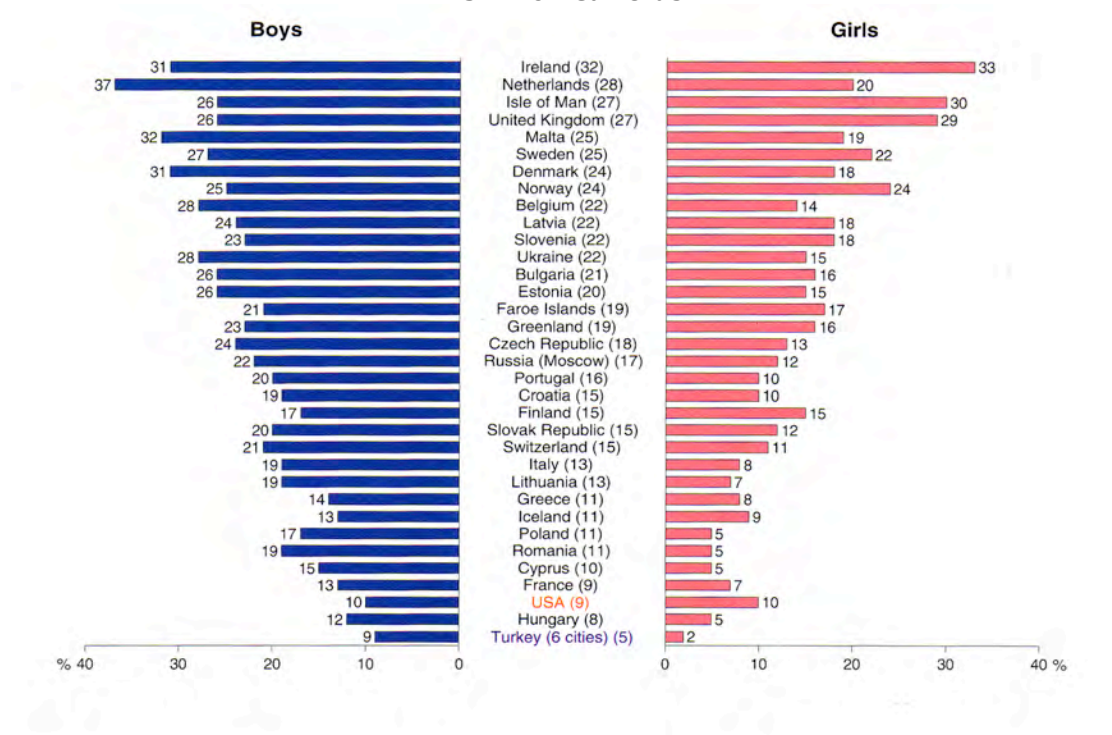
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Proportion of boys and girls who reported 'binge drinking' 3 times or more during the last 30 days, 2003¹

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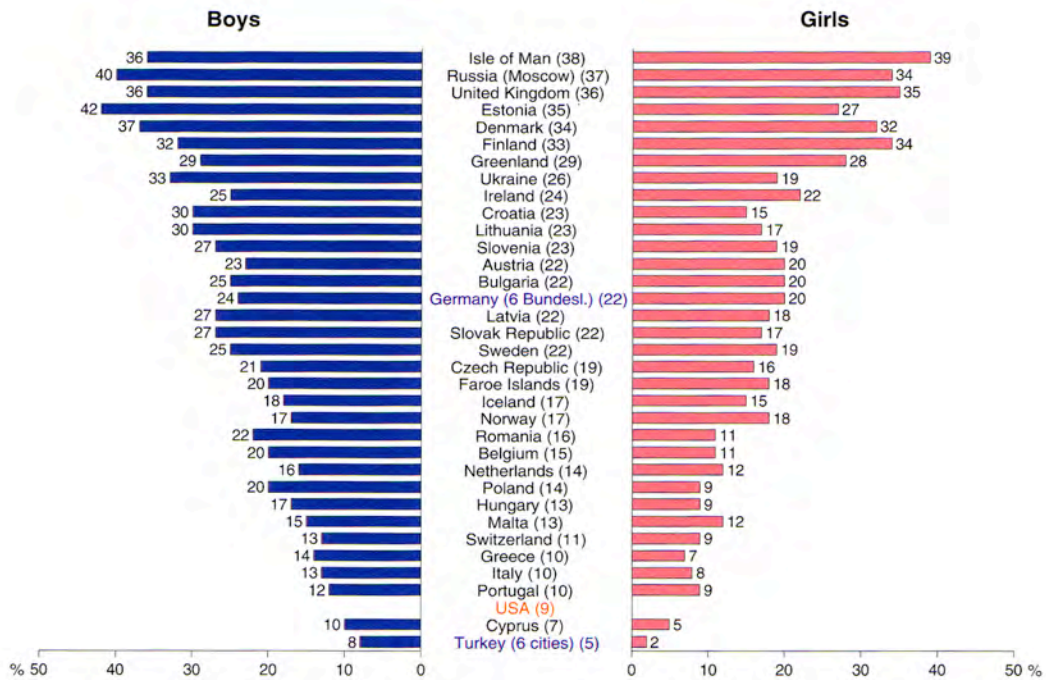
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Proportion of boys and girls who have been drunk at age 13 or younger, 2003¹

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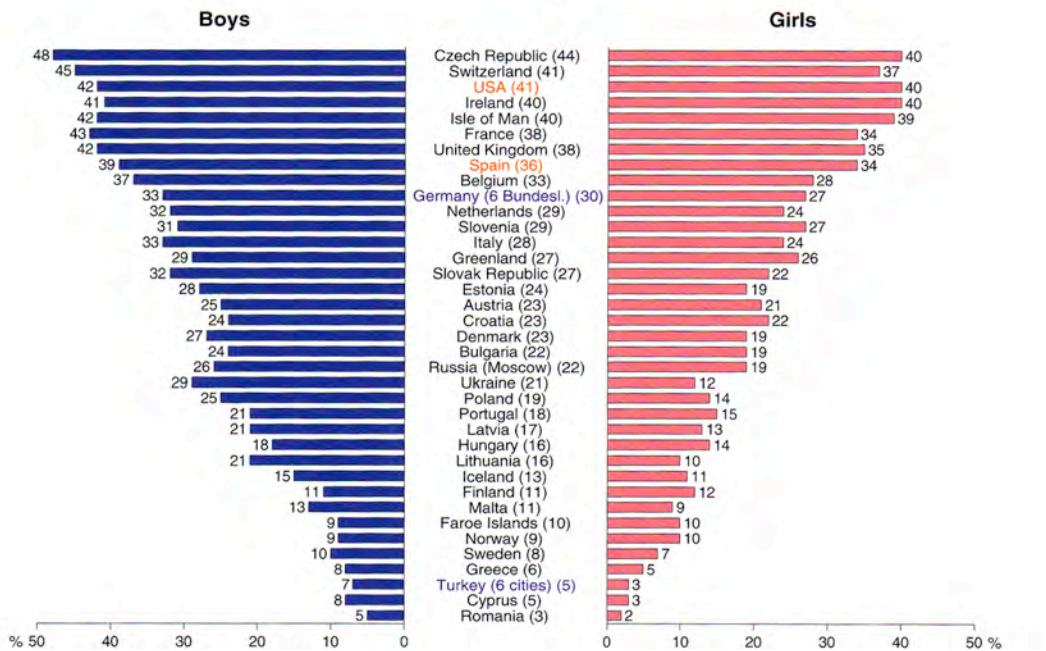
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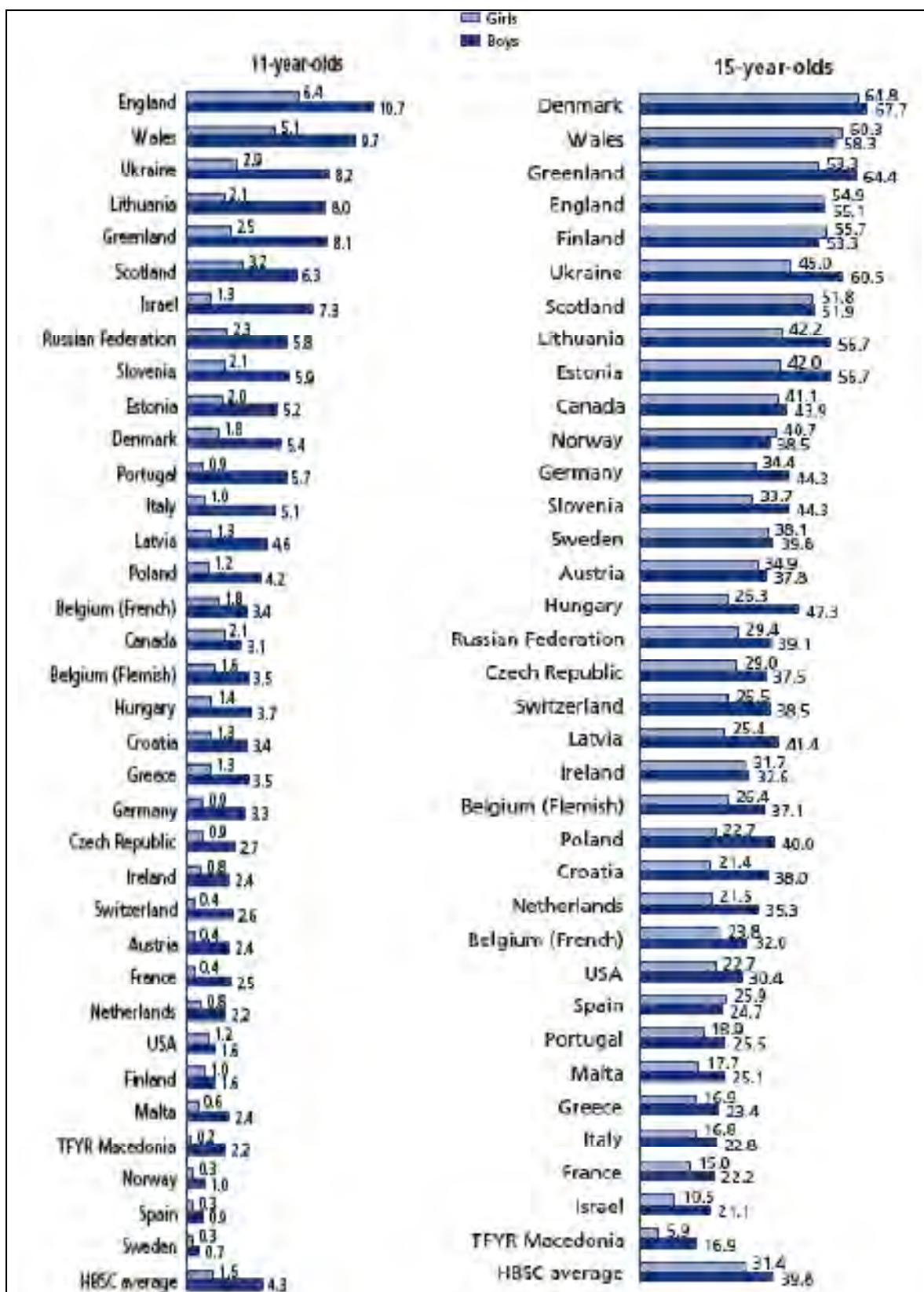
Lifetime experience of any illicit drug. Percentages among boys and girls¹

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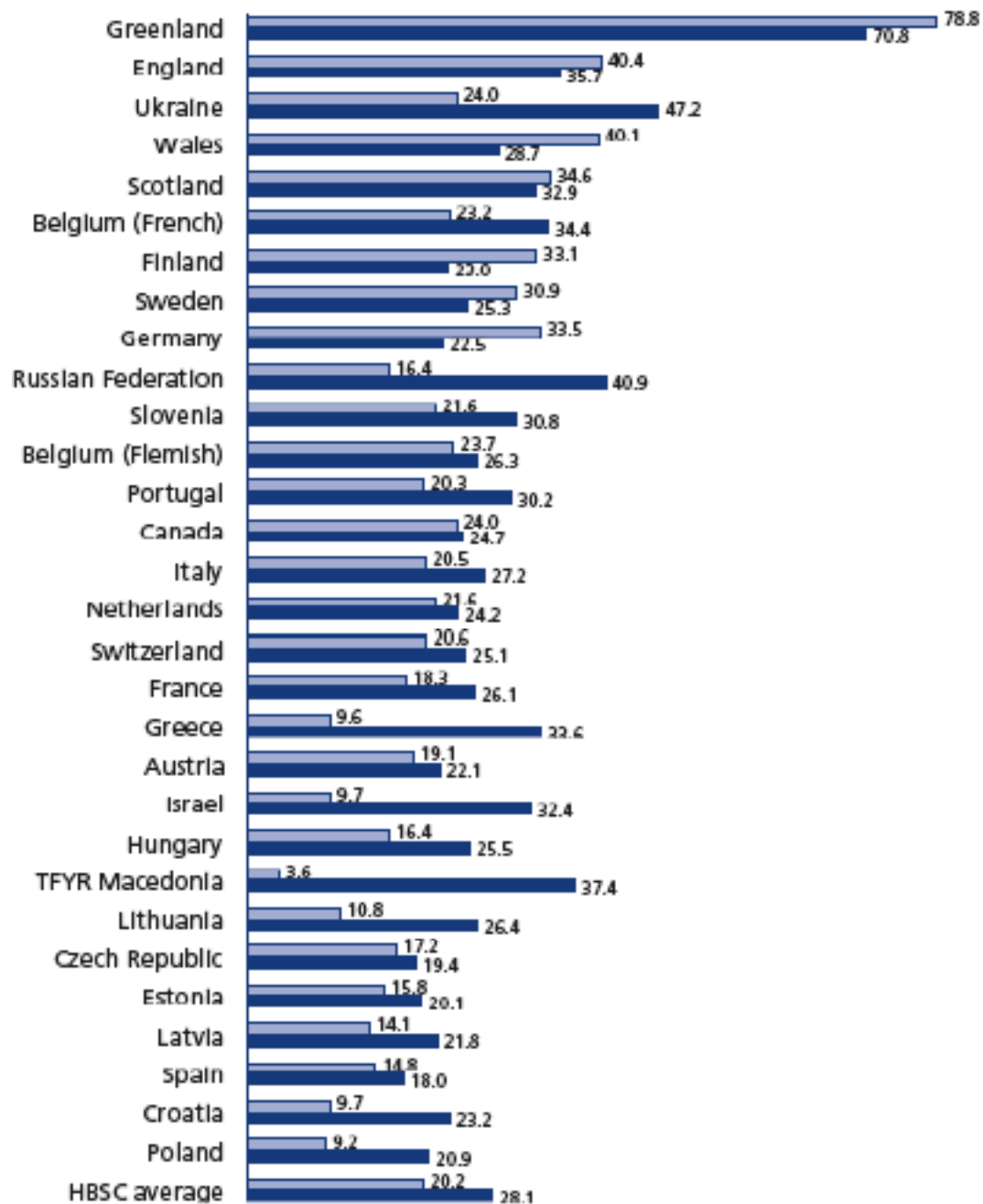
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Young people who have been drunk two or more times (%)²



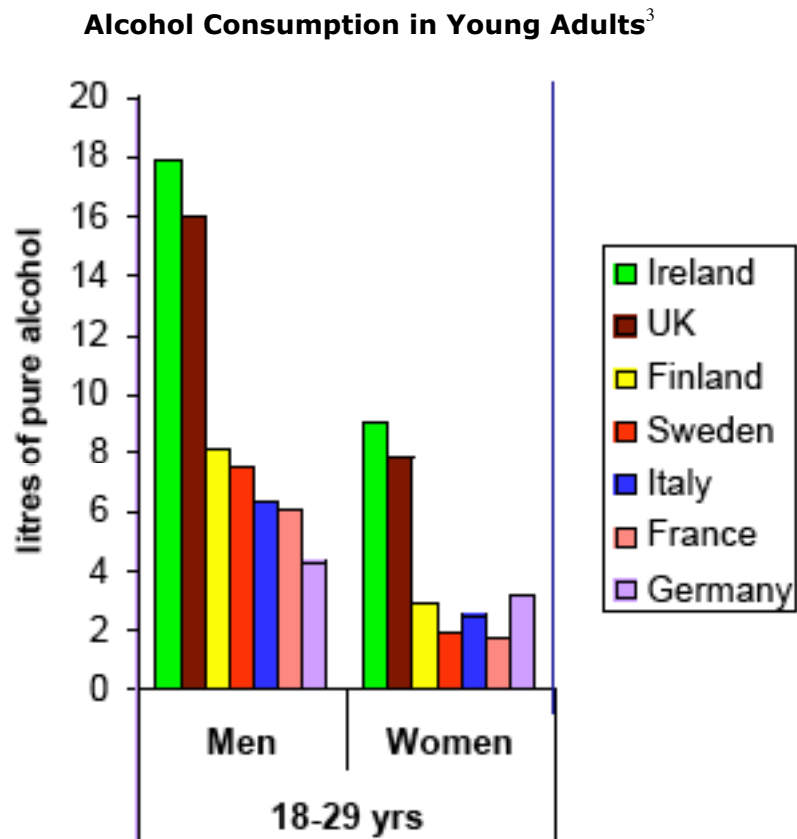
Young people who have had sexual intercourse, 15 year olds²



Note: Data are unavailable for Denmark, Ireland, Malta, Norway and the United States.

Alcohol and drug use is often associated with early sexual activity, which is likely to be unplanned and unprotected.

High levels of consumption in the teenage years in the UK and Ireland continue into adulthood.³



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