

Country fact sheet Ireland



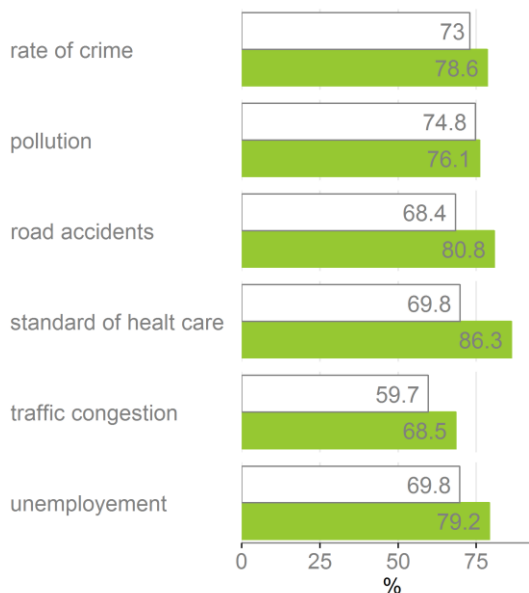
ESRA 2015 results

The ESRA project is a joint initiative of research institutes in 17 European countries aiming at collecting comparable national data on road users' opinions, attitudes and behaviour with respect to road traffic risks. A common questionnaire was developed in English (UK) and translated into 20 different country-language versions. The themes covered in the survey are: attitude towards unsafe traffic behaviour, behaviour of other road users, subjective safety and risk perception, involvement in road crashes, reported police checks and perceived likelihood of getting caught for traffic offences, self-declared (unsafe) behaviour in traffic, support for road safety policy measures and use of different modes of transportation.

Data collection took place simultaneously in all countries in June/July 2015. In total, ESRA gathered data from over 17,000 road users, including almost 11,000 frequent car drivers. An overview of the project and the results are available on www.esranet.eu. The following figures show a core set of variables in which Ireland (green) is compared with the European ESRA mean (white).

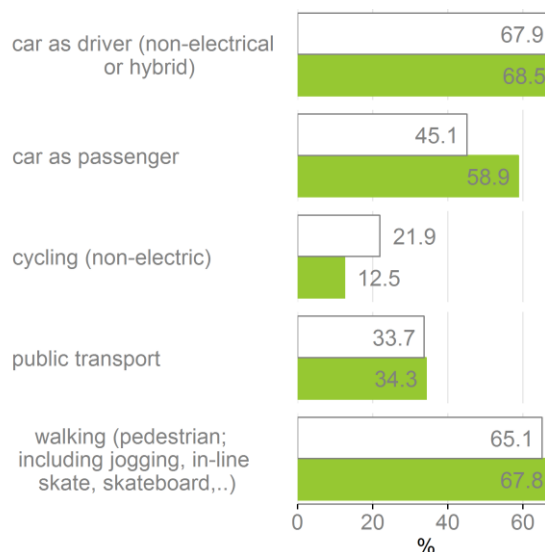
General RS

How concerned are you about each of the following issues? (4-point scale, 1=very concerned to 4=not at all concerned) - % of respondents feeling (very) concerned (1-2)



Mode of transportation

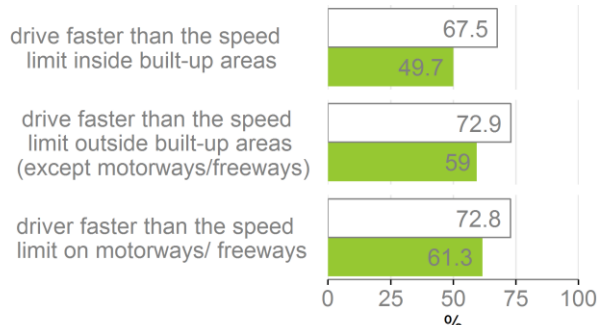
What were your most frequent modes of transport during the last 12 months? - % of respondents choosing this mode as one of their top 3 transportation mode



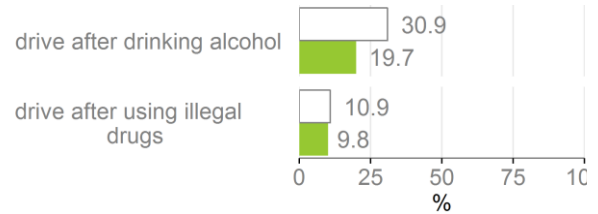
Self-reported behaviour

In the past 12 months, as a road user, how often did you...? (5-point scale, 1=never to 5=(almost) always) - % at least once (2-5)

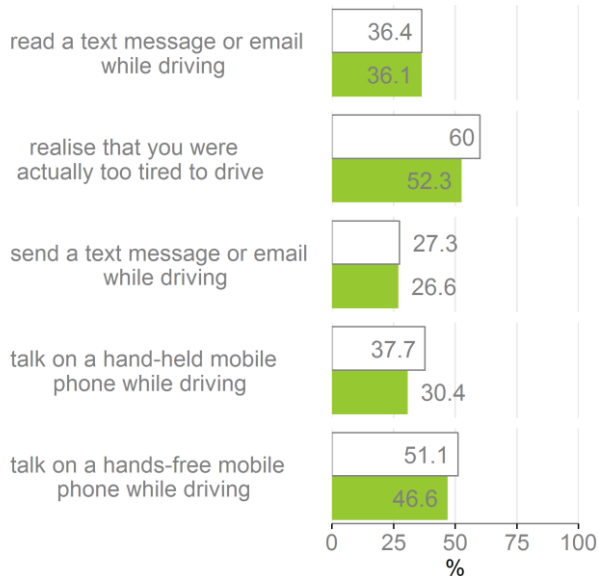
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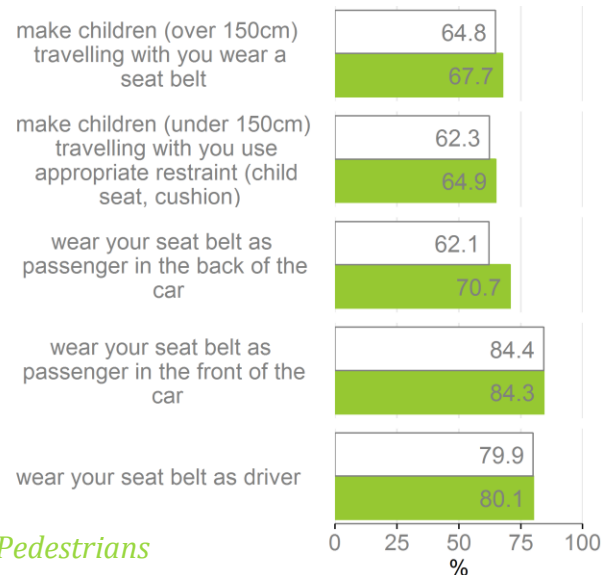
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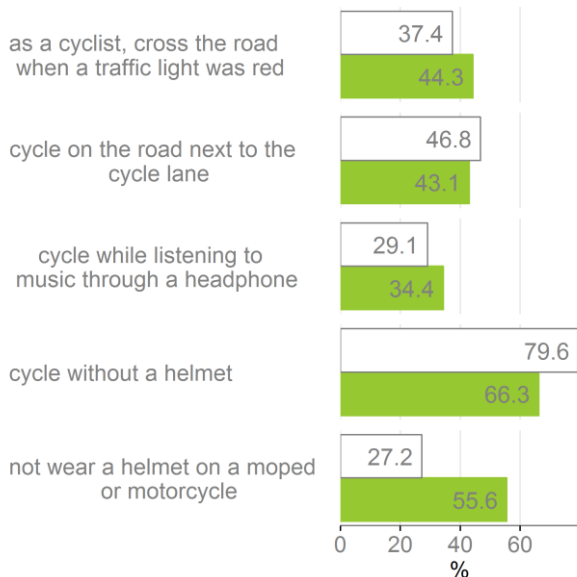
Distraction & Fatigue



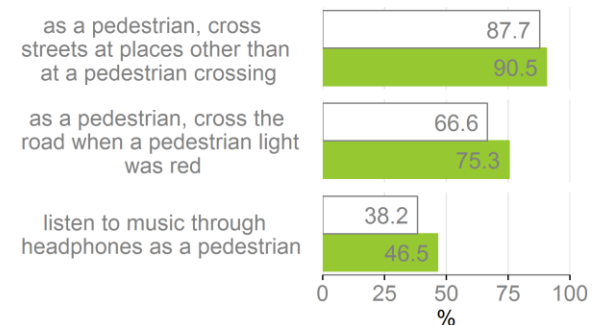
Seat belt and Child restraint systems¹- % almost always (5)



Cyclists & Motorcyclists



Pedestrians

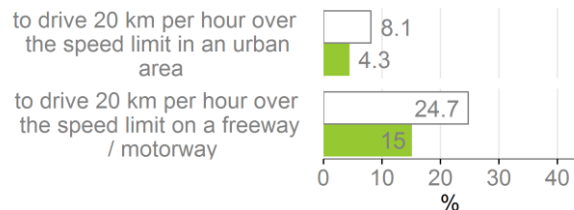


¹ The seatbelt related items describe save behaviour – in contrast with the other items

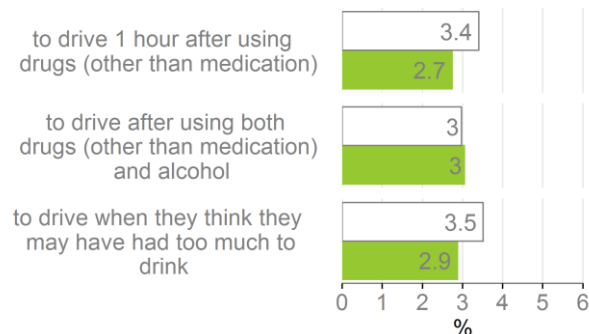
Acceptability – personal

How acceptable do you, personally, feel it is for a driver...? (5-point scale, 1=unacceptable to 5=acceptable) - % (rather) acceptable (4-5)

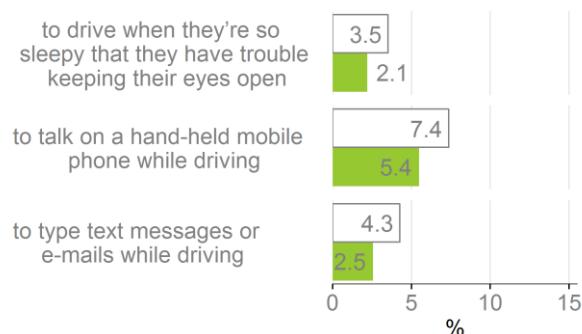
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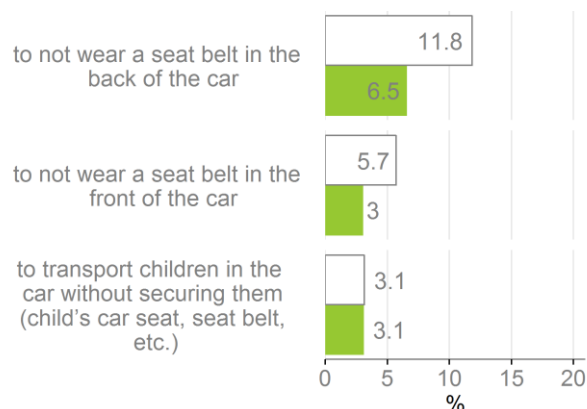
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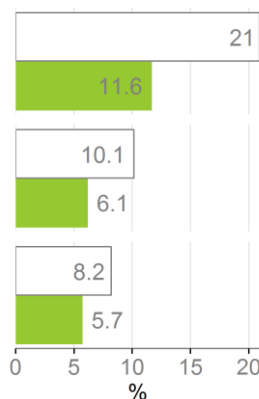
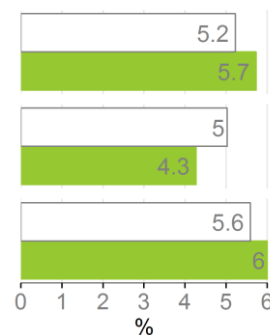
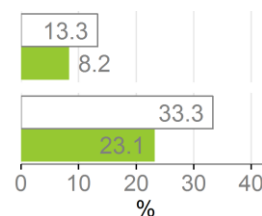


Seat belt and Child restraint systems



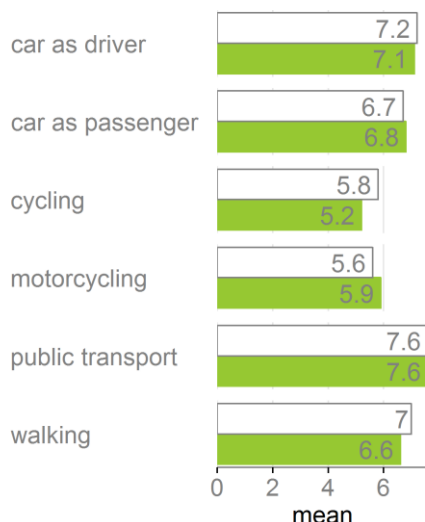
Acceptability- others

Where you live, how acceptable would most other people say it is for a driver...? (5-point scale, 1=unacceptable to 5=acceptable) - % (rather) acceptable (4-5)



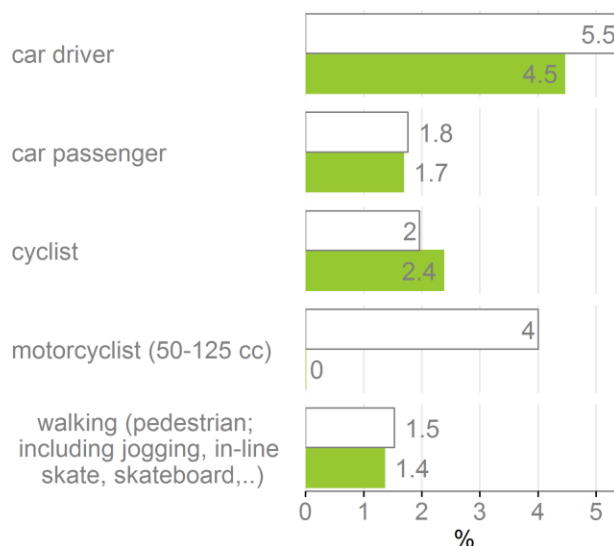
(Un)Safety feeling

How (un)safe do you feel when using the following transport modes...? (11-point scale, 0=very unsafe to 10 very safe) - mean of the 11-point scale



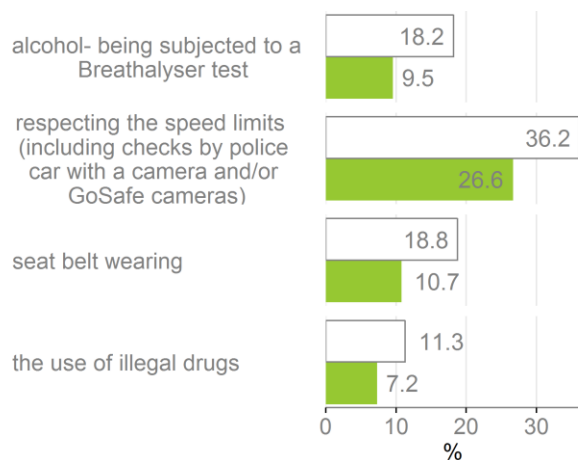
Involvement in road crashes

In the past three months have you been involved in a road traffic accident as...? - % at least once

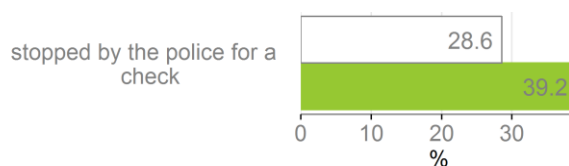


Enforcement

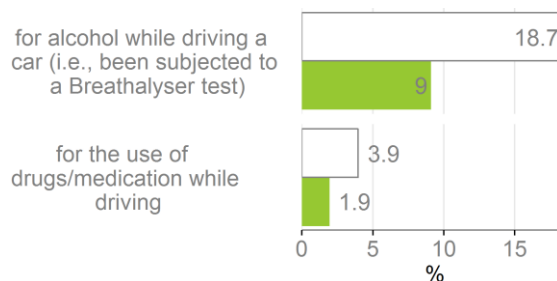
On a typical journey, how likely is it that you (as a driver) will be checked by the police for...? (5-point scale, 1=very small chance to 5 (almost) always) - % (very) big chance



In the past 12 months, how many times have you been stopped by the police for a check? - % at least once



In the past 12 months, how many times were you checked by the police...? - % at least once



Background Data

Basic data of Ireland in relation to the European average².

(Source: Eurostat)

Exposure

	year	IE
total length of roads (km)*	2001	95752
total length of motorways (km)**	2013	897
vehicle kilometres (total in millions) *e	2013	48028
motorisation rate (Cars/1 000 inhab.)**	2012	425

* Source: IRTAD; *e IRTAD estimate

** Source: Eurostat

Persons killed in road accidents by age (CARE database)

ages	year	IE		EU	
		absolute number	% of the age category	absolute number	% of the age category
0-14	2012	2	1.2	673	2.6
15-17	2012	7	4.3	622	2.4
18-24	2012	35	21.7	3813	14.7
25-49	2012	61	37.9	9236	35.7
50-64	2012	20	12.4	5121	19.8
≥65	2012	36	22.4	6423	24.8
TOTAL	2012	161	100.0	25888	100.0

European sum computed with the most recent available year by country (2009: BG, EE; 2010: MT, SK; 2012: IE; 2013: BE, DK, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, LT, NL, PL, PT, SE, SI; others: 2014)

Persons killed in road accidents by transport mode (CARE database)

Mode of transportation	year	IE	EU
		absolute number	absolute number
car (including taxi)	2014	107	11768
moped	2014	NA	737
motor cycle	2014	26	3776
pedal cycle	2014	5	2108
pedestrian	2014	31	5681

European sum computed with the most recent available year by country (2009: BG; 2010: MT; 2013: EL; IE; SI, SI; others: 2014)

Population

	year	IE	EU
population (M. inhab.)	2014	4.61	502.7
density (inhab./km ²)	2014	67.50	117.2

Age Distribution

ages	year	IE	EU
0-14	2014	22.0	15.6
15-24	2014	11.4	11.3
25-49	2014	37.3	34.7
50-64	2014	16.7	19.8
65-79	2014	9.6	13.4
≥80	2014	3.0	5.1

% of the population

Individuals' level of internet skills³

level	year	IE	EU
low	2013	35	30
medium	2013	36	35
high	2013	7	12

% of the total number of individuals aged 16 to 74

Low level: Individuals who have carried out 1 or 2 of the 6 internet-related items.

Medium level: Individuals who have carried out 3 or 4 of the 6 internet-related items.

High level: Individuals who have carried out 5 or 6 of the 6 internet-related items.

² The European average is based on the EU-27: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

³ The six internet-related activities which were used to group the respondents were: (a) use of a search engine to find information; (b) send an e-mail with attached files; (c) post messages to chat rooms, newsgroups or any online discussion forum; (d) use the internet to make telephone calls; (e) use peer-to-peer file sharing for exchanging movies, music etc.; (f) create a web page.

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