

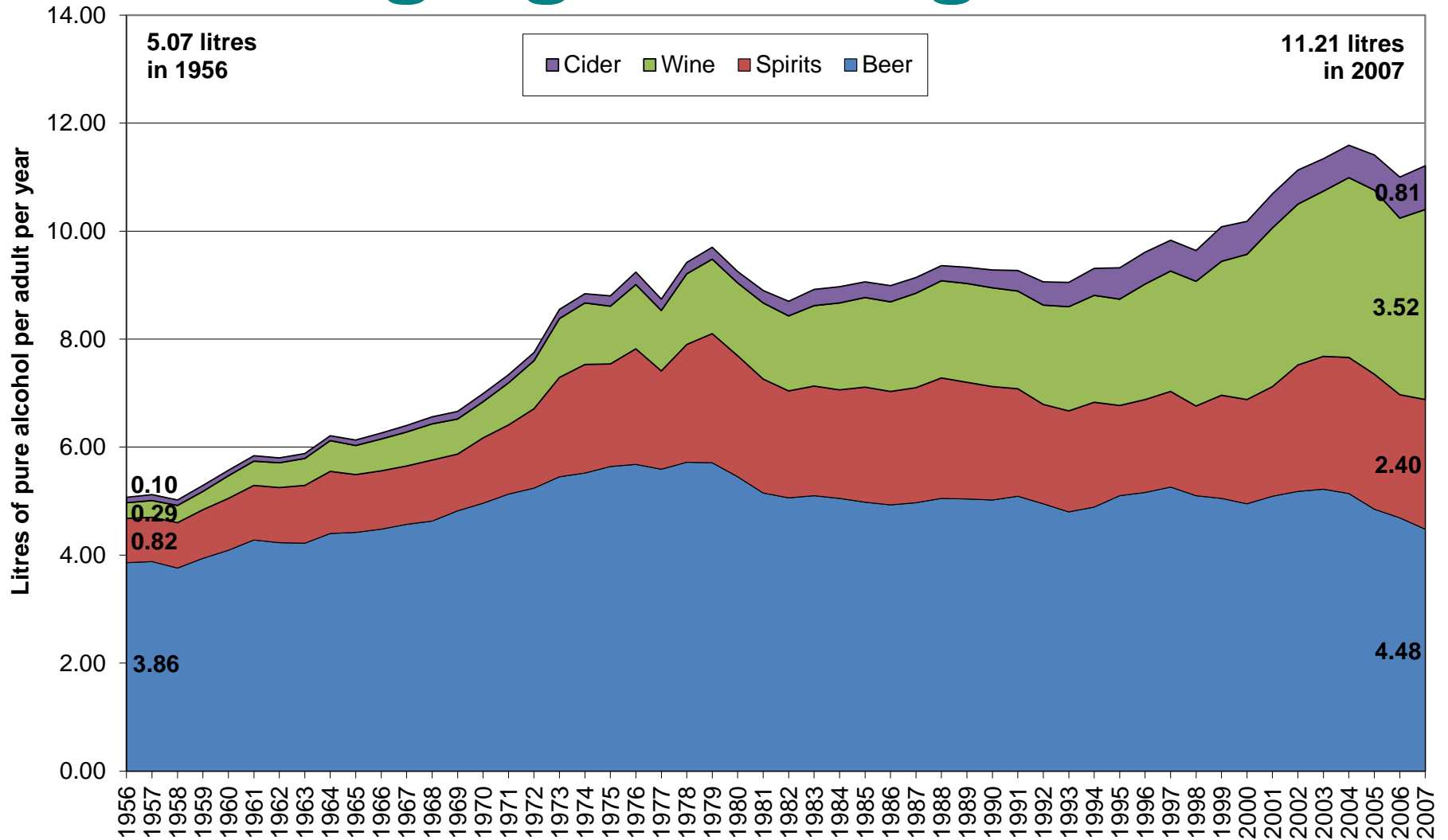
Facts on Alcohol Use in Devon

**Public Health
Devon County Council
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The Numbers

- **118,600** drinking at potentially harmful levels
- **25,800** drinking at levels harming current health
- Most adults drink within safe limits
- **17,500** hospital admissions per annum
- **Around 100,000** A&E attendances per annum
- **1,200** ambulance callouts for overdose per annum
- **1,600** people in structured alcohol treatment
- **200** deaths specifically due to alcohol per annum
- **Around 150,000** working days lost per annum
- **3,800** alcohol-related crimes per annum
- **15,000** people employed (bars, breweries etc.)

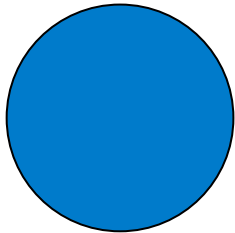
Changing Drinking Habits



Types of Health Condition

Acute Conditions

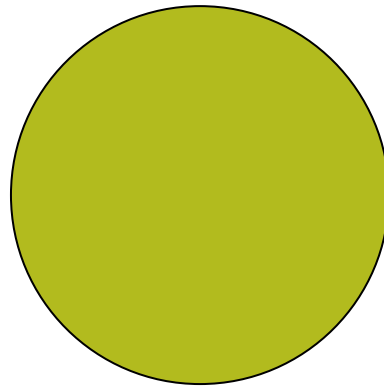
Health problems caused directly by recent use of alcohol such as poisonings and RTAs



1,187 admissions
6.8% of total

Mental Conditions

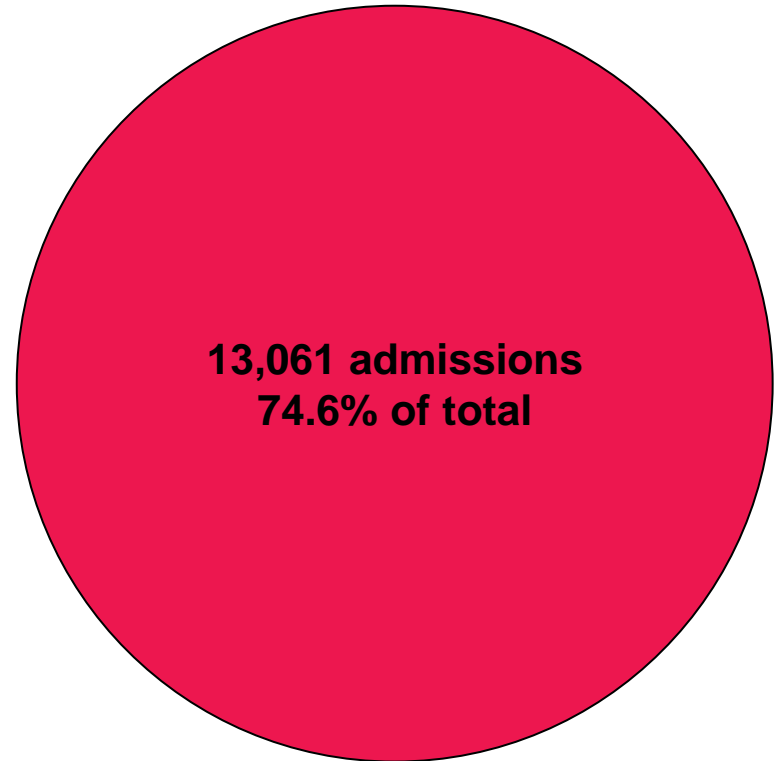
Mental and behavioural problems caused by alcohol use



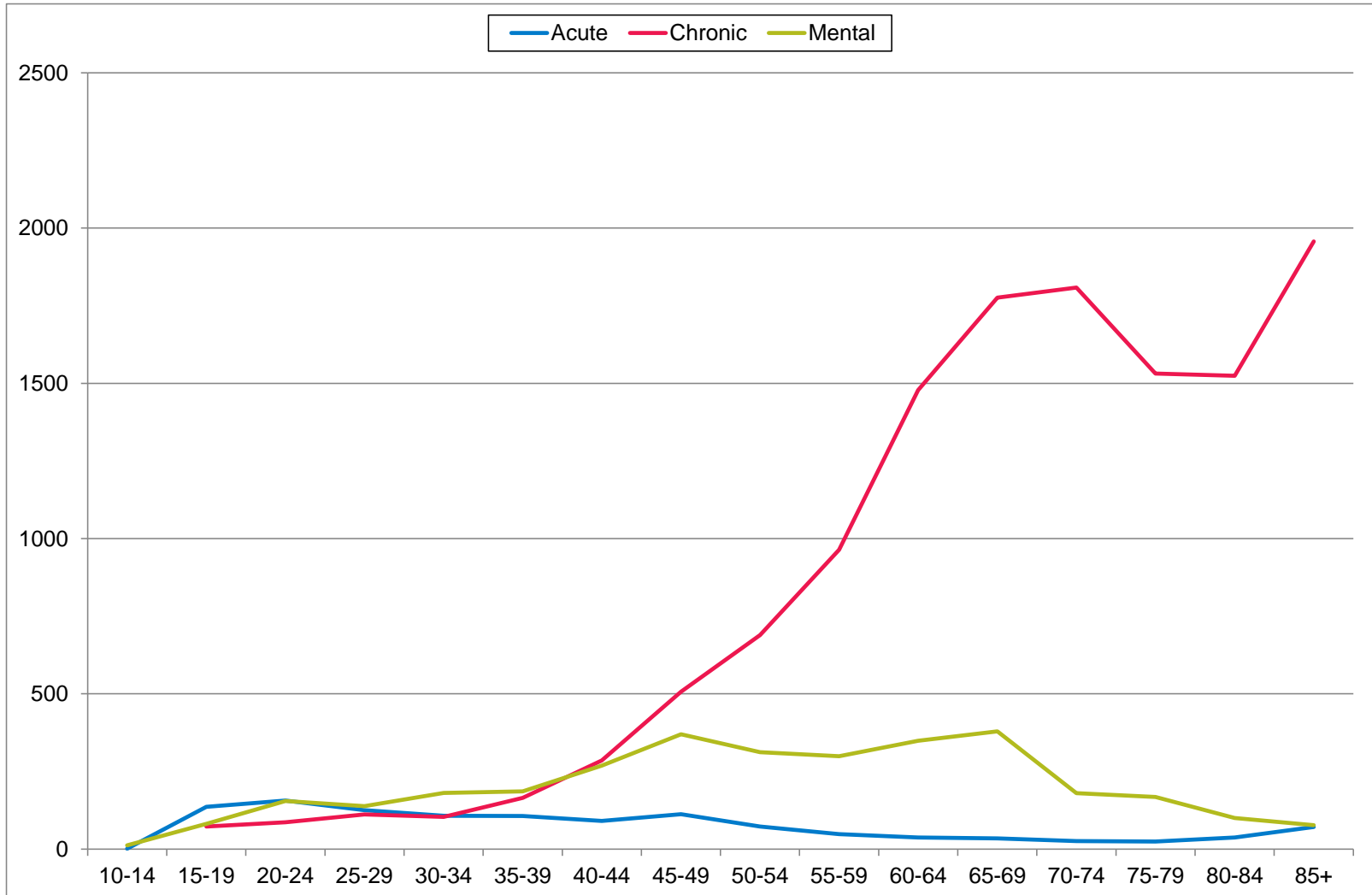
3,256 admissions
18.6% of total

Chronic Conditions

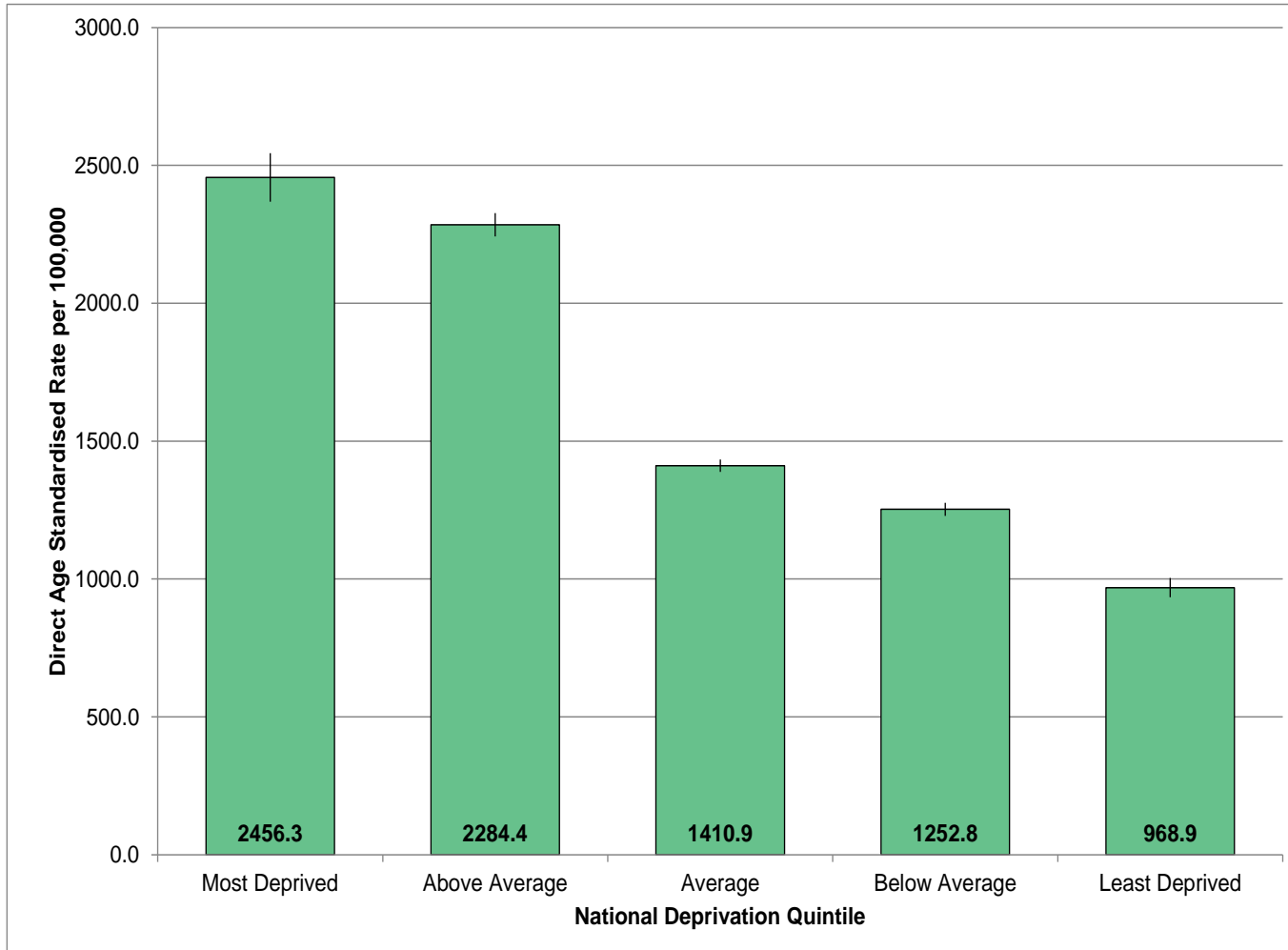
Long-term conditions and health problems caused by prolonged increased alcohol usage



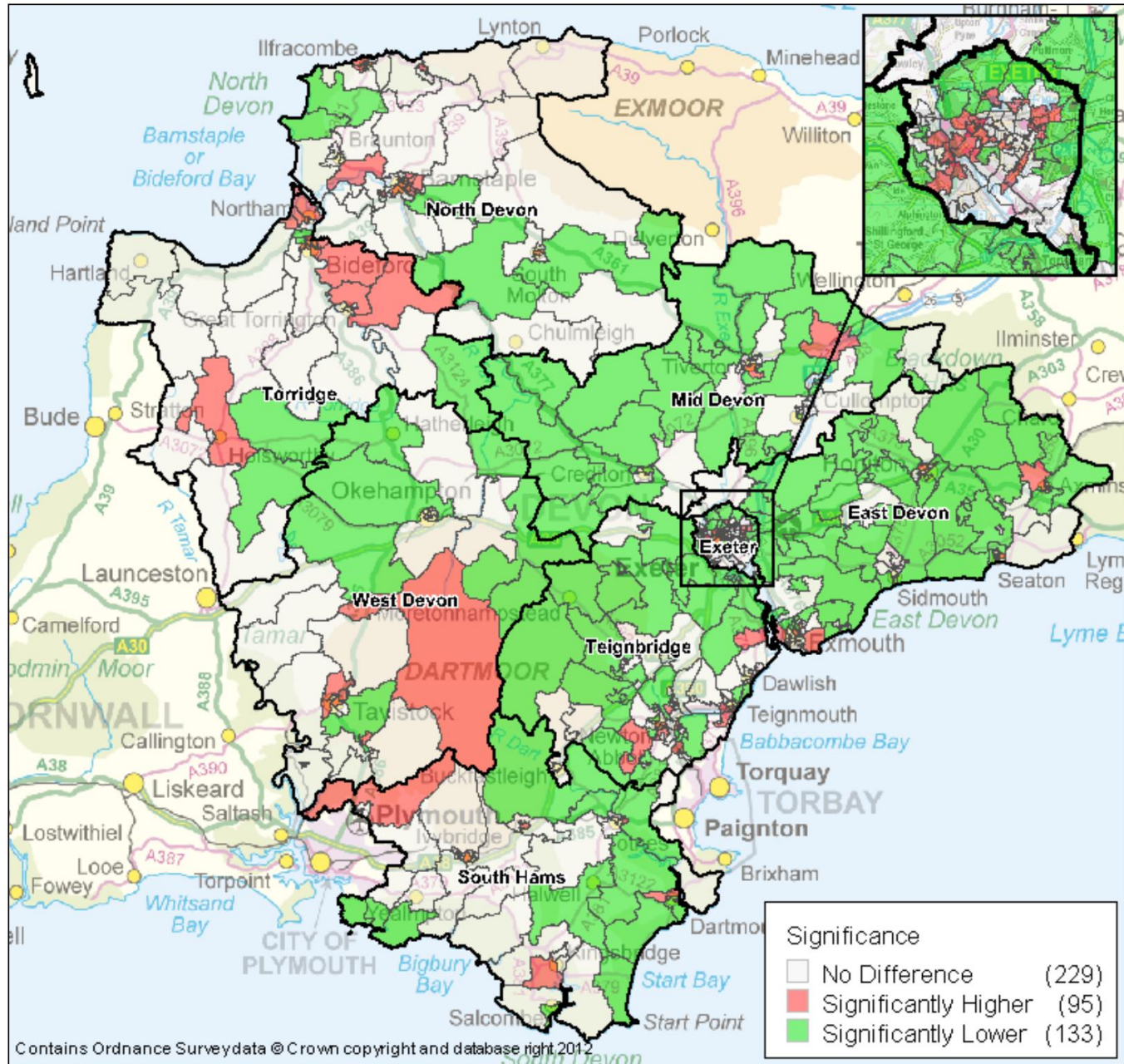
Admissions by Age and Type



Deprivation



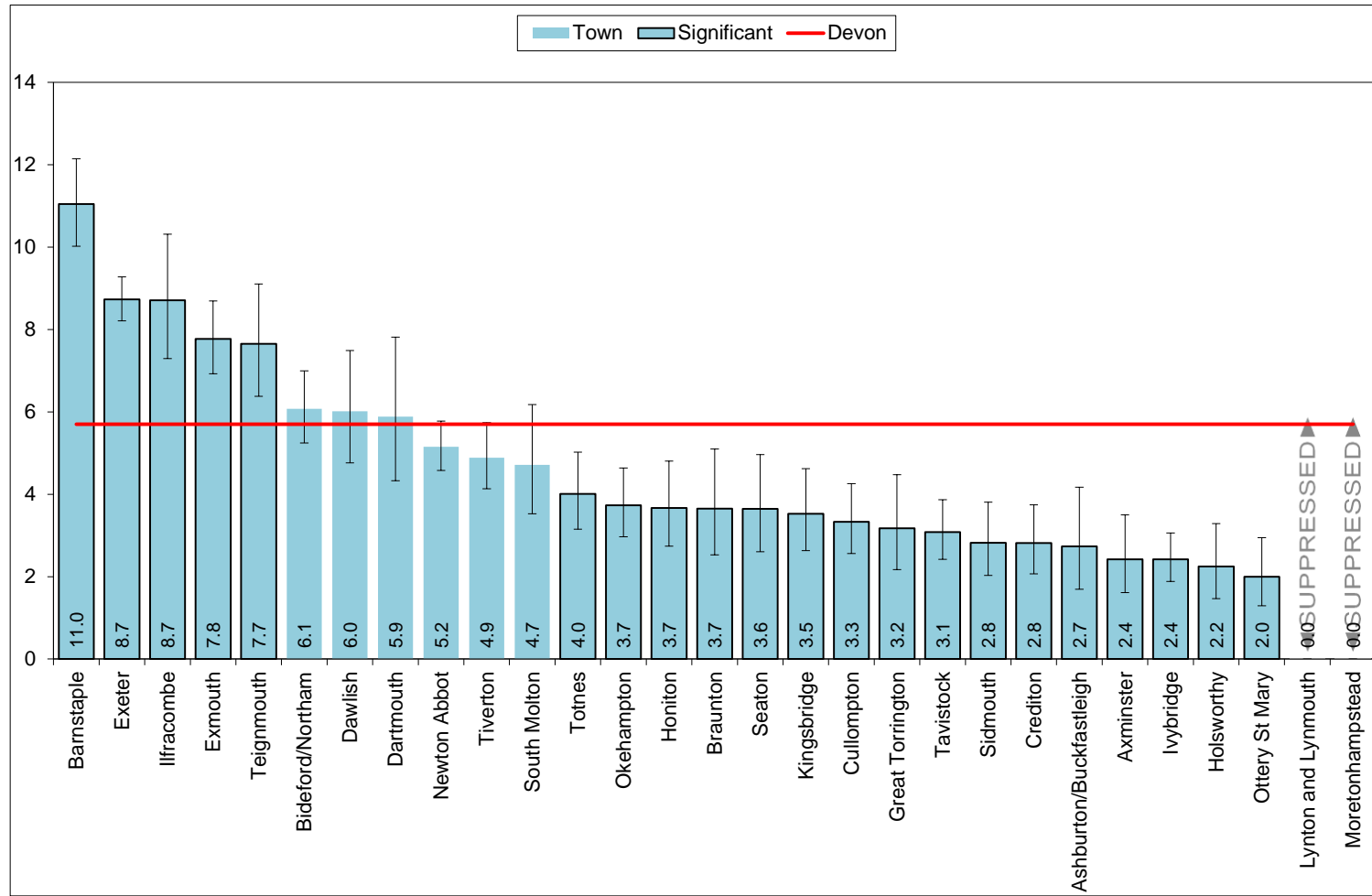
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District	Rate per 100,000 (DASR)	Area with highest rate		Area with lowest rate	
		Name	DASR	Name	DASR
East Devon	1257.7	Honiton King Street area	2628.9	Uplyme and Axmouth area	439.7
Exeter	1629.6	Longbrook Street area	3762.7	Matford Lane and St Leonards Road	749.5
Mid Devon	1177.4	Tiverton: The Avenue area	2085.1	Clayhanger and surrounding areas	551.6
North Devon	1940.2	Barnstaple Town Centre	5244.1	Woolacombe and surrounding areas	1098.1
South Hams	1495.3	Kingsbridge West	2573.3	Dartmouth Warfleet and surroundings	840.6
Teignbridge	1512.8	Newton Abbot: Buckland	2881.0	Widcombe-in-the-moor area	621.3
Torridge	1854.2	South East Bideford	3751.7	Clawton and surrounding areas	929.9
West Devon	1463.5	Tavistock East	2173.0	Beaworthy and surrounding areas	851.4
Devon	1520.9	Barnstaple Town Centre	5244.1	Uplyme and Axmouth area	439.7

Variations: Crimes per 1,000



Summary

- People are drinking more than in previous decades
- Whilst binge drinking in young people is a problem, chronic health conditions in older people caused by prolonged excessive drinking is a much greater one
- Future health problems can be prevented through moderation
- There is considerable variation across the county and between different social groups