Some gleanings from the 1799 census of Carrick-on-Suir

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How I found about the census

- One of the jobs I do is webmaster of the Irish Genealogical Research Society.

- Earlier this year a message came through enquiring about the 1799 census of Carrick-on-Suir

- I had not heard of it previously. I do not have Tipperary families.

- It gets a mention in Ryan under census substitutes for Co Tipperary

- The Irish Genealogist

1799

Census of Carrick-on-Suir (gives name, age, religion, and occupation of all inhabitants) NLI 28; BM ms. 11,722. A descriptive note on the census is in *Ir. Gen.* 5 (2) (1975): 271-72; *Decies* 21 (1982): 29-31.

Next steps

- I did some googling and found a couple of mentions and tried to contact the people mentioned but had no success.

- At short notice is May I was able to arrange a quick trip to England and Ireland

- I e-mailed the British Library asking for permission to photograph and publish the census as a database – they responded in the affirmative

- When I fronted up to the British Library I was confronted by the census in a bound volume with pages around the size of A2 and entries going across two pages. I started photographing them.

Next steps

- Soon thereafter I started typing the entries into an Excel workbook
- A few weeks after I returned home I completed the task
- I made a page on the irishancestors.ie so the results could be searched
- Now I have the database I can do some analysis

Where is Carrick-on-Suir

About Carrick-on-Suir

- It is a small town in the South East corner of County Tipperary

- It is close to Counties Waterford and Kilkenny

- The castle was the seat of the Butler family before they moved to Kilkenny – Edmond Butler was created Earl of Carrick in 1315

- The Elizabethan house above was built by Thomas Butler 10th Earl of Ormond

- See the Wikipedia entry

- The 2006 population is around 16,000

- The 1799 population was about 11,000
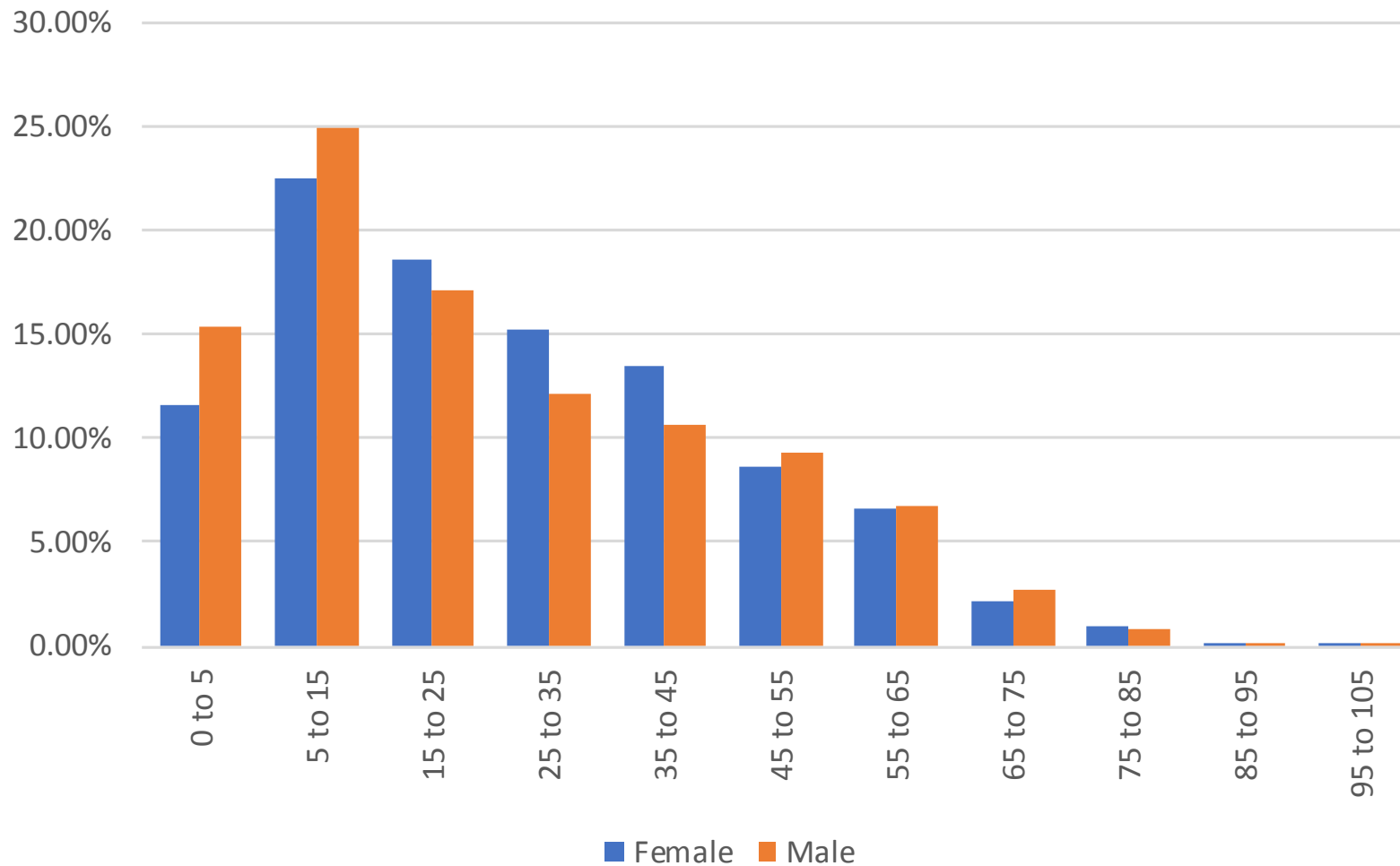
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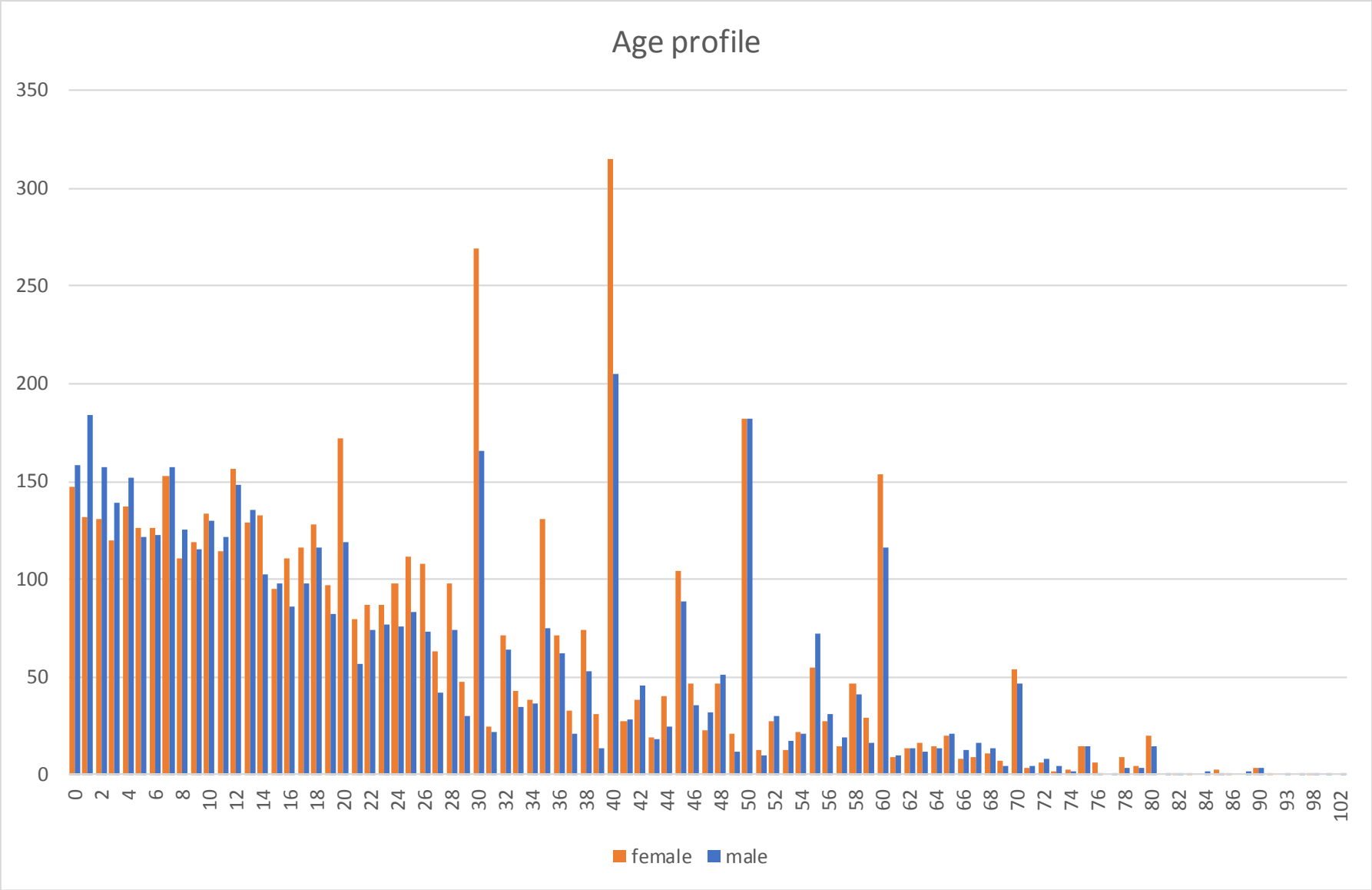
female   male

Ages 2

Population Pyramid

Median age:
Male – 19
Female – 22
All – 20

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Male – 35
Female – 37
All – 36

Age difference of married couples

Number of marriages

Male age less female age
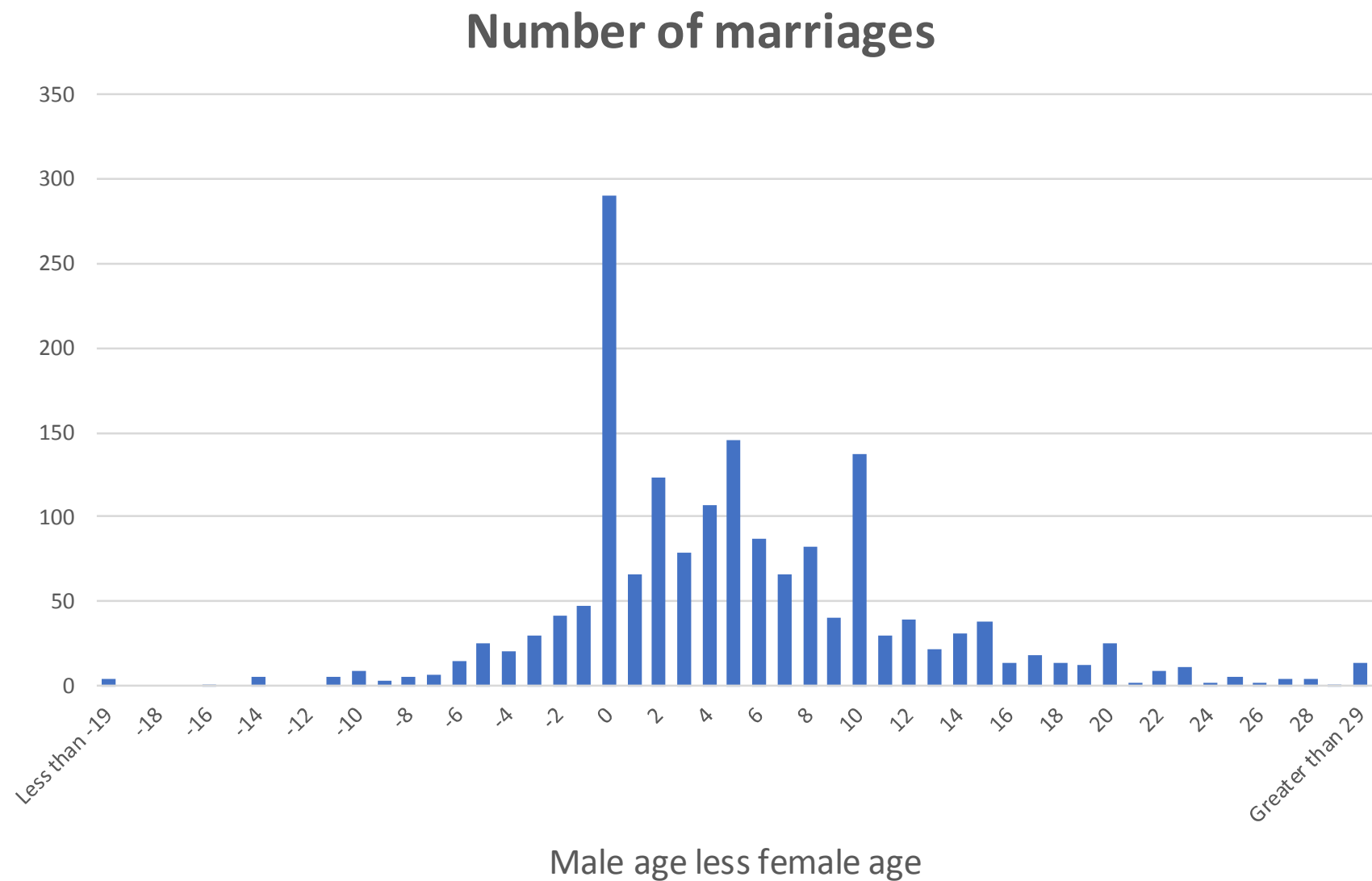
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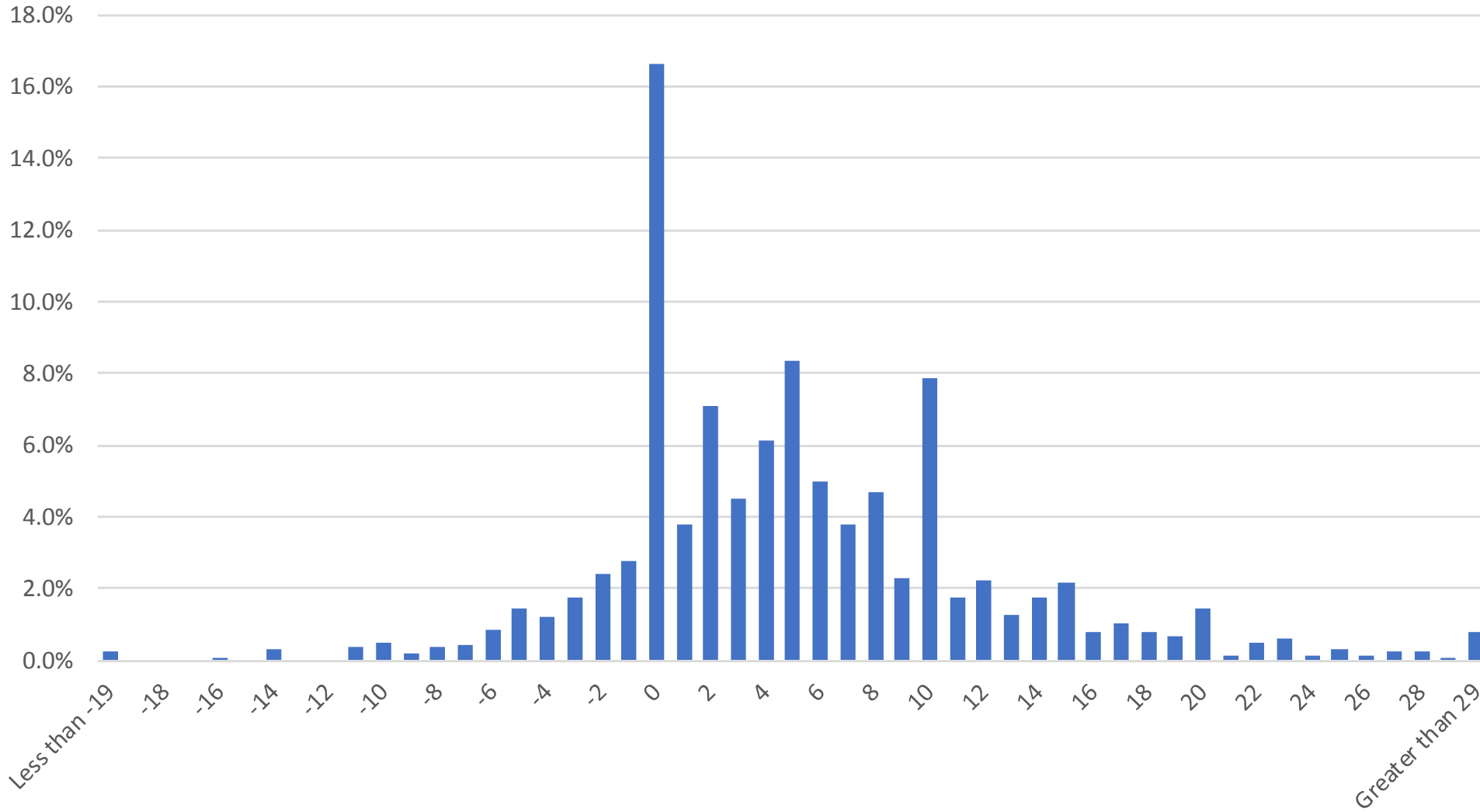
Male age less female age

Occupations

Occupation	Female	Male	Total
Labourer		459	459
weaver		321	321
Scribler		126	126
Boatman		118	118
servant	13	82	95
Shearman		94	94
Shoemaker	2	90	92
Butcher	2	75	77
Carpenter		73	73
No profession	31	34	65
Brogue Maker	1	63	64

Occupation (cont)

Occupation	Female	Male	Total
Huckster	54	9	63
Taylor		62	62
clerk		61	61
Carrier		58	58
Clothier	4	49	53
Cooper		49	49
Publican	12	35	47
Mariner		40	40
Smith		36	36
Breeches Maker		31	31

Religion

	Female	Male	Total
Protestant	146	146	292
Quaker		1	1
Roman Catholic	5,620	4,995	10,615
Total	5,766	5,142	10,908

Marriage 1

- Generally Females 16 years old and over designated Single or married (single children and grandchildren all single)

- Generally Males 20 years old and over designated Single or married (single children and grandchildren all single)

Marriage 2

Row Labels	married Partner not in household	married	widow	widower	single	(blank)
female	177	1741	655		677	2516
male	91	1741		174	340	2796
Grand Total	268	3482	655	174	1017	5312

Female ever married	Married		
Age	Partner not in household	In household	Widow
16		3	
17	1	8	
18		12	
19		18	
20	3	44	1
21	1	25	1
22	4	34	
23		40	2
24	7	41	2
25	4	56	4
26	7	53	5
27	3	37	3
28	4	55	3
29	2	36	3
30	22	157	20

Female ever married	Married		
Age	Partner not in household	In household	Widow
31	3	19	1
32	6	48	6
33	3	31	2
34	1	29	4
35	15	85	13
36	8	51	8
37	5	20	4
38	6	54	8
39	1	22	4
40	35	185	56
41		18	8
42	3	23	11
43		13	5
44		29	7
45	6	66	28
46	1	31	8
47		17	5
48	1	29	12
49	1	15	4
50	9	106	54

Male ever married	Married		
Age	Partner not in household	In household	Widower
17	1		
18		1	
19		3	
20	2	12	
21	1	3	
22	2	12	
23		38	
24		30	
25	4	42	
26	2	37	1
27	1	17	1
28	5	40	
29	1	24	
30	13	111	3

Male ever married	Married		
Age	Partner not in household	In household	Widower
31		17	
32	1	48	1
33	1	29	1
34	1	29	
35	1	62	2
36	2	52	1
37	1	17	1
38	1	44	1
39		14	
40	7	179	5
41	1	24	1
42	2	39	2
43		16	1
44		20	3
45	1	78	6
46		33	2
47		28	2
48	1	43	3
49		11	1
50	5	159	15

Census and census substitutes

- 1659 Census of Ireland
- 1766 religious census
- Voters lists
  - https://nickreddan.net/limerick1731/
  - https://nickreddan.net/localities/limerick1761n.php
  - https://nickreddan.net/localities/limerick_voters.php
  - https://nickreddan.net/lists/index.php
- Griffith Valuation
- Deeds – https://irishdeedsindex.net/mem.php?memorial=183919292