



# **Drink-driving in Hungary**

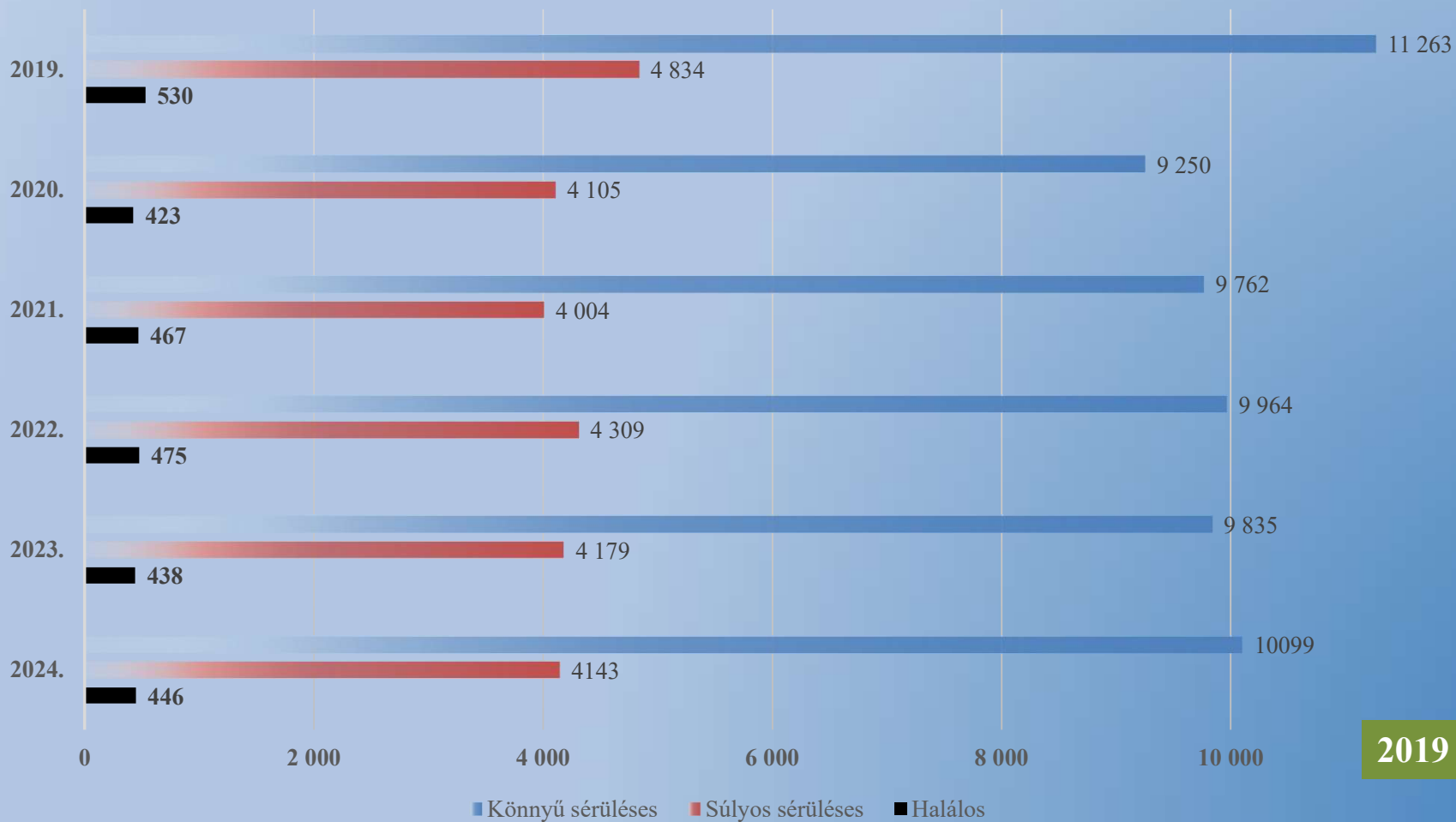
## **Police enforcement in the fight against drink-driving**

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## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURY 2019-2024.



**Total**

16 627

-17%

13 778

+3,3%

14 233

+3,6%

14 748

-2,0%

14 452

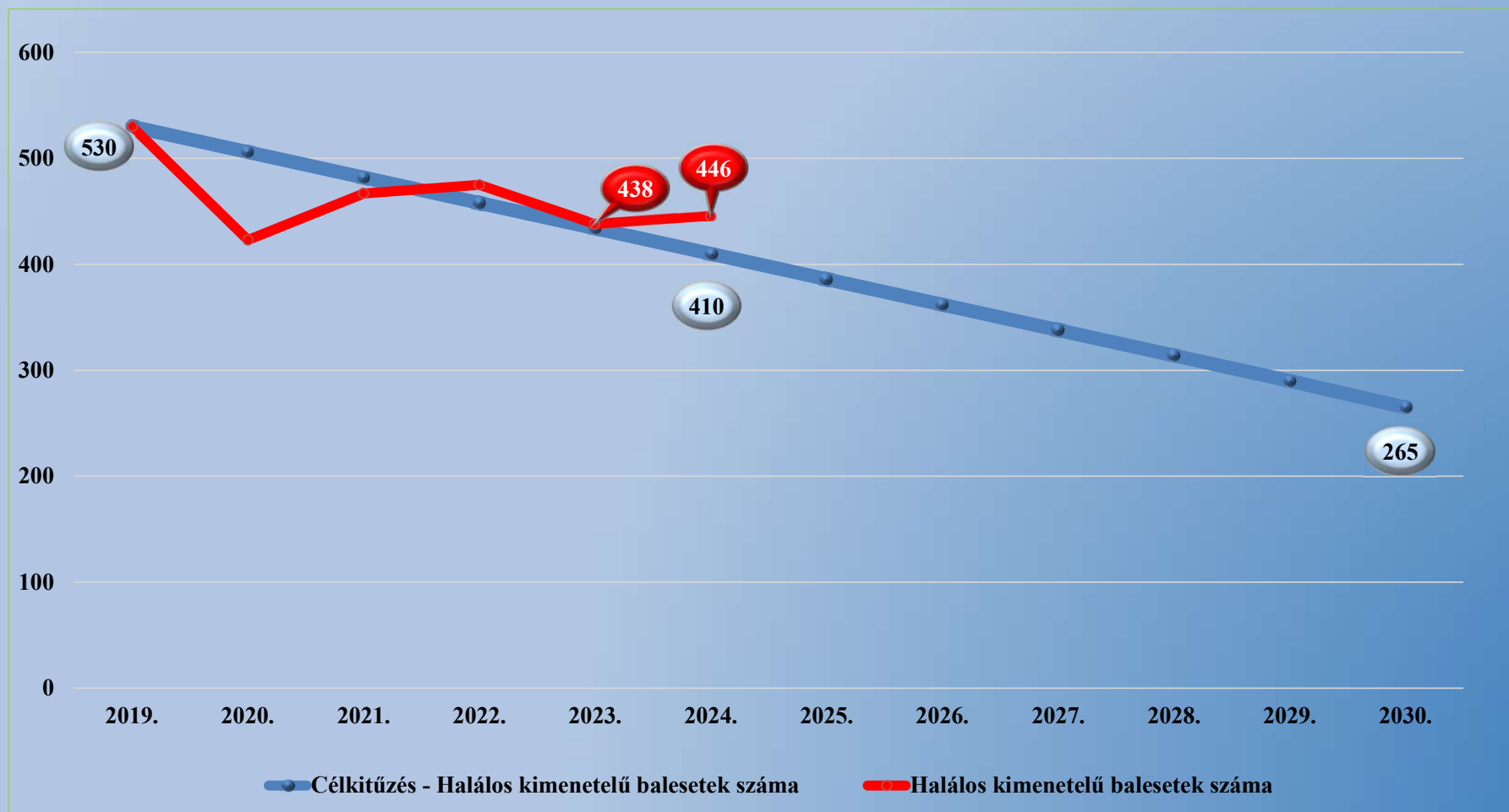
+1,6%

14 688

**2019 → 2024 -11%**

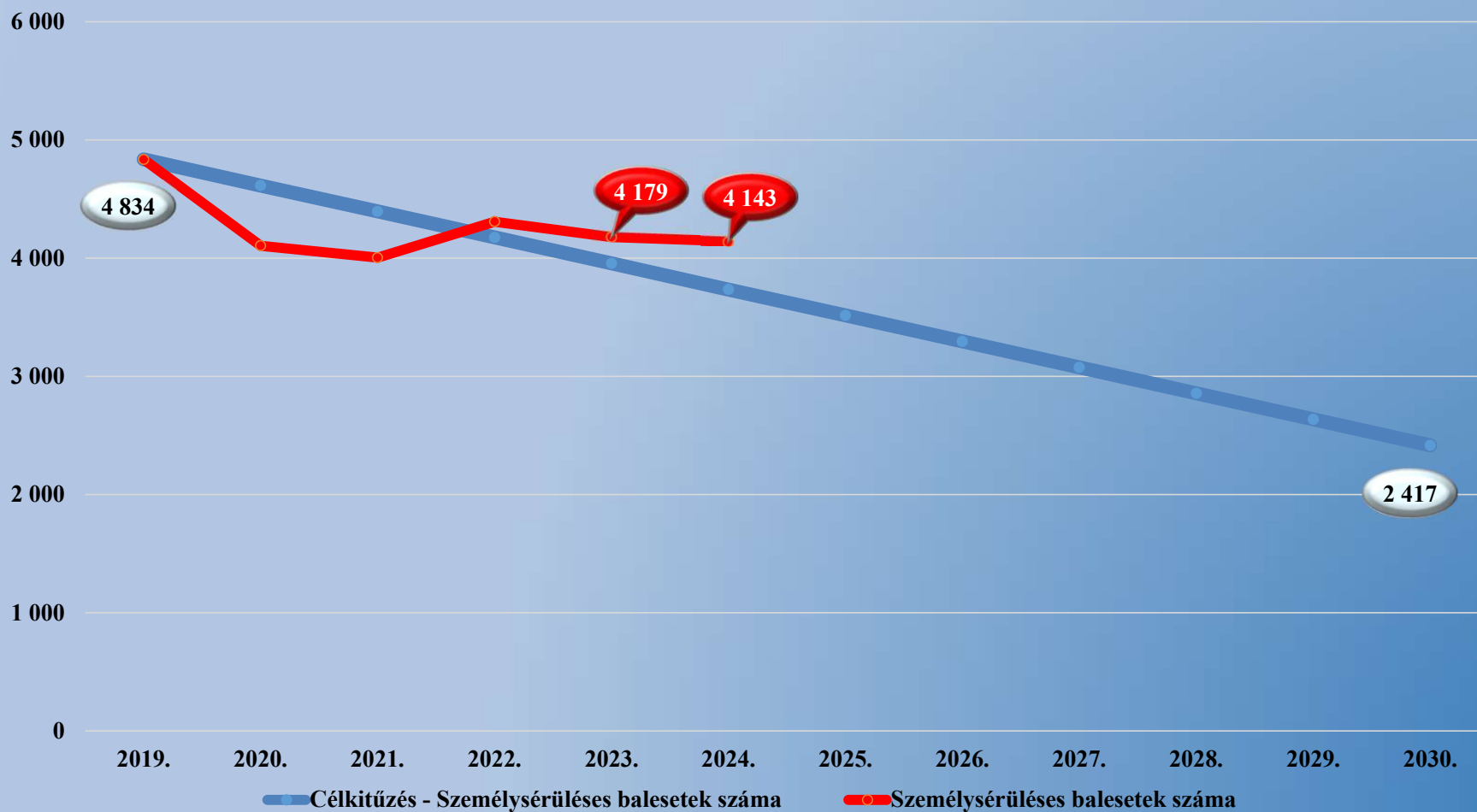


## NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS - OBJECTIVES (IN LINE WITH EUROPEAN UNION TARGETS, 50% REDUCTION BETWEEN 2019-30)





## NUMBER OF SERIOUS INJURY ACCIDENTS - OBJECTIVES (IN LINE WITH EUROPEAN UNION TARGETS, 50% REDUCTION BETWEEN 2019-30)





## Main causes of personal injury accidents in 2024





## NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF DRINK-DRIVING ACCIDENTS





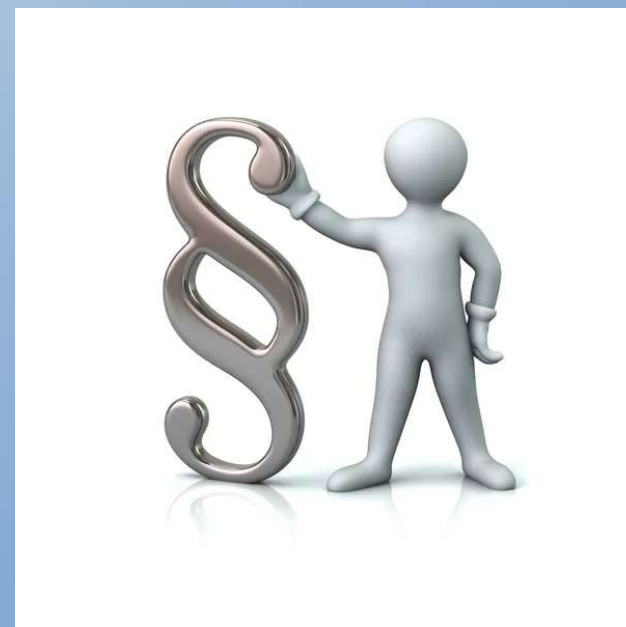
## Distribution by age of drink-driving accidents causing personal injury

Year/age	17-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Over 60
2023	3%	18%	21%	24%	19%	16%
2024	3%	19%	24%	23%	17%	14%



# Legal possibilities

- Drink driving
  - Criminal offence
  - Administrative offence
- On-the-spot withdrawal of a driving licence
- Applying penalty point system
- Driving disqualification during the procedure
- Driving while disqualified is a crime from 14 May 2021







# Police controls

- Focus on drink-driving
  - zero-tolerance policy
  - Random breathe testing
  - Not only in case of an accident
  - Checks only to detect drink-driving
  - Enforcement actions coordinated with publicity campaigns





# Tools for control





## The number of sobriety checks (motor vehicle drivers on public roads)

2023



2 440 092

2024



2 493 195

2,1%

## Number of positive sobriety checks (motor vehicle drivers on public roads)

2023



16 109

2024



16 325

1,3%



# Sanctions

BAC level	Driving ban	Penalty points	Fines	Imprisonment
-0,3 g/l	-	6	125 €	-
0,3-0,5 g/l	-	8	390 €	-
0,5 g/l-	from 1 month up to 10 years  or  permanent ban	11		- up to 2 years - one to five years if the offence causes permanent disability, serious impairment of health or mass misfortune, - two to eight years if the offence causes death, - from five to ten years if the crime causes the death of more than two persons or a mass casualty





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