

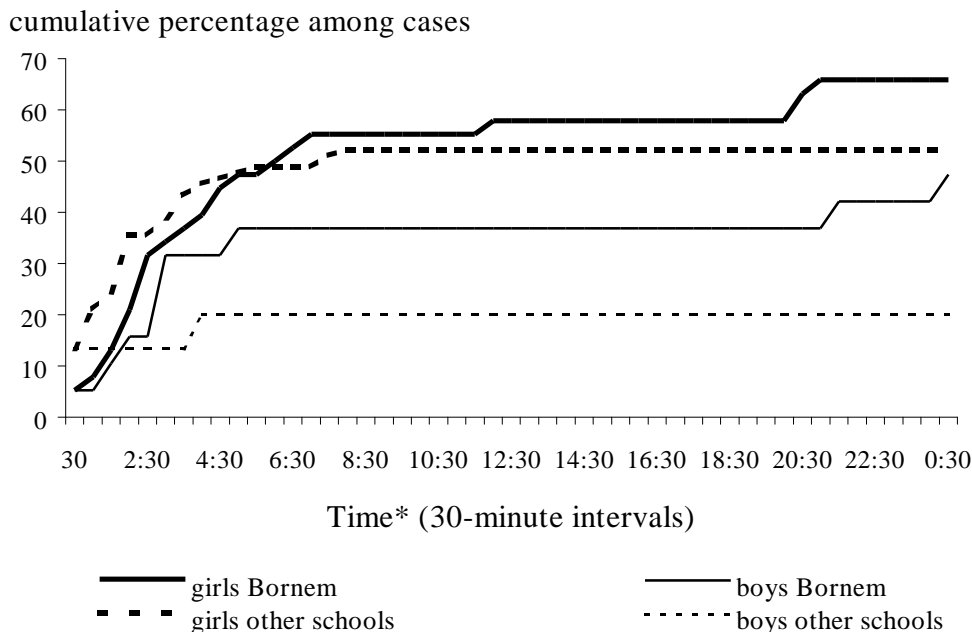
14 Cumulative number of cases among the students (cases + controls) who have consumed beverages

Figure 8 represents the cumulative number of cases by gender and schools, among students (cases + controls) who had consumed beverages. Time on axis represents the delay between beverage consumption and the onset of the disease.

In Bornem, the risk to be ill after consumption was similar for girls and boys. Cumulative incidence rose sharply in the early phase for both genders. Thirty percent of boys and 45% of girls were sick before a delay of 3 hours (Figure 8).

In the other schools, girls were more likely to become ill than boys and cumulative incidence rose sharply for females in the early phase whereas for male it rose moderately. Twenty percent of boys versus 40% of girls were sick before a delay of 4 hours (Figure 8).

Figure 8: Cumulative number of cases who have consumed beverages, by gender and schools, Belgium 1999.



* Delay between beverage consumption and the onset of the disease.