

**C4 and C5**  
**birthweight and gestational age**

# Presentation

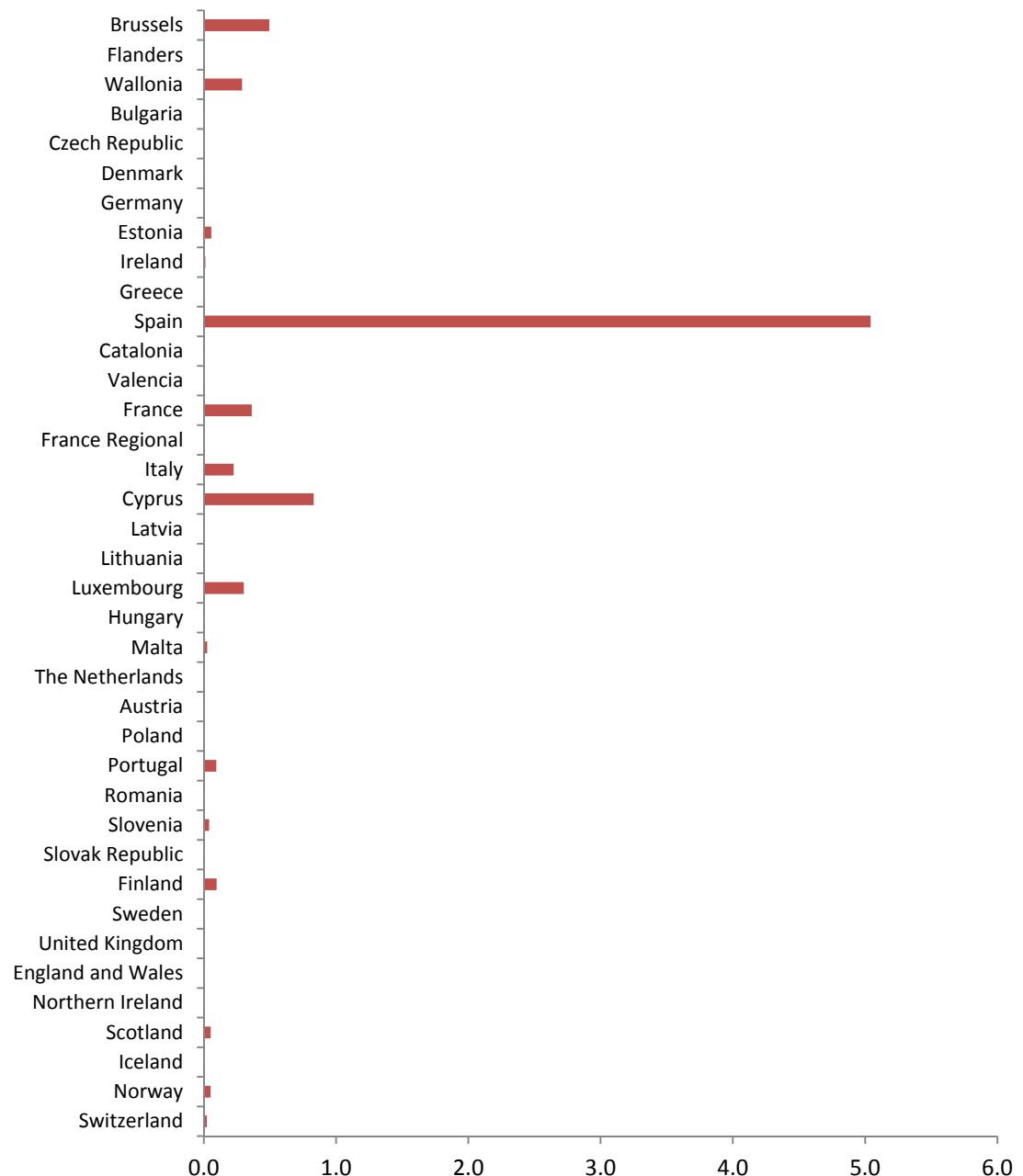
- Missing data and outliers
- Variation across countries in low birthweight and preterm birth
- Changes in these indicators between 2004 and 2010

# Birthweight – C4

Missing data

Countries with missing data do not have high percentages (< 1%)  
Exception is Spain

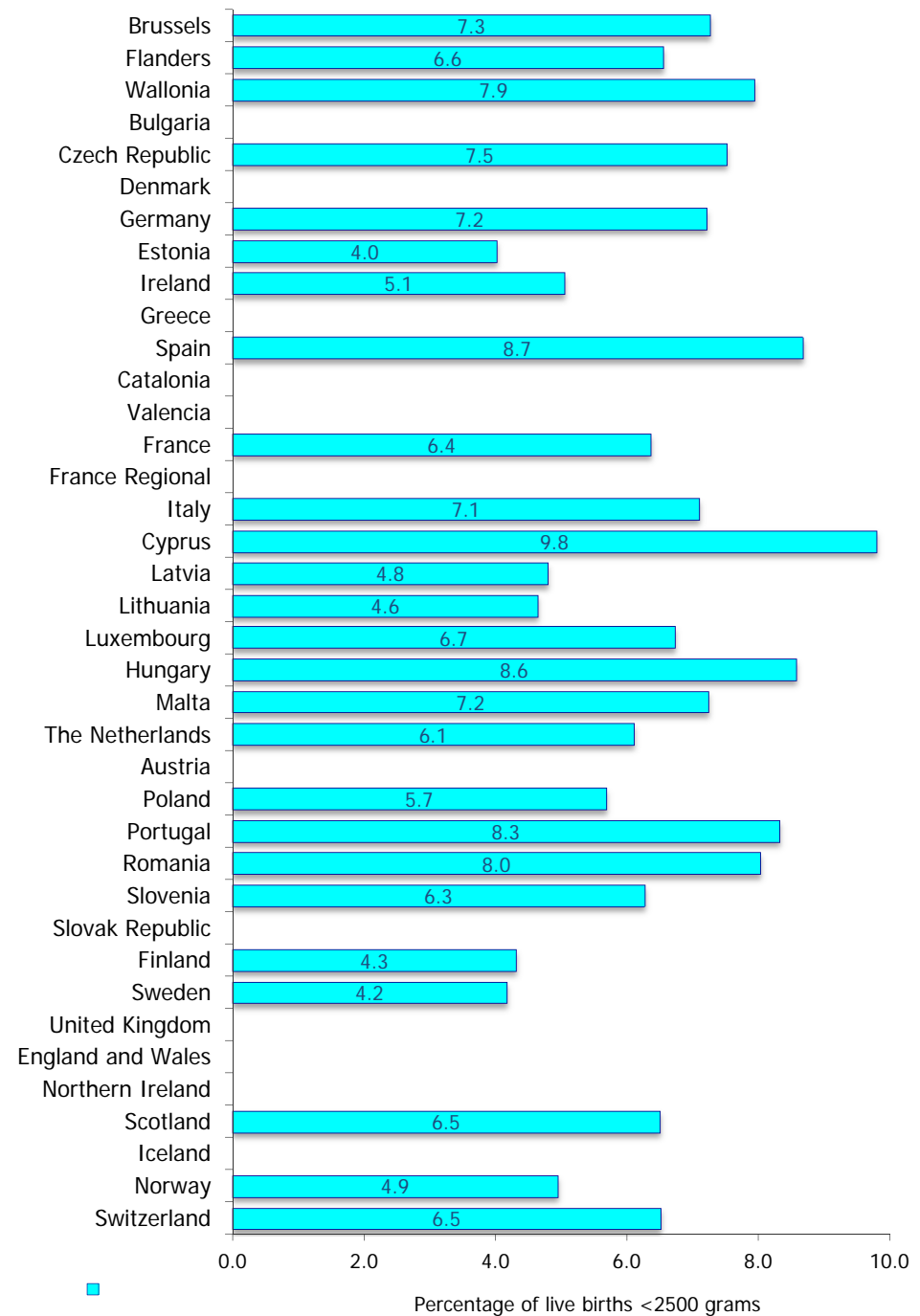
What are procedures in countries with NO missing data?



# Low birthweight

live births with BW <2500 g

Variability from 4.0% to 10%



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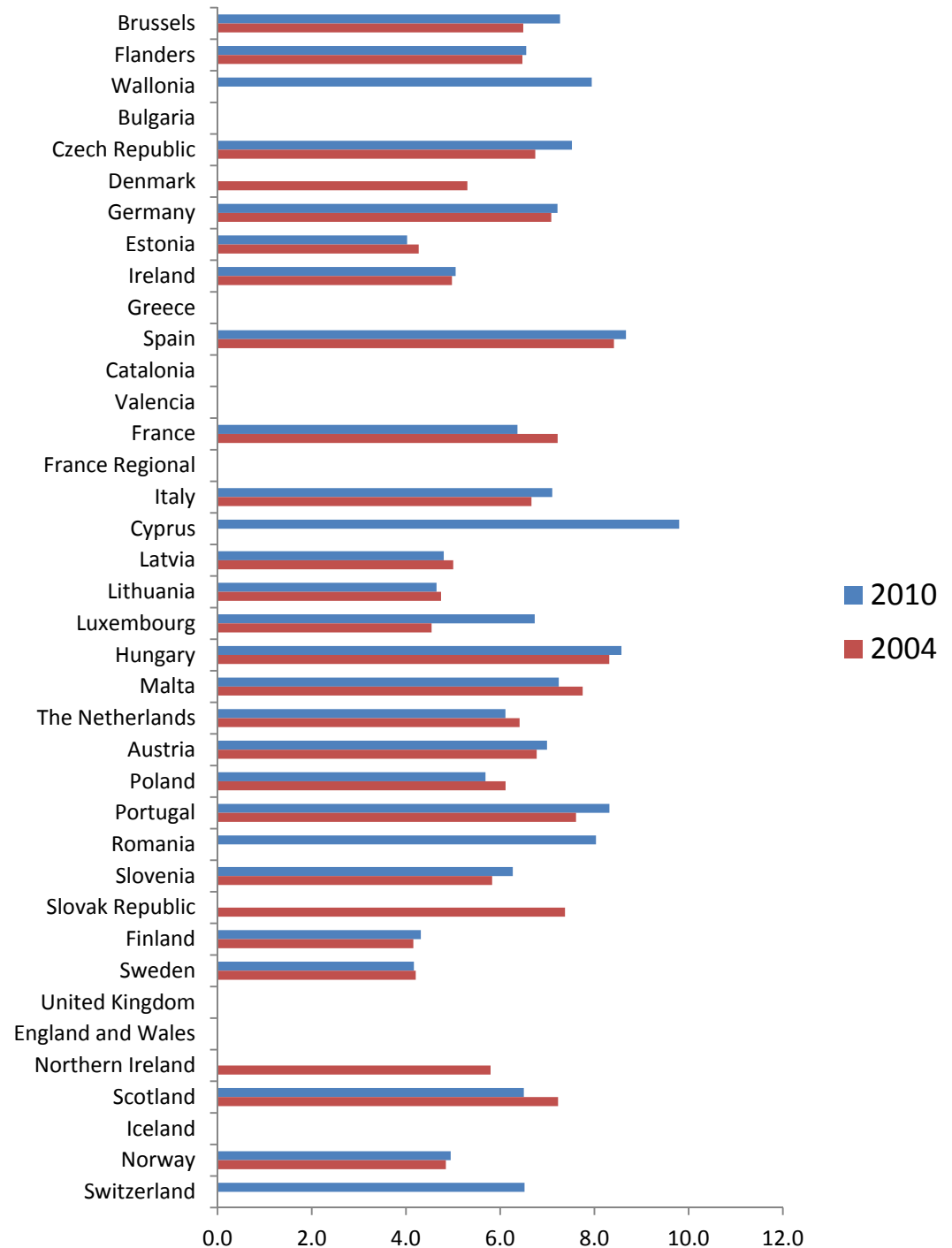
Heterogeneous trends –  
Increases in 14 countries  
Decreases in 9 countries

Questions:

Are these significant or just  
fluctuations from year to  
year?

Association with changes in  
preterm birth?

Association with changes in  
mortality?

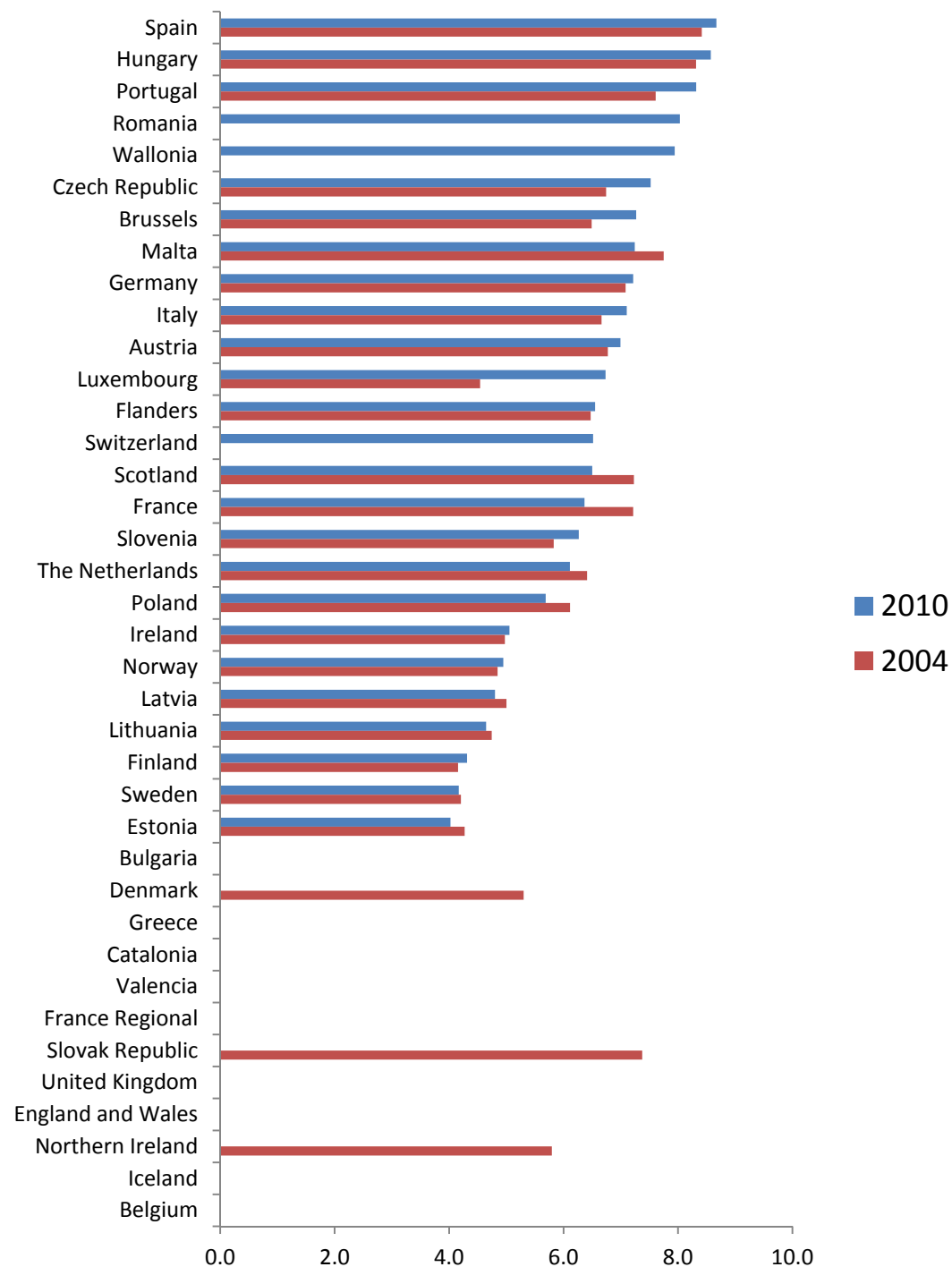


# Low birthweight

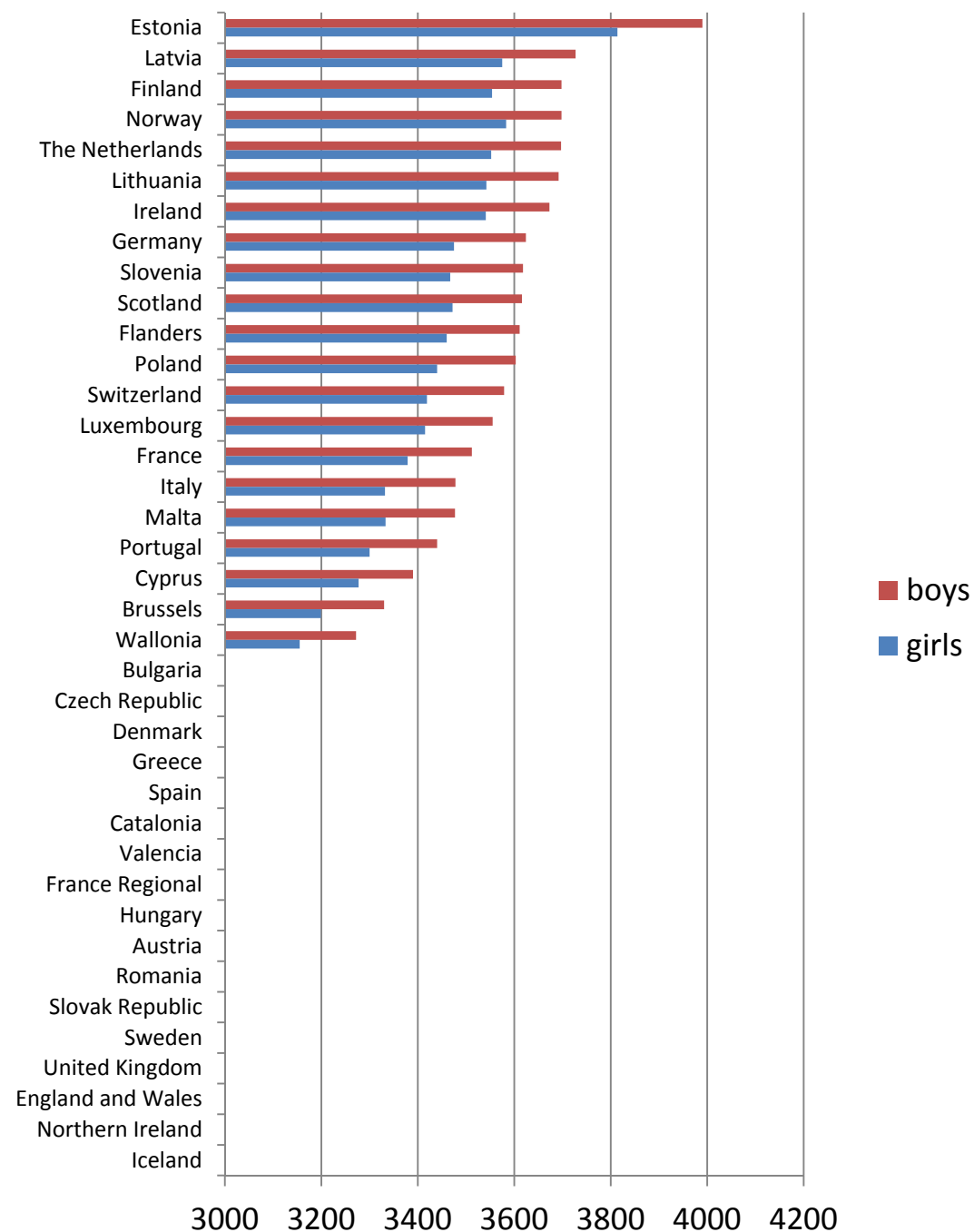
live births with BW < 2500 g

Data sorted on % low  
birthweight in 2010

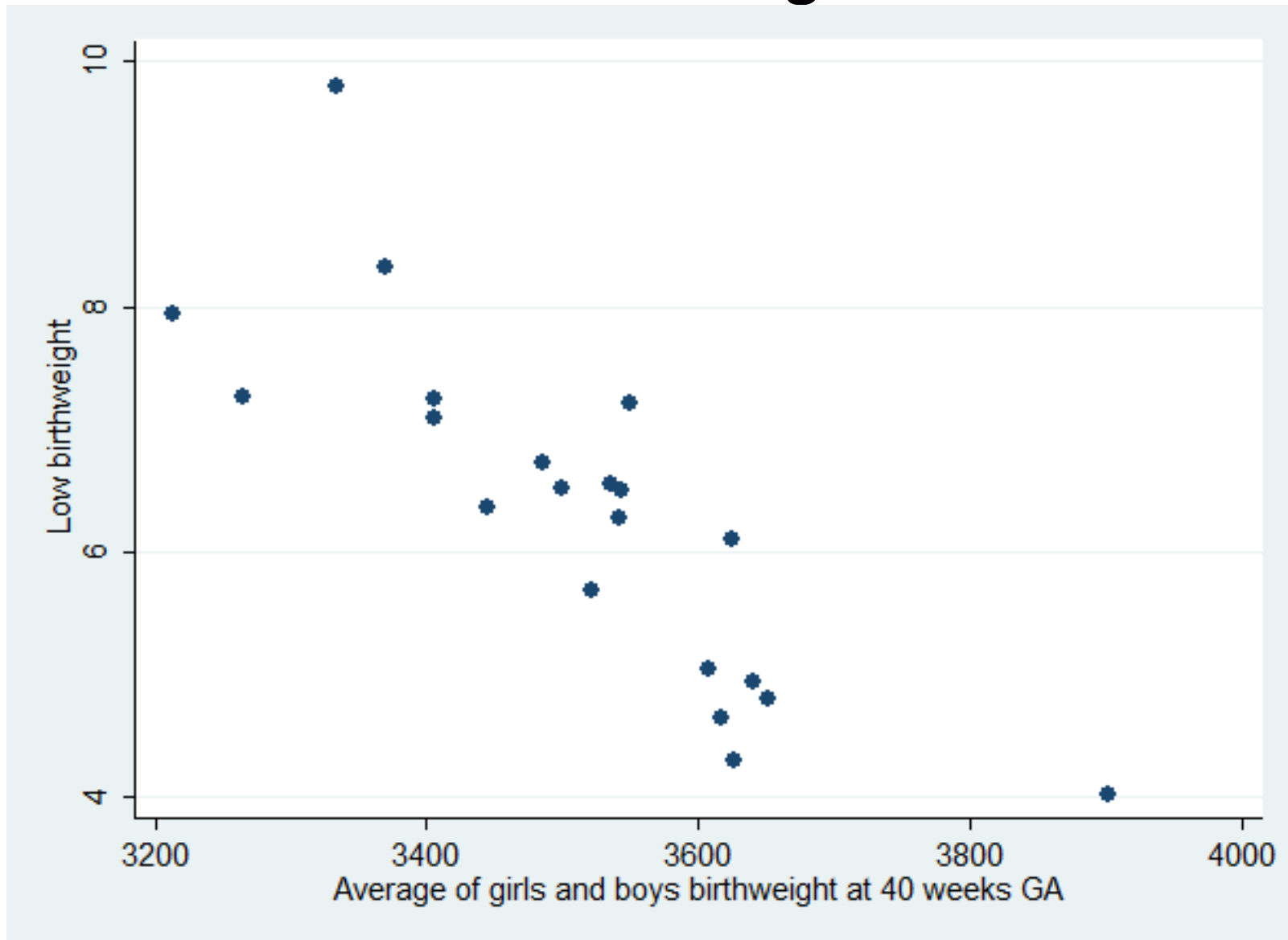
Evolution in some countires  
will have changed rankings



# Mean birthweight at 40 weeks GA

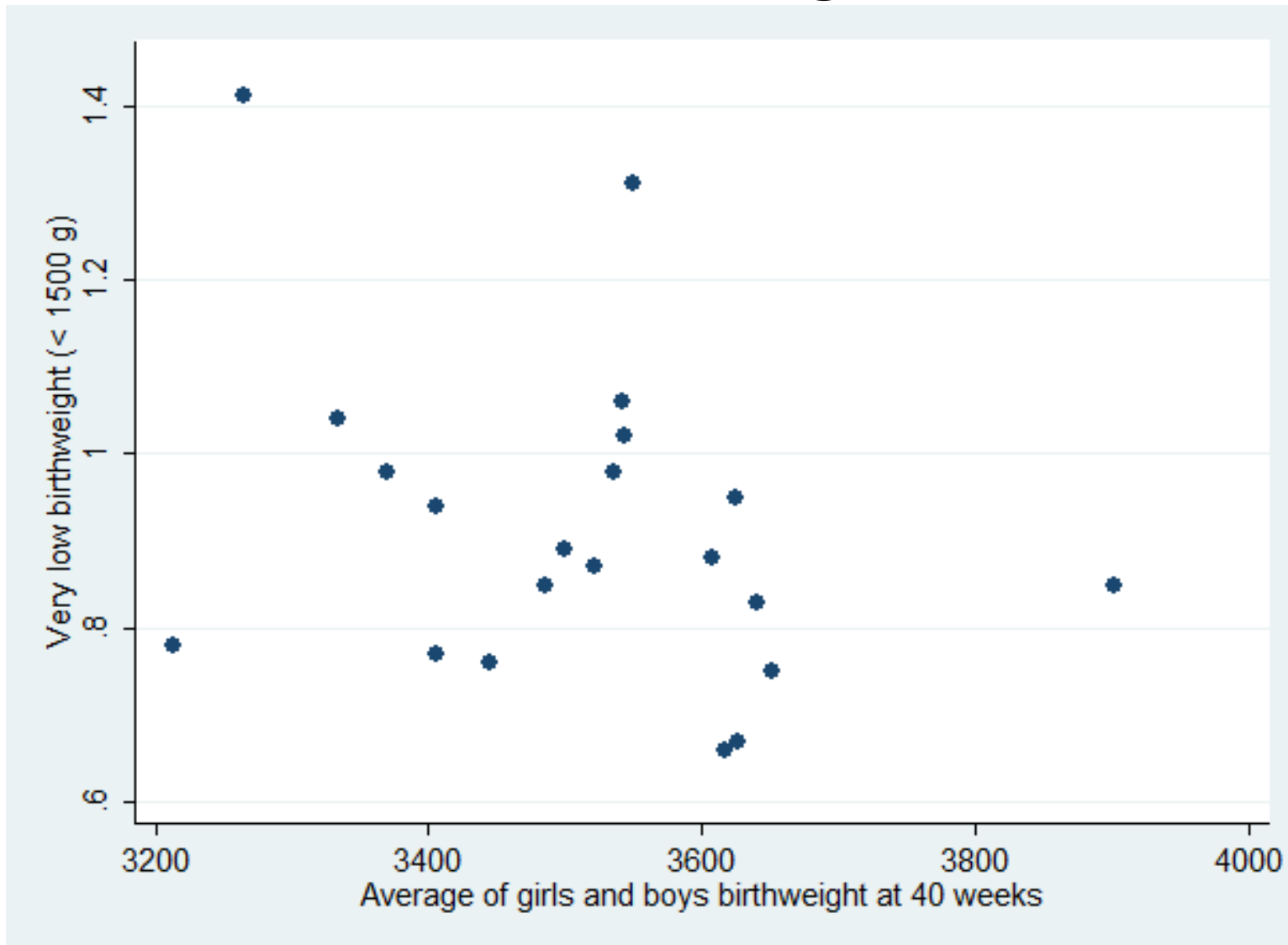


## Average BW at 40 weeks and % of births less than 2500 g





## Average BW at 40 weeks and % of births less than 1500 g



# Gestational age – C5

Missing data

Countries with missing do not have high percentages (<1.2%)

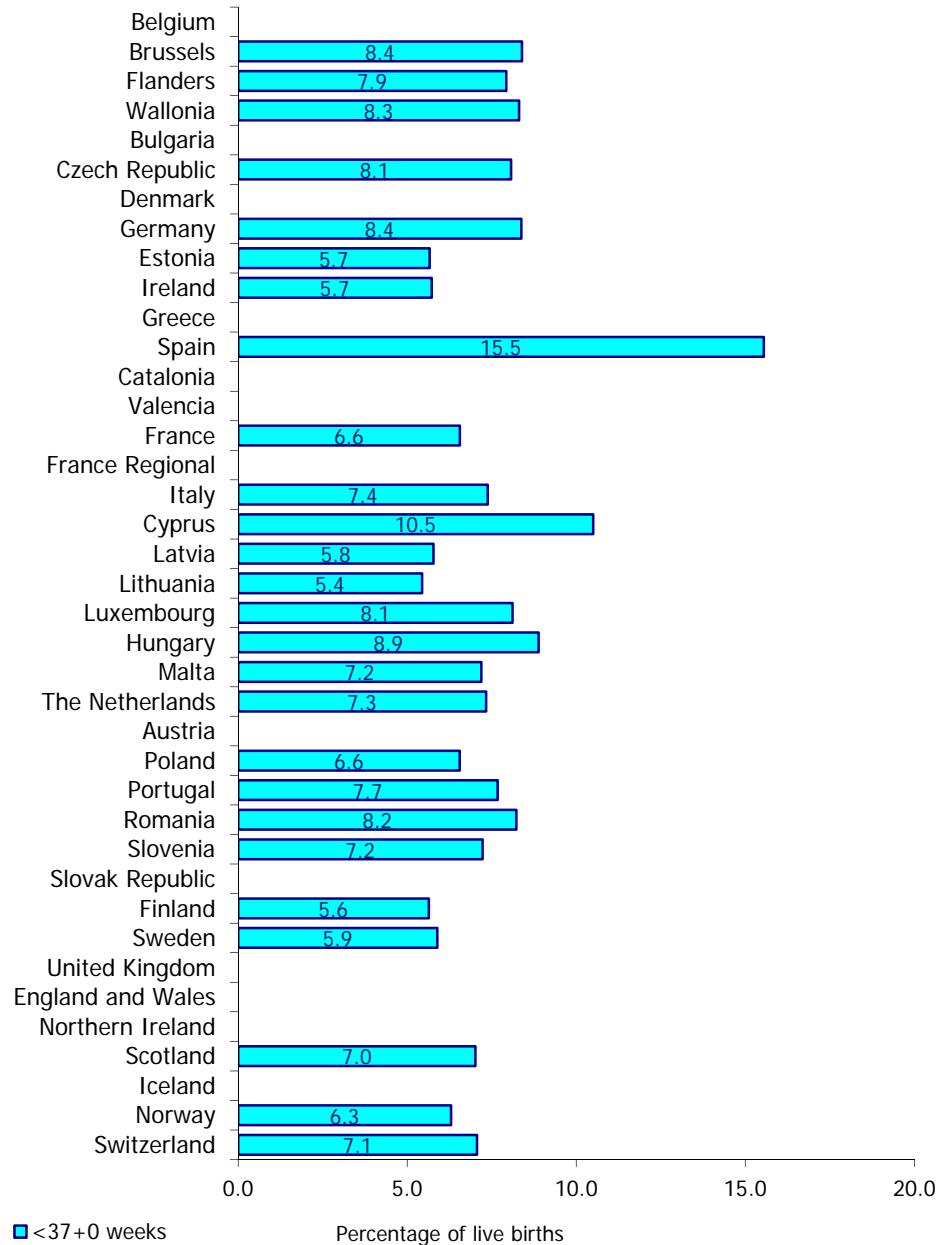
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# Preterm birth

live births with GA < 37 weeks

Variability from less than  
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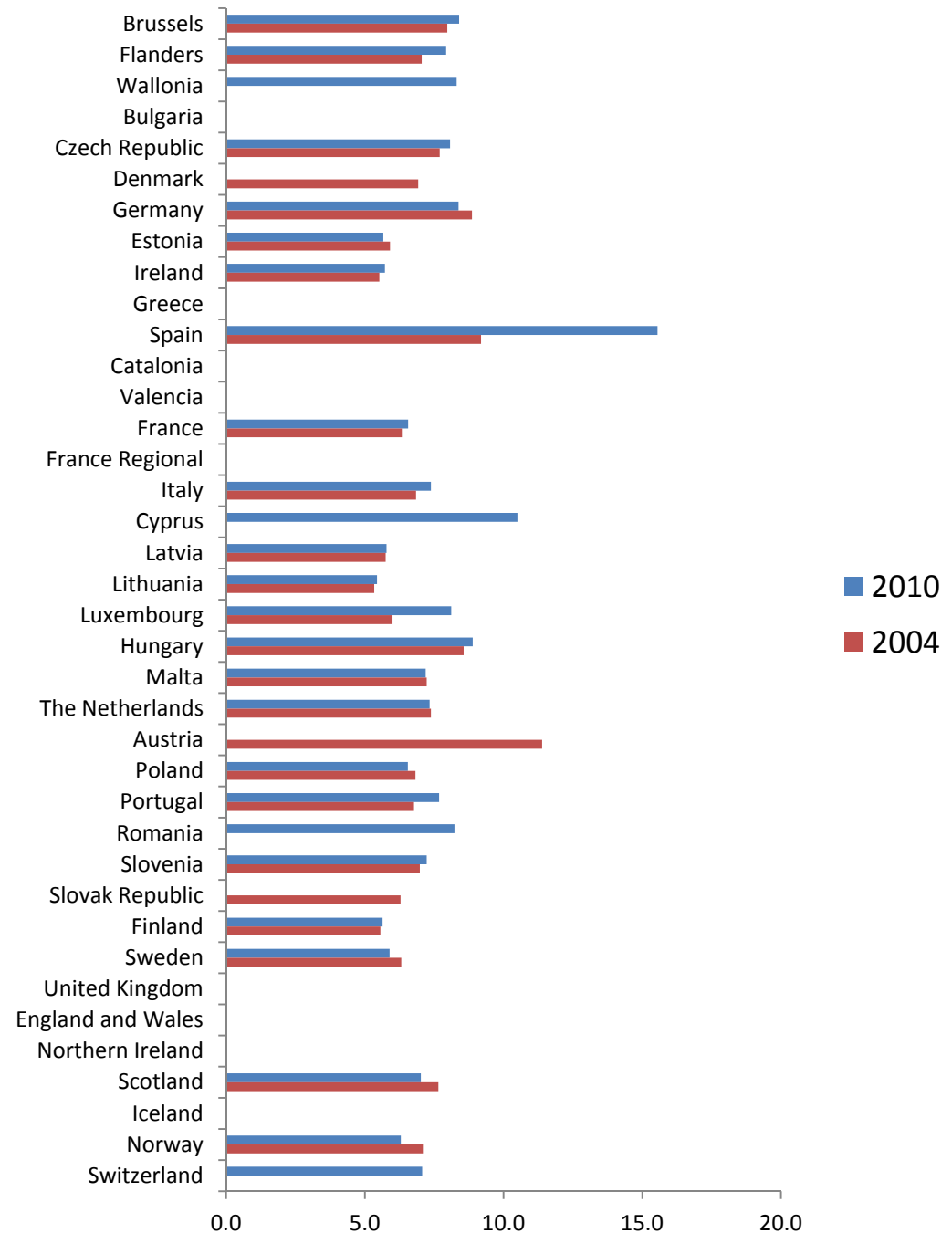
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Also varying trends

Rises in 12 countries

Stable or declining in 9  
countries



# Average BW at 40 weeks and % of births born preterm

