

Prevalence of congenital anomalies: time trends 2010-2018

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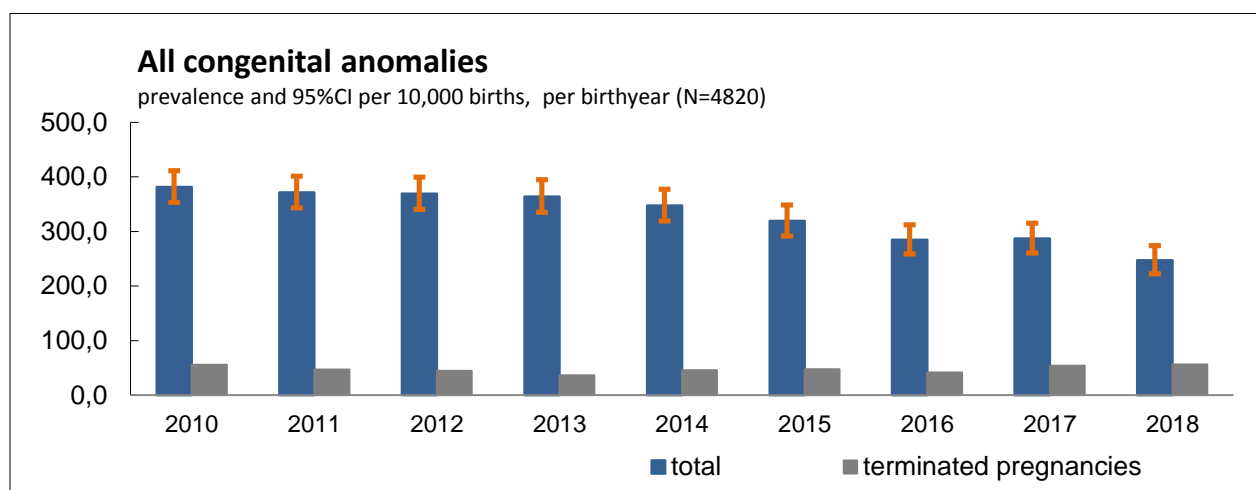
One of the goals of the registration is monitoring the prevalence of congenital anomalies over time. In the graphs presented below the prevalence rates per year are shown for a period of nine years. We present the graphs from 2010 onwards because since that year we included the 'non responders' in the prevalence rates (see for definition: Introduction and Methods). The prevalence of total births are shown, (with 95% confidence interval) except for those anomalies where a major impact of prenatal diagnosis and selective termination of pregnancy can be expected. In those cases, total births and terminated pregnancies are presented. The Y-axis represents the observed prevalence of the selected congenital anomaly per 10,000 births, with adjustment of scale according to the magnitude of the counts.

First, the groups of all congenital anomalies together were analyzed. Subsequently, we analyzed chromosomal and monogenic anomalies. Finally, we studied specific malformations excluding chromosomal and monogenic disorders and deletions. This resulted in a group of so-called 'non genetic' anomalies, where environmental factors could play a role.

In addition to graphical presentation of prevalences, 95% confidence intervals and chi-square testing for trend was performed. Results of chi-square test are presented under each figure and the period tested is 2010-2018.

All congenital anomalies

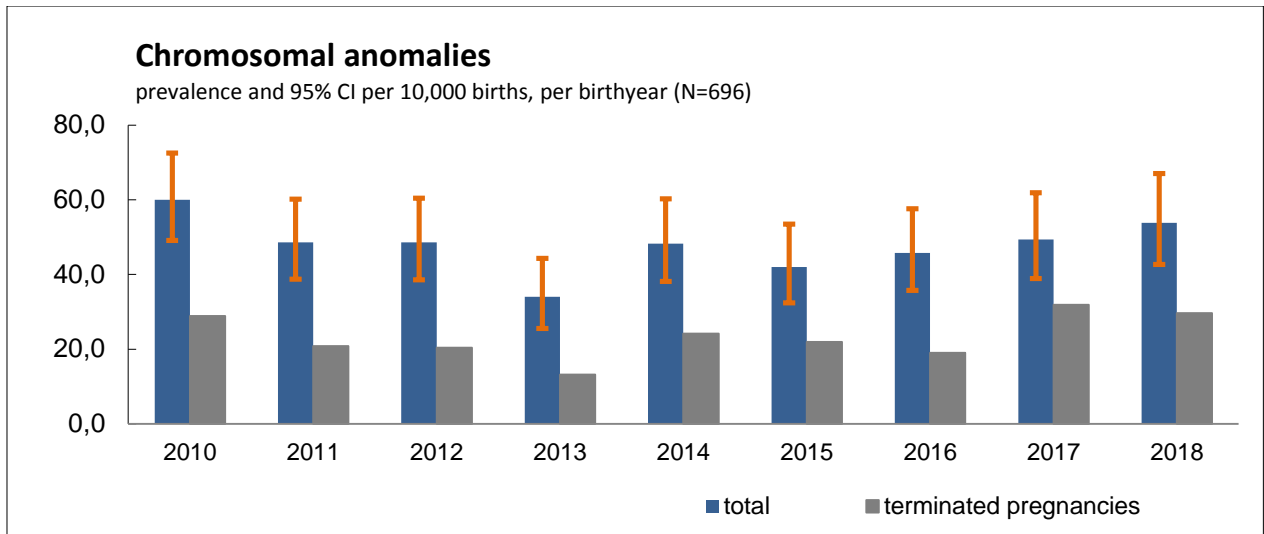
There is gradual (significant) decrease in overall prevalence of all congenital anomalies together as a group. The decline in numbers in the most recent years is largely caused by incomplete registration of all cases for these years.



X^2 for trend = 83.0, $p = <.001$

Chromosomal anomalies

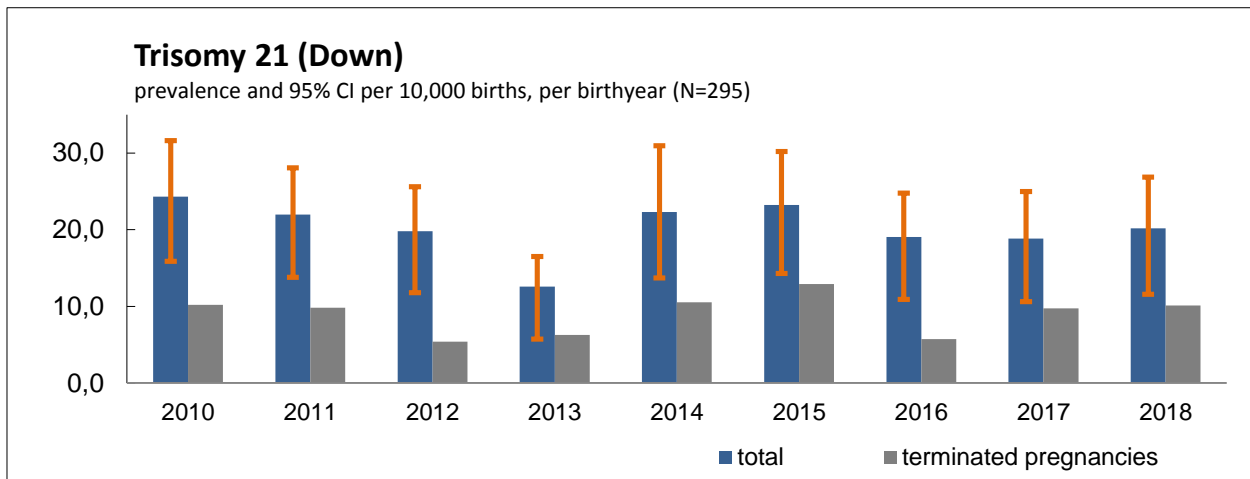
The prevalence of the group of Chromosomal anomalies shows a fluctuating pattern but no trend. This is true for the total prevalence as well as for the proportion of terminated pregnancies.



X^2 for trend = 0.4, $p = 0.53$

Trisomy 21

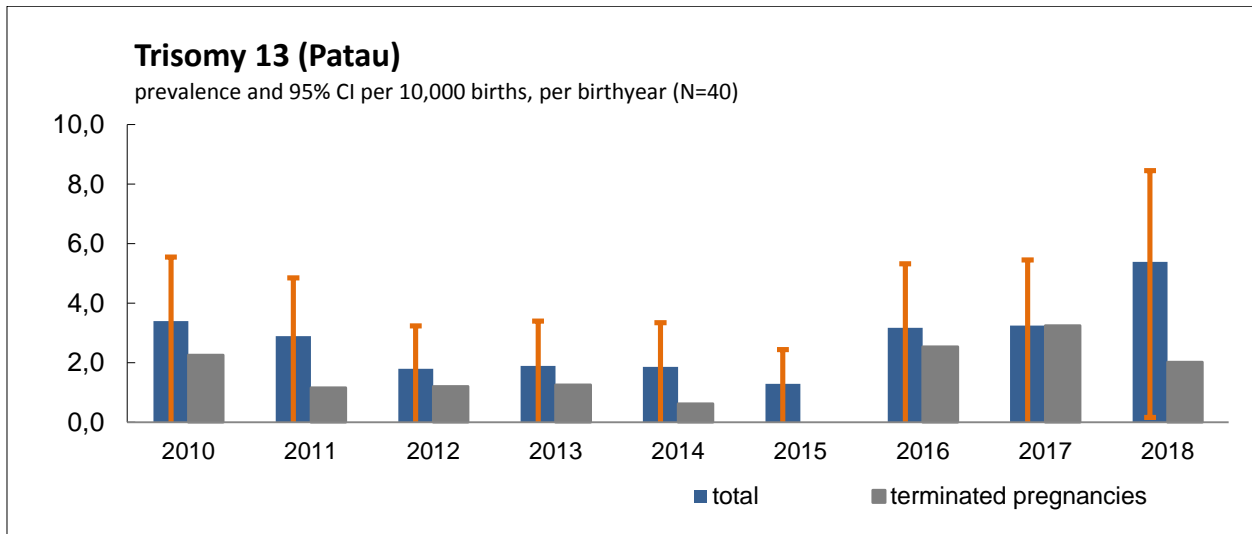
Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) is the most prevalent chromosomal anomaly. There is no statistically significant difference between in time. The proportion of terminated pregnancies in this period shows a heterogeneous pattern.



X^2 for trend = 0.5, $p = 0.501$

Trisomy 13

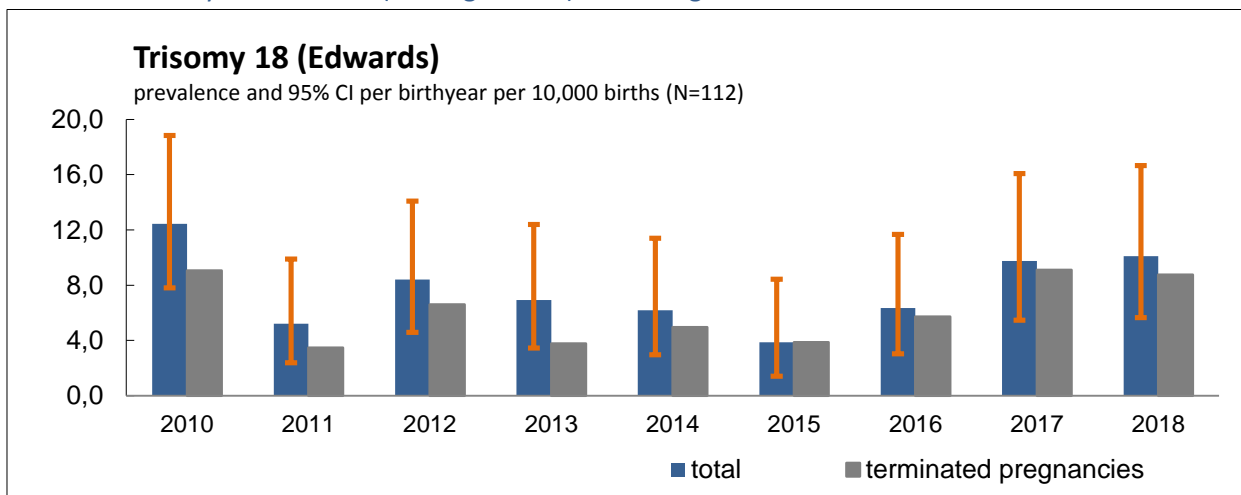
Trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome) is a rare chromosomal anomaly. The total number of cases is very low (40 in nine years), which causes some fluctuations in prevalence. The recent years show an increasing trend but non-significant.



X^2 for trend= 1.0, $p = 0.319$

Trisomy 18

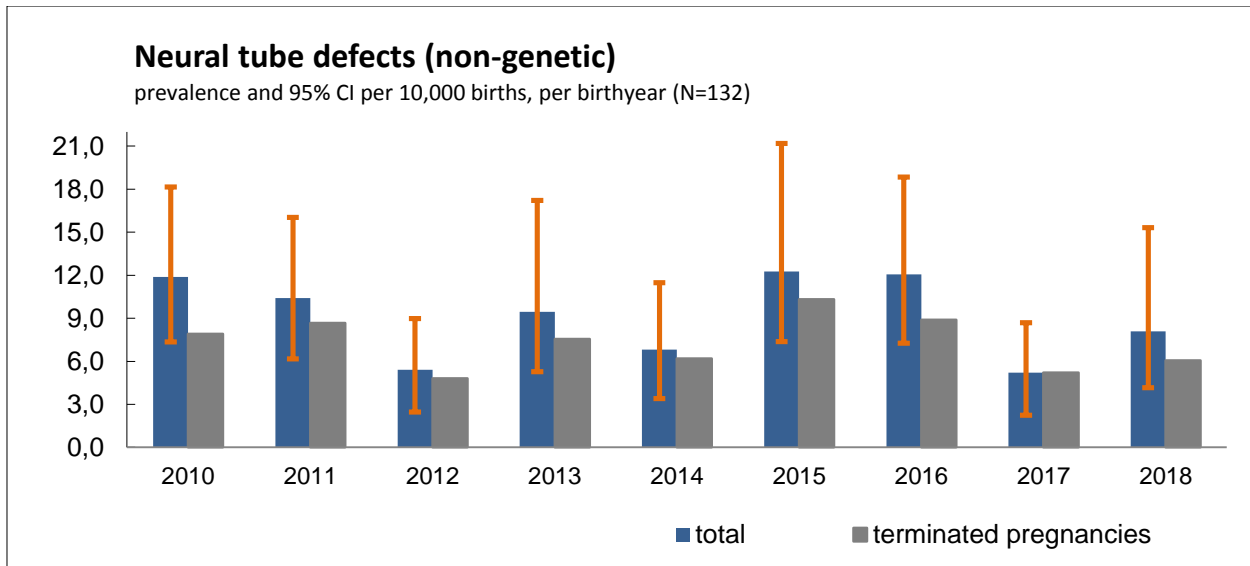
Trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome) does not show a significant trend over the last nine years, although the most recent years show an (non-significant) increasing trend.



X^2 for trend = 0.09, $p = 0.766$

Neural tube defects

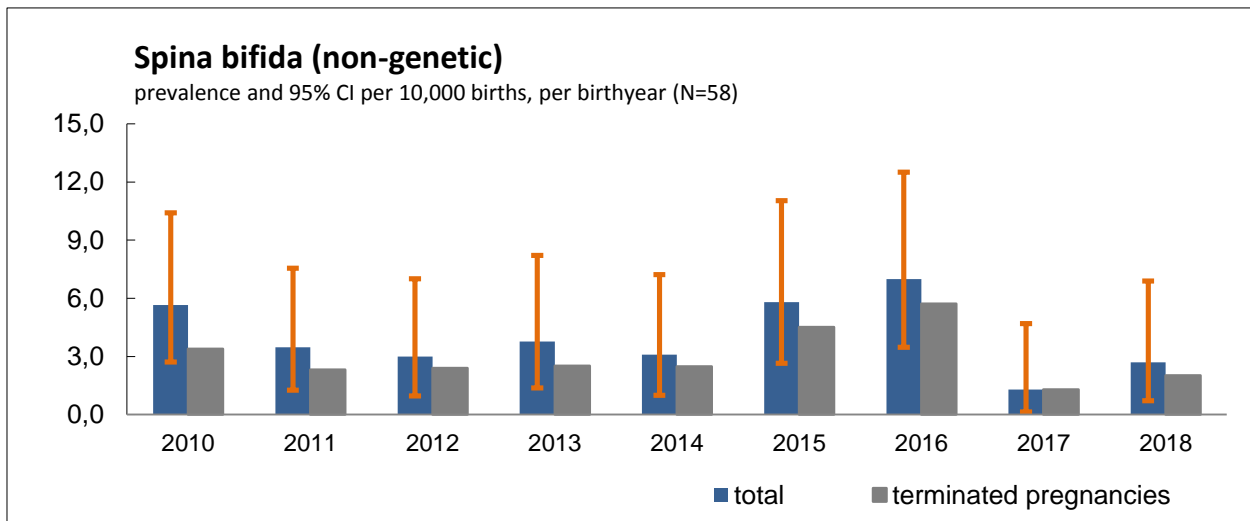
The prevalence of neural tube defects seems to fluctuate over the last nine years, but not in a statistically significant way.



X^2 for trend = 0.7 $p = 0.410$

Spina bifida

Spina bifida, the most common neural tube defect, does not show a significant difference per year.

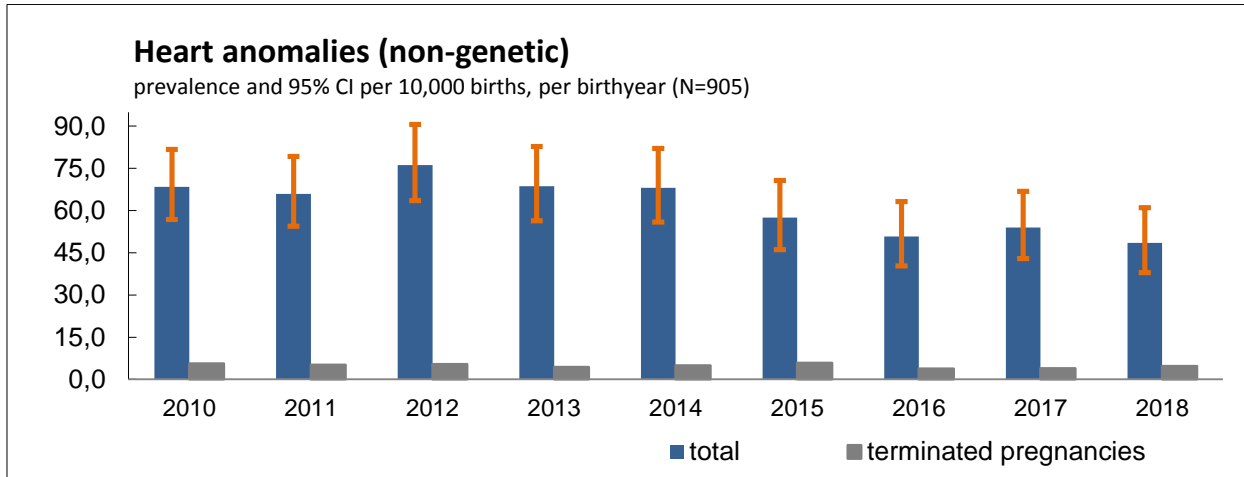


X^2 for trend = 0.5, $p = 0.499$

Heart anomalies

Heart anomalies are among the most common congenital anomalies. The prevalence of all congenital heart anomalies combined, not associated with a genetic or syndromal condition, fluctuates between 75 per 10,000 births in 2012 and 48.5 in 2018. There is also a significant decrease over time.

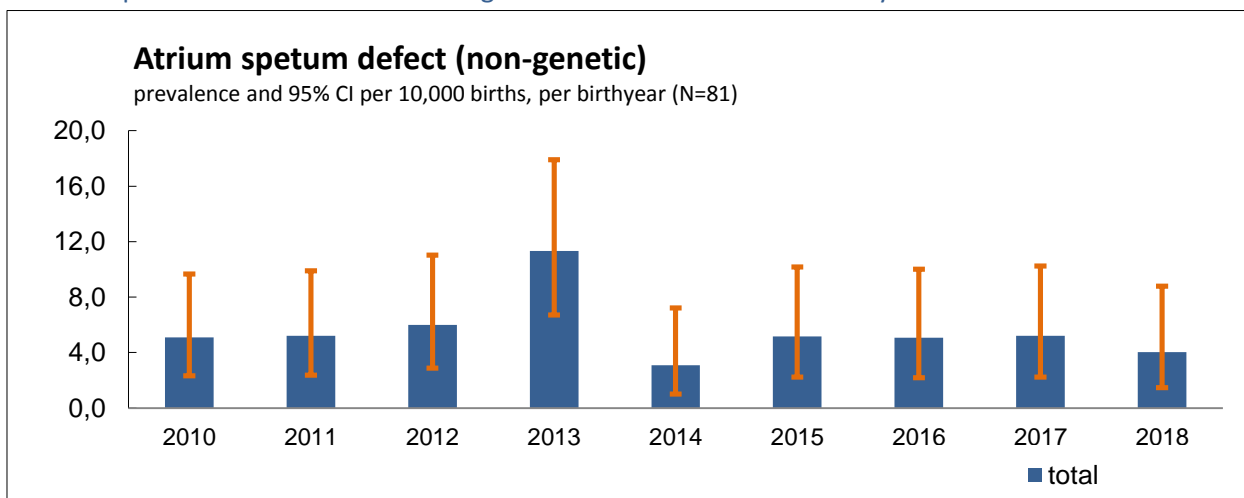
Pregnancy terminations do not increase substantially.



X^2 for trend = 13.3, $p = <.001$

ASD

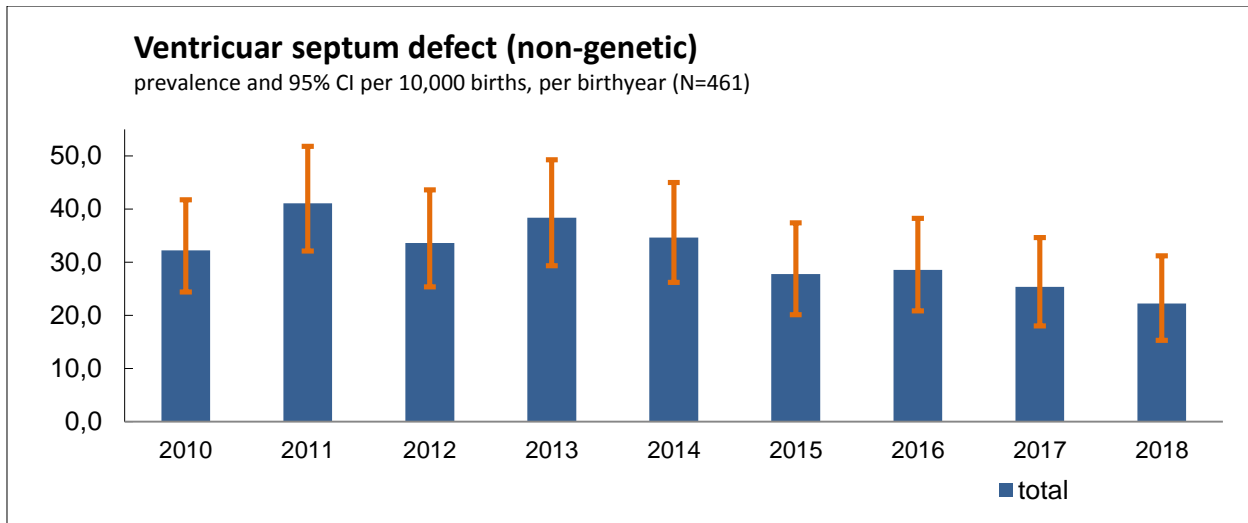
Atrium septum defects do not show a significant trend over the last nine years.



X^2 for trend = 0.6, $p = 0.433$

VSD

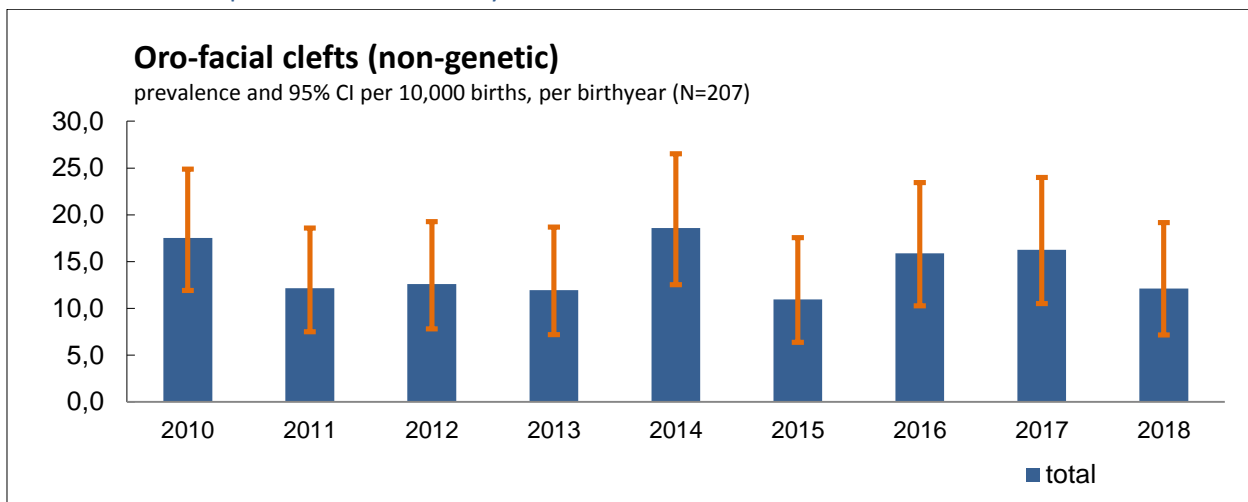
Ventricular septum defects (VSD) are one of the most common heart defects. They show a significant decrease over time since 2013.



X^2 for trend = 9.5, $p = .002$

Clefts

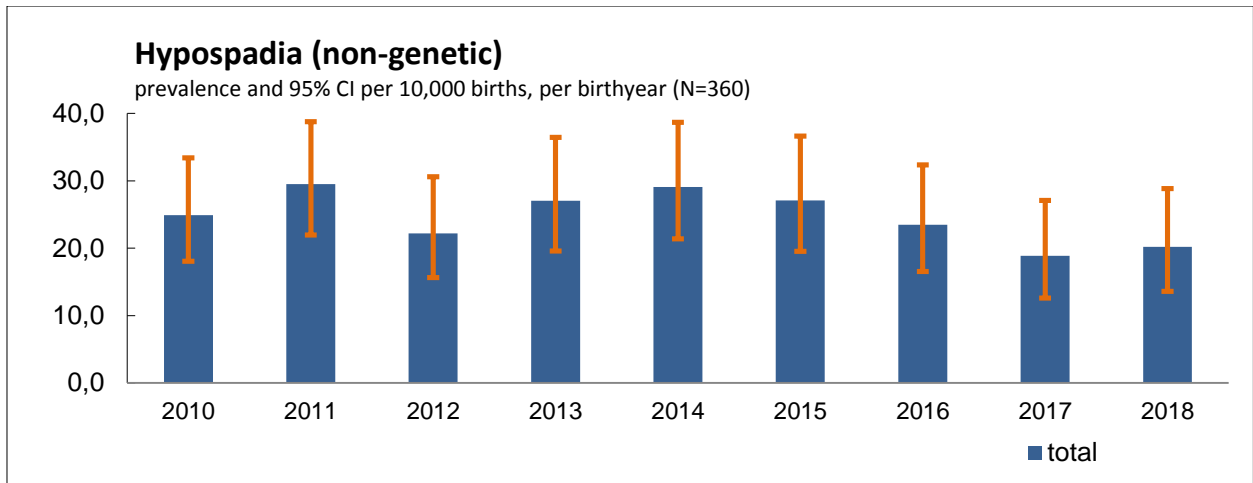
Clefts are relatively common group of anomalies with a prevalence varying between 11 and 18.6 per 10.000 births. The prevalence is relatively stable over time.



X^2 for trend = 0.031, $p = 0.860$

Hypospadias

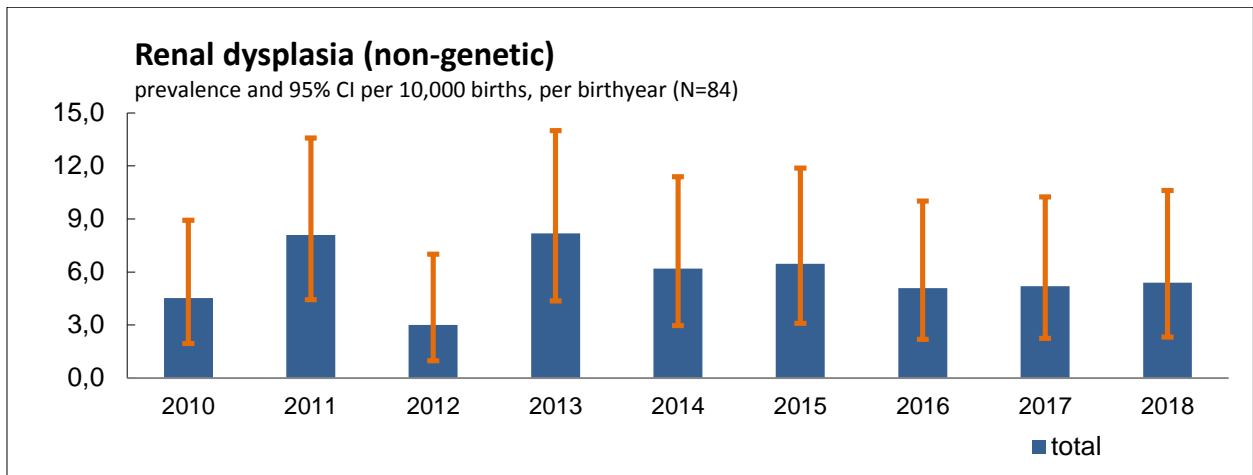
The prevalence of hypospadias seems to decrease over time, however this is not statistically significant.



X^2 for trend = 2.4, $p = 0.125$

Renal dysplasia

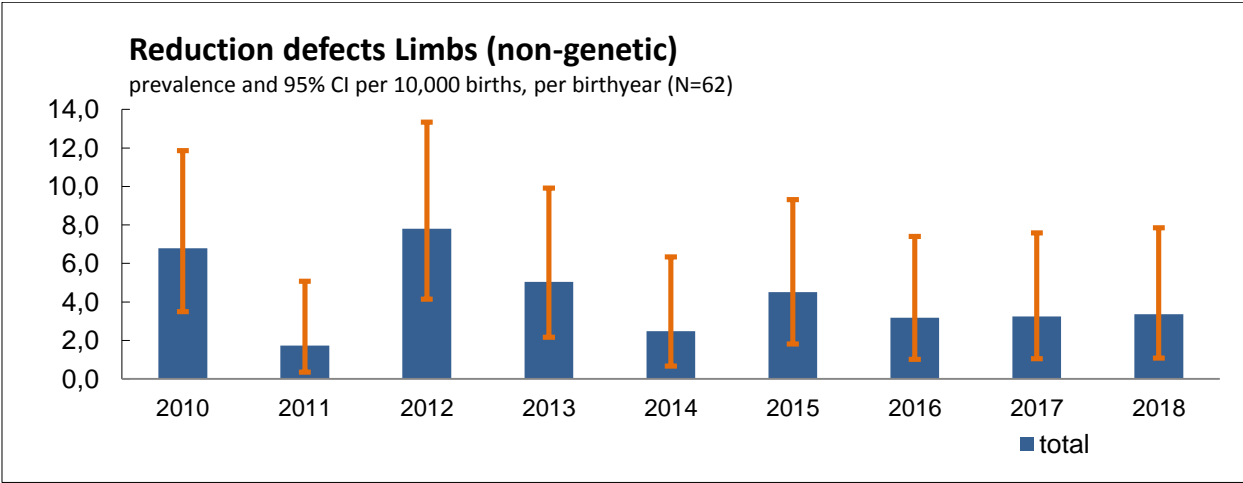
The prevalence of renal dysplasia also shows fluctuation over the years, between 3.0 and 8.2 per 10.000 births, but not in a statistically significant trend.



X^2 for trend = 0.03, $p = 0.870$

Reduction defects Limb

The prevalence looks heterogeneous over the birth years but not statistically significant. The prevalence is fluctuating from 1.7 in 2011 to 7.8 per 10.000 births in 2012 and stable over the last 4 years.



X^2 for trend = 2.3, p = 0.131