



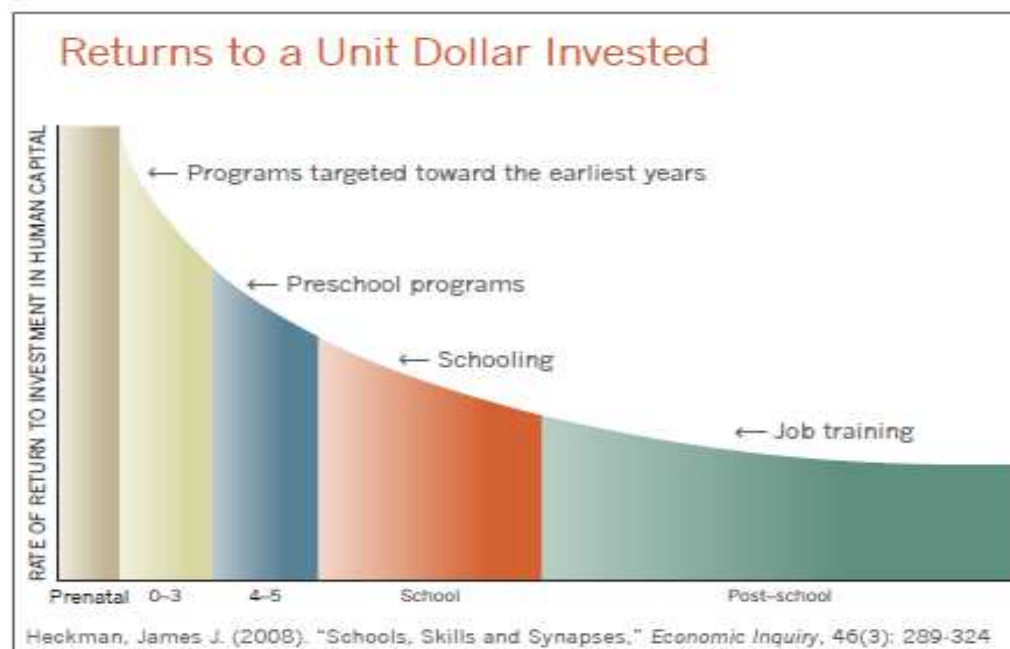
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Pauvreté infantile en Belgique:
situation

Growing evidence on importance of investing in children (and their families)

- Investment in early childhood delivers greater returns in health, education and productivity (J. Heckman)



- DRIVERS – FP7 (Pikhart H, Ruiz M, Morrison J, Goldblatt P & Marmot M (2014).

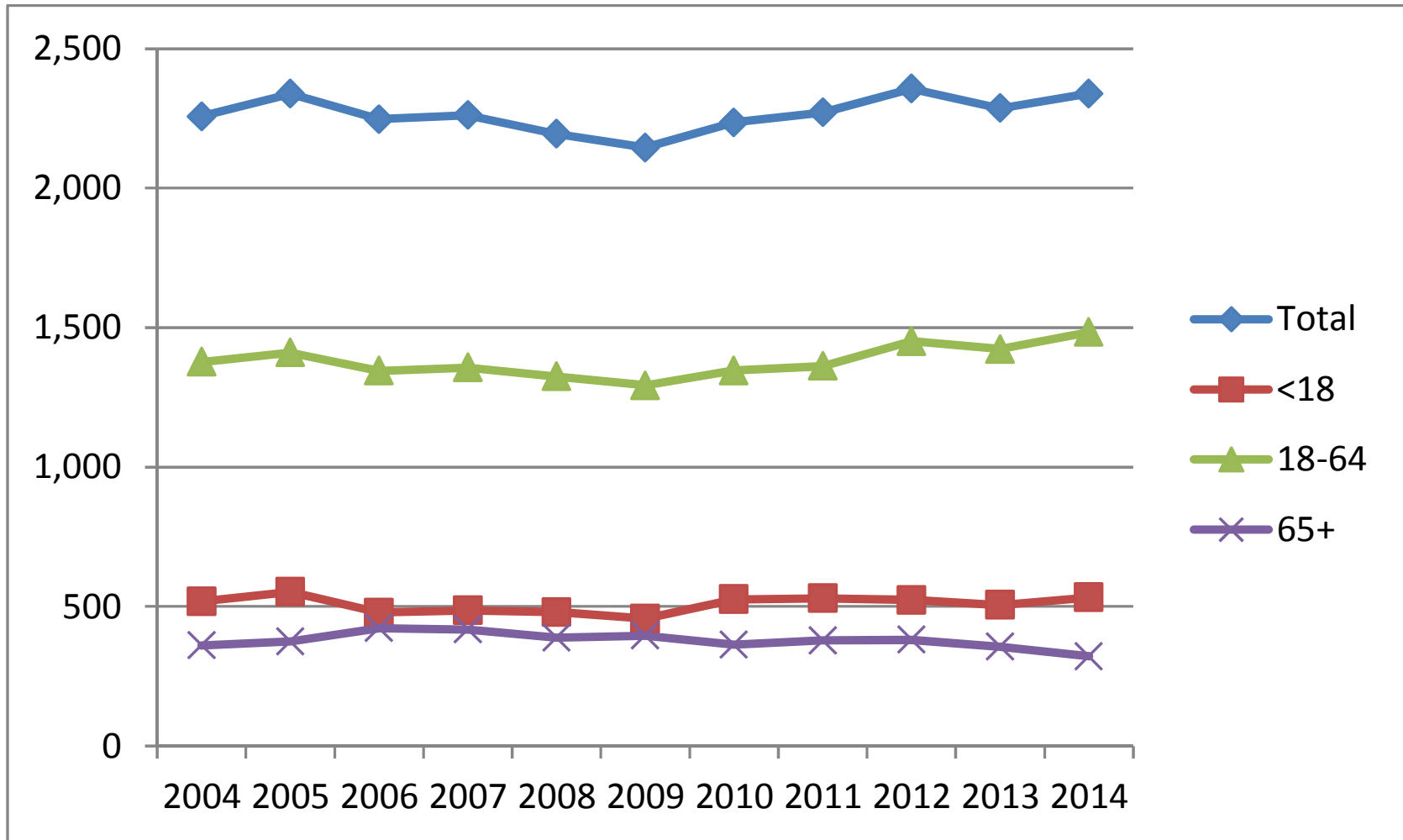
‘Longitudinal analyses using birth cohort data from 12 countries across Europe suggested that children born to mothers with a low level of education subsequently experienced adverse health outcomes, although the extent of this varied by outcome and country. Several social factors appeared to influence the pathway to ill health, including household income, neighbourhood deprivation and maternal psychological distress’

- The long-run impact of cash transfers to the poor (Aizer et al, American Economic Review, April 2016)

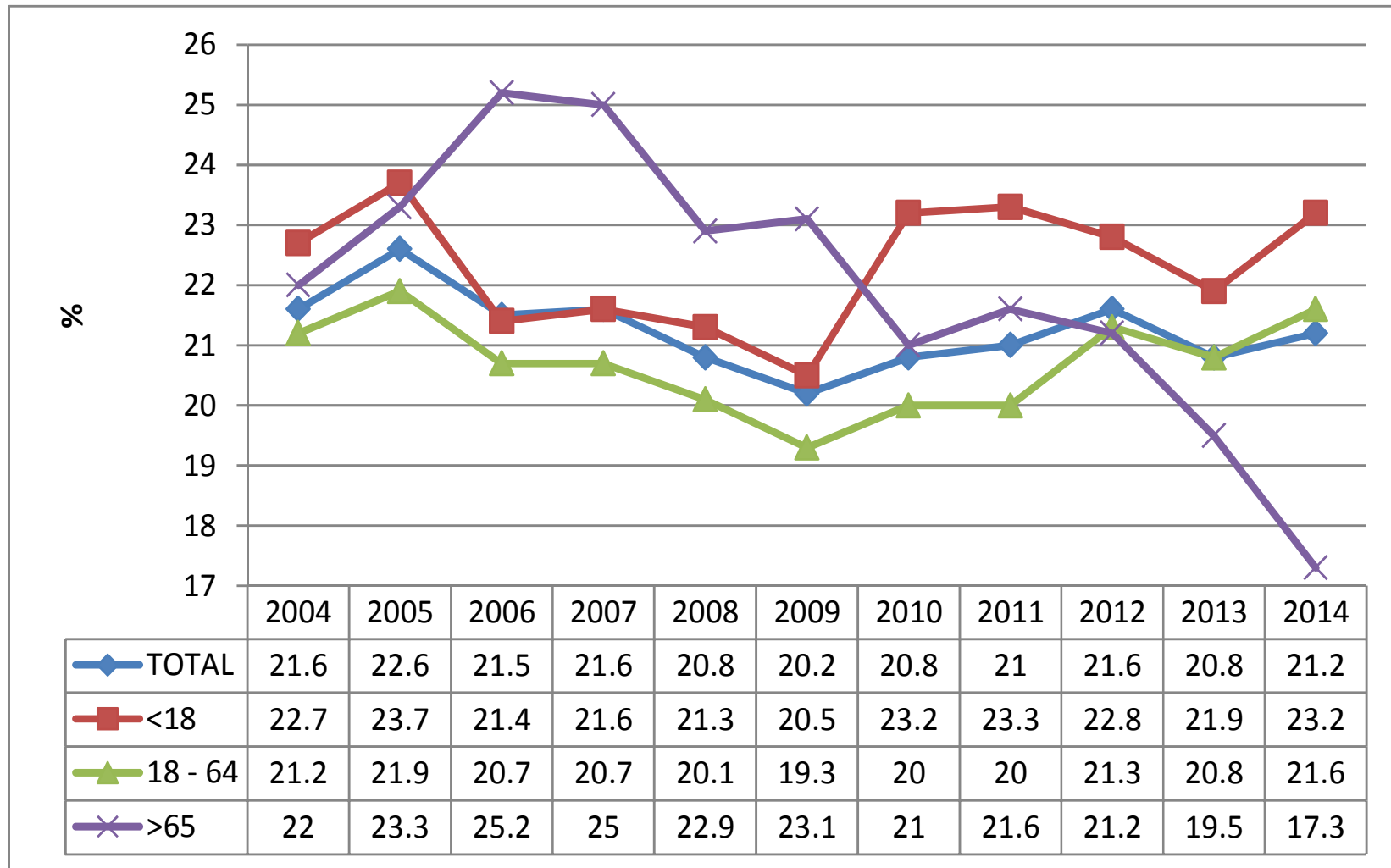
We estimate the long-run impact of cash transfers to poor families on children's longevity, educational attainment, nutritional status, and income in adulthood. To do so, we collected individual-level administrative records of applicants to the Mothers' Pension program -- the first government-sponsored welfare program in the United States (1911-1935) -- and matched them to census, WWII, and death records. Male children of accepted applicants lived one year longer than those of rejected mothers. They also obtained one-third more years of schooling, were less likely to be underweight, and had higher income in adulthood than children of rejected mothers

Situation in Belgium: brief overview

AROPE (x1000)

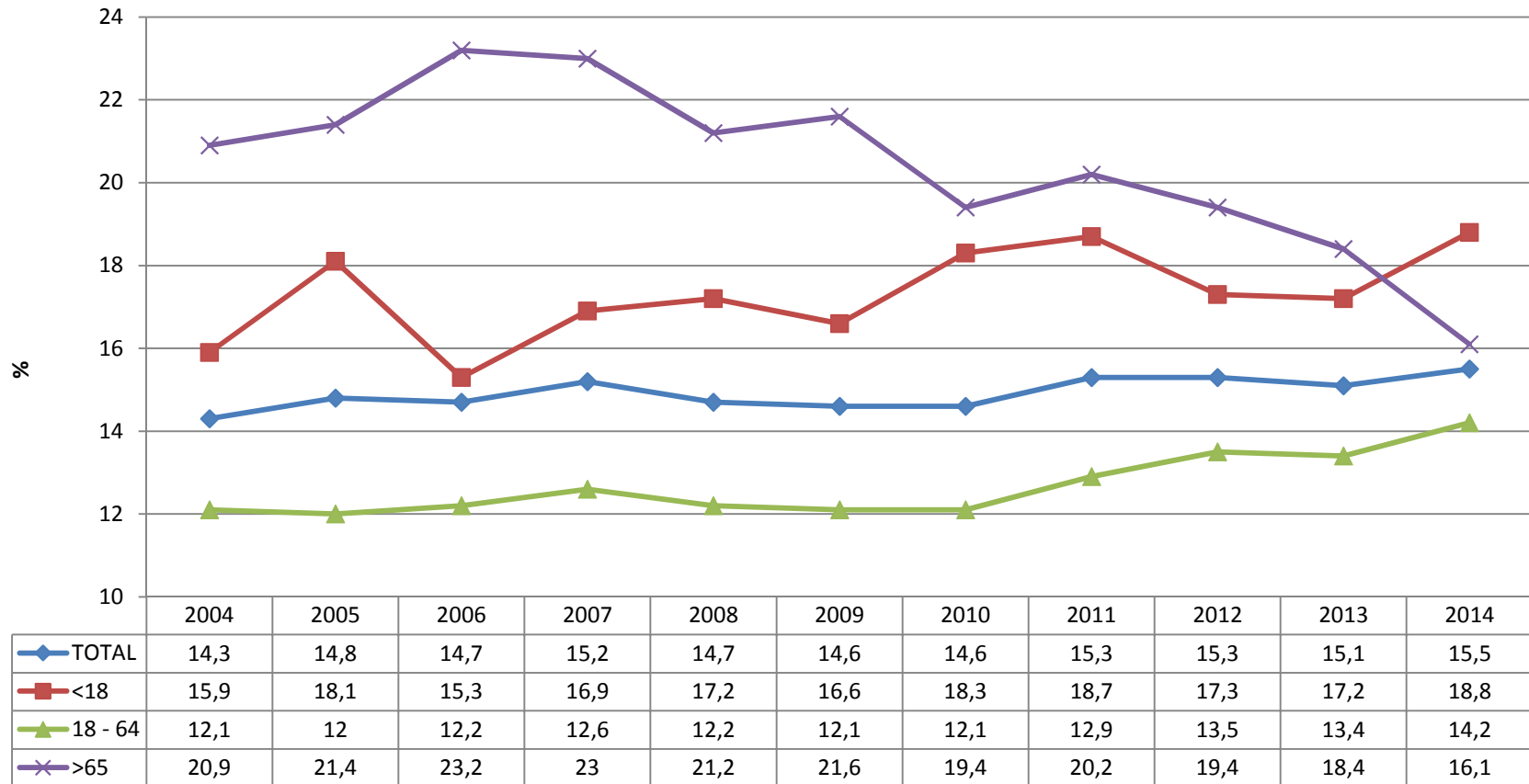


AROPE by age in %

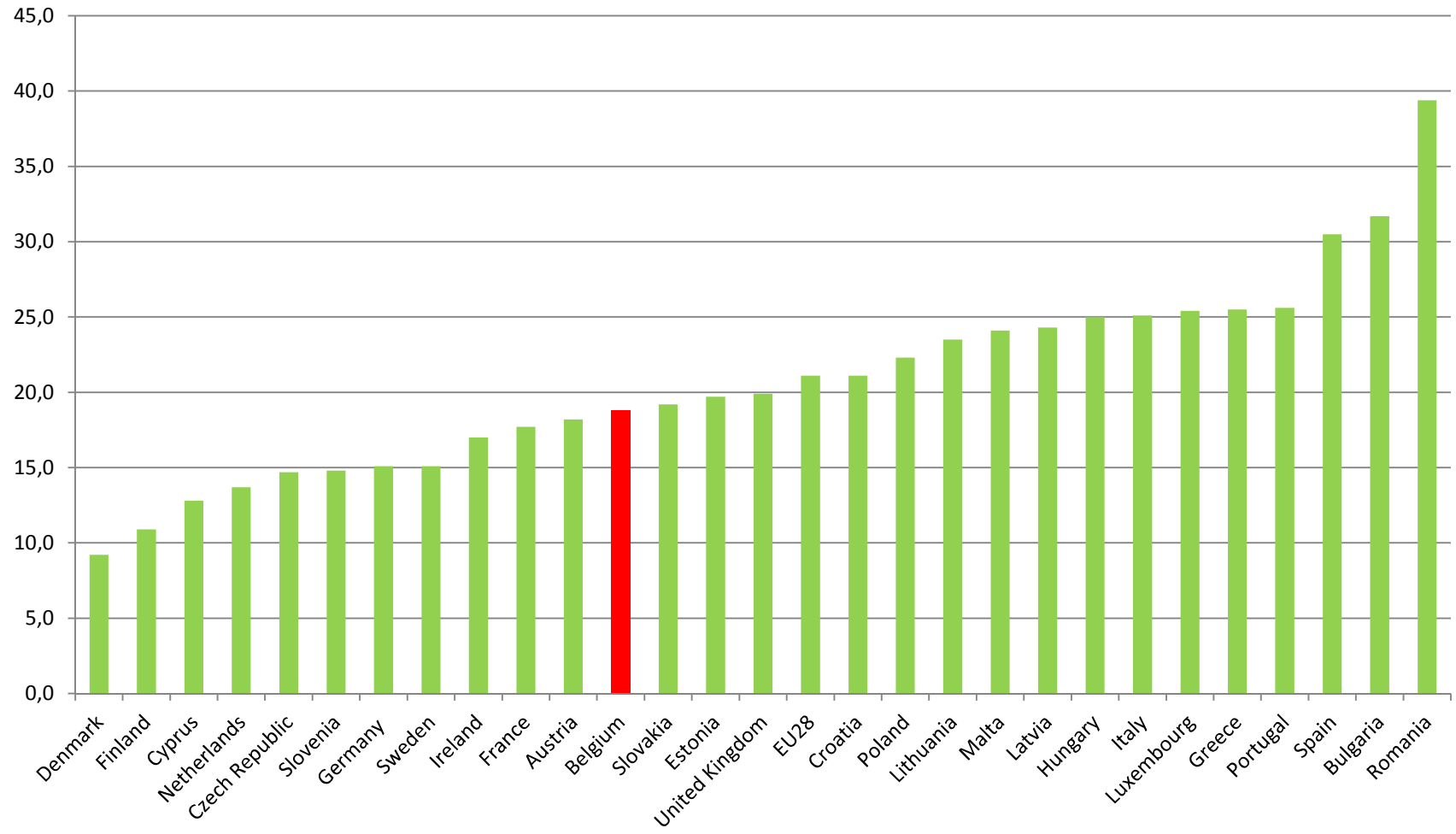


AROP (%)

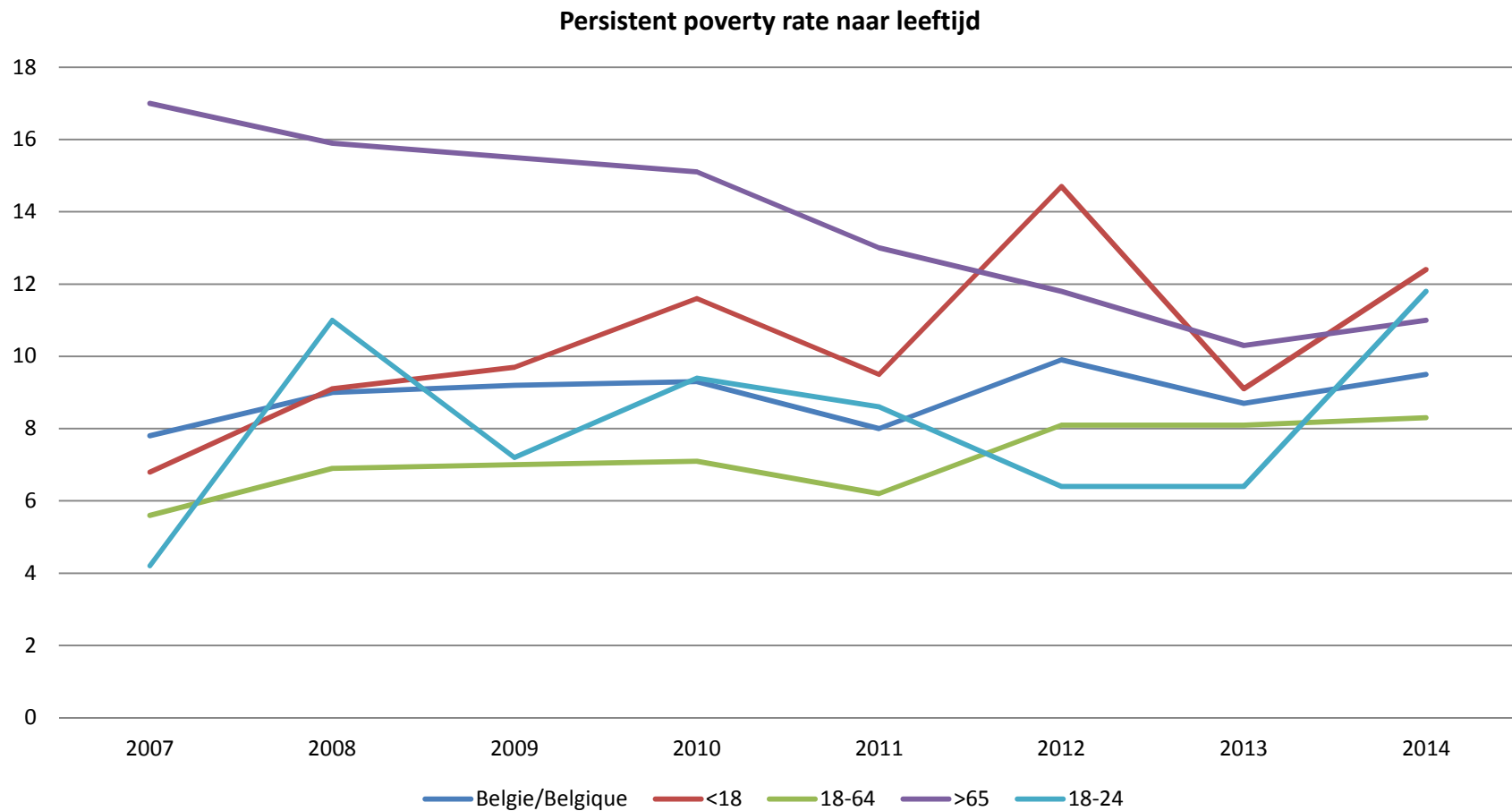
Graphique 4: AROP par age



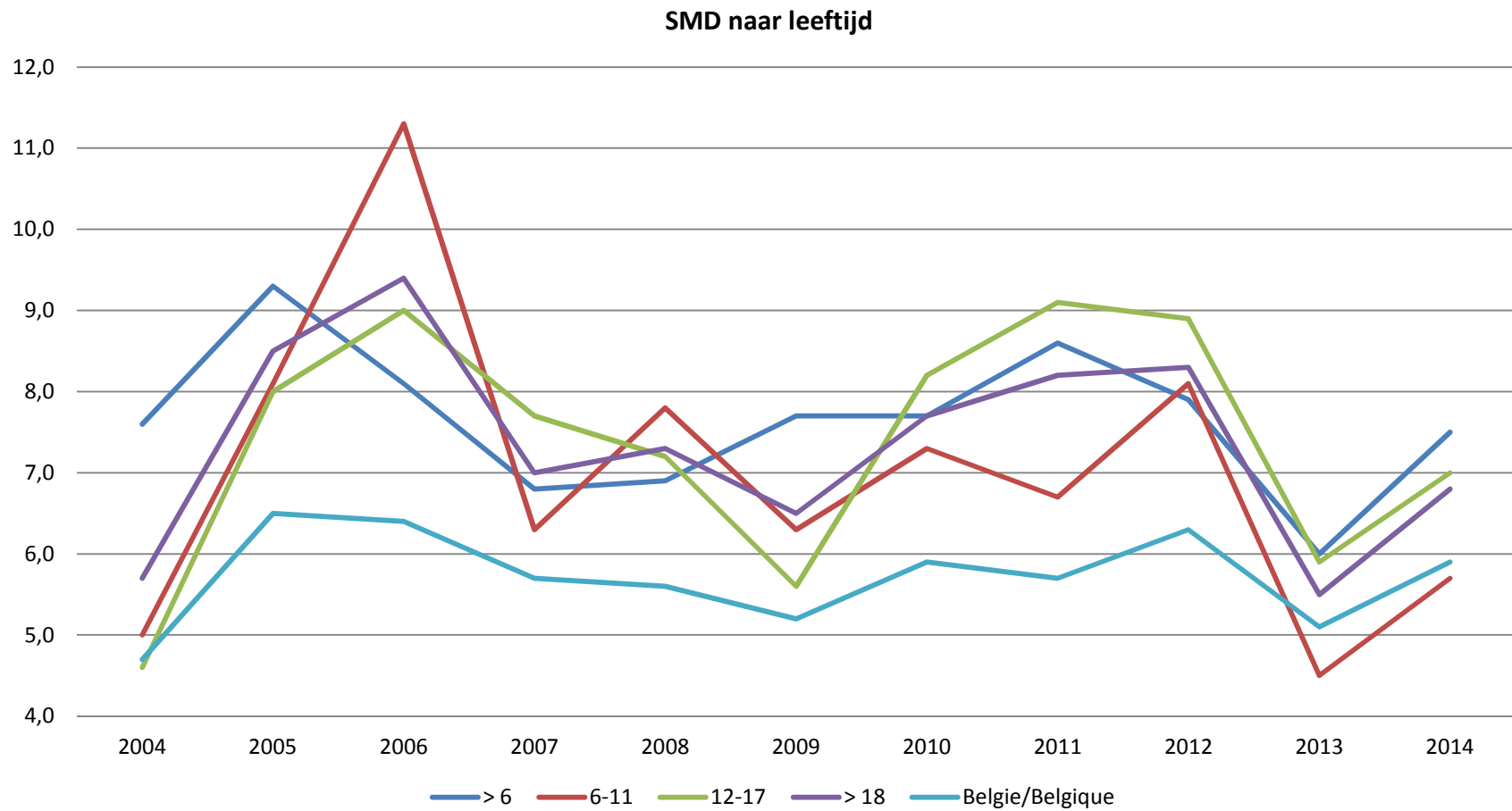
AROP leeftijd 0-17



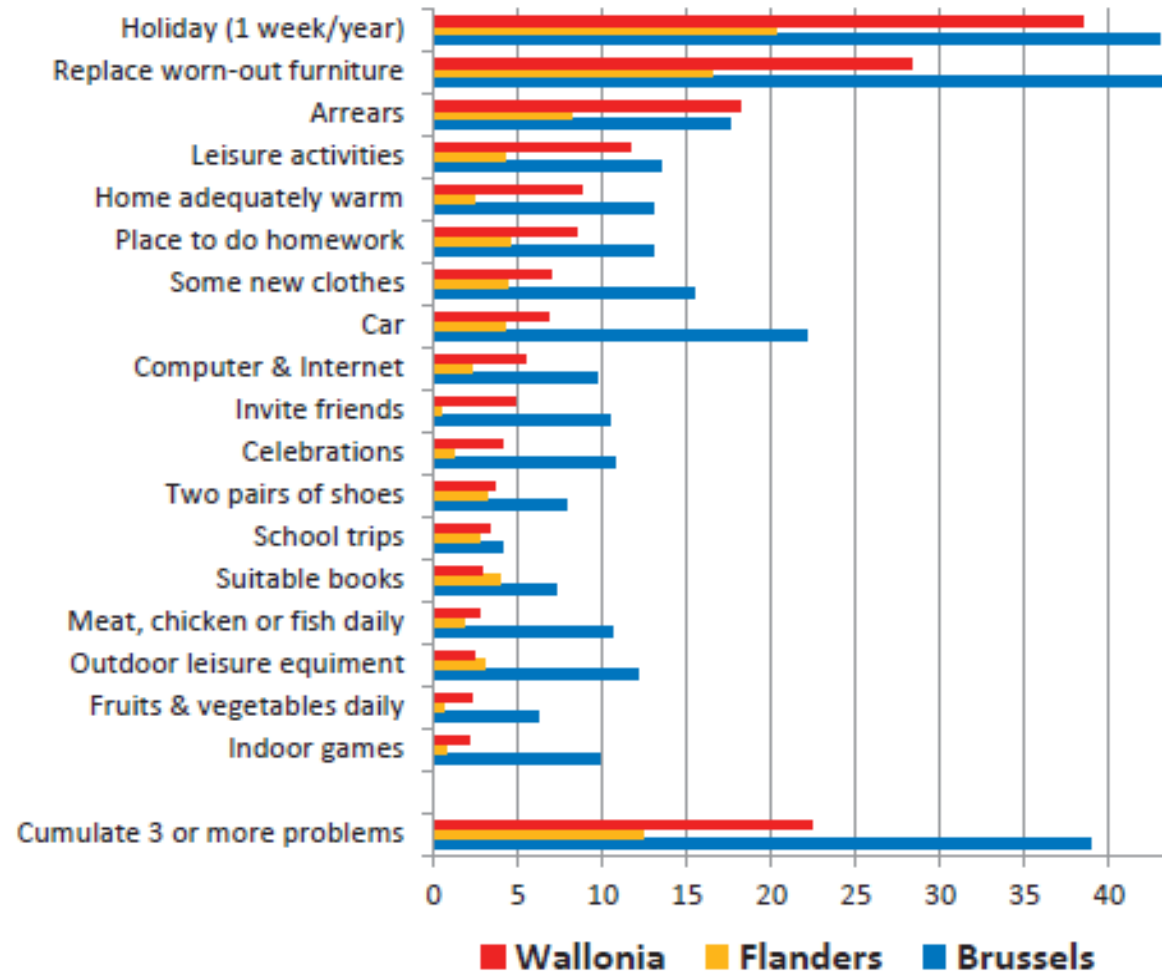
Persistent poverty rate by age



SMD by age



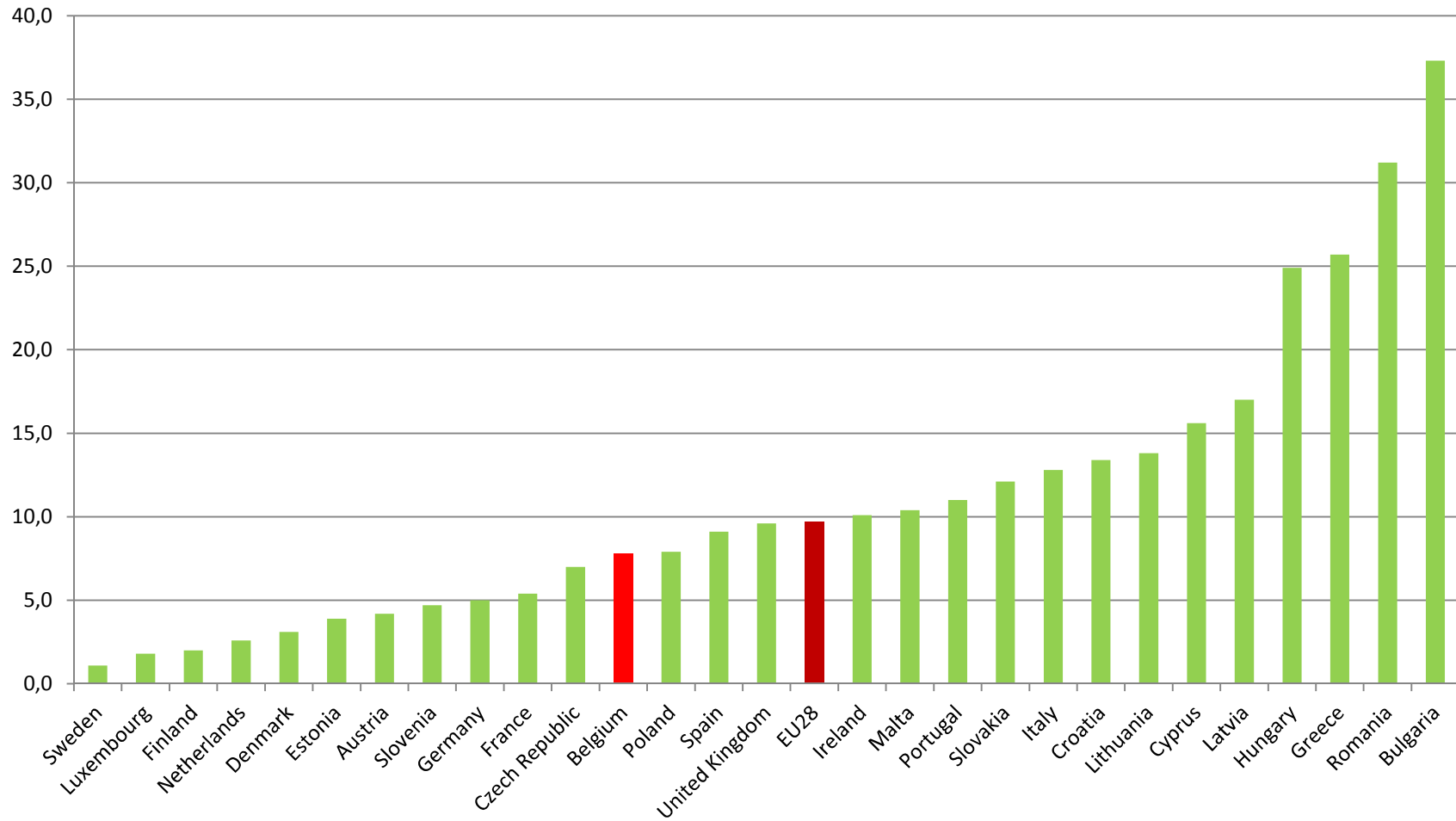
Incidence of (child) deprivation items by region



Source: EU-SILC 2009

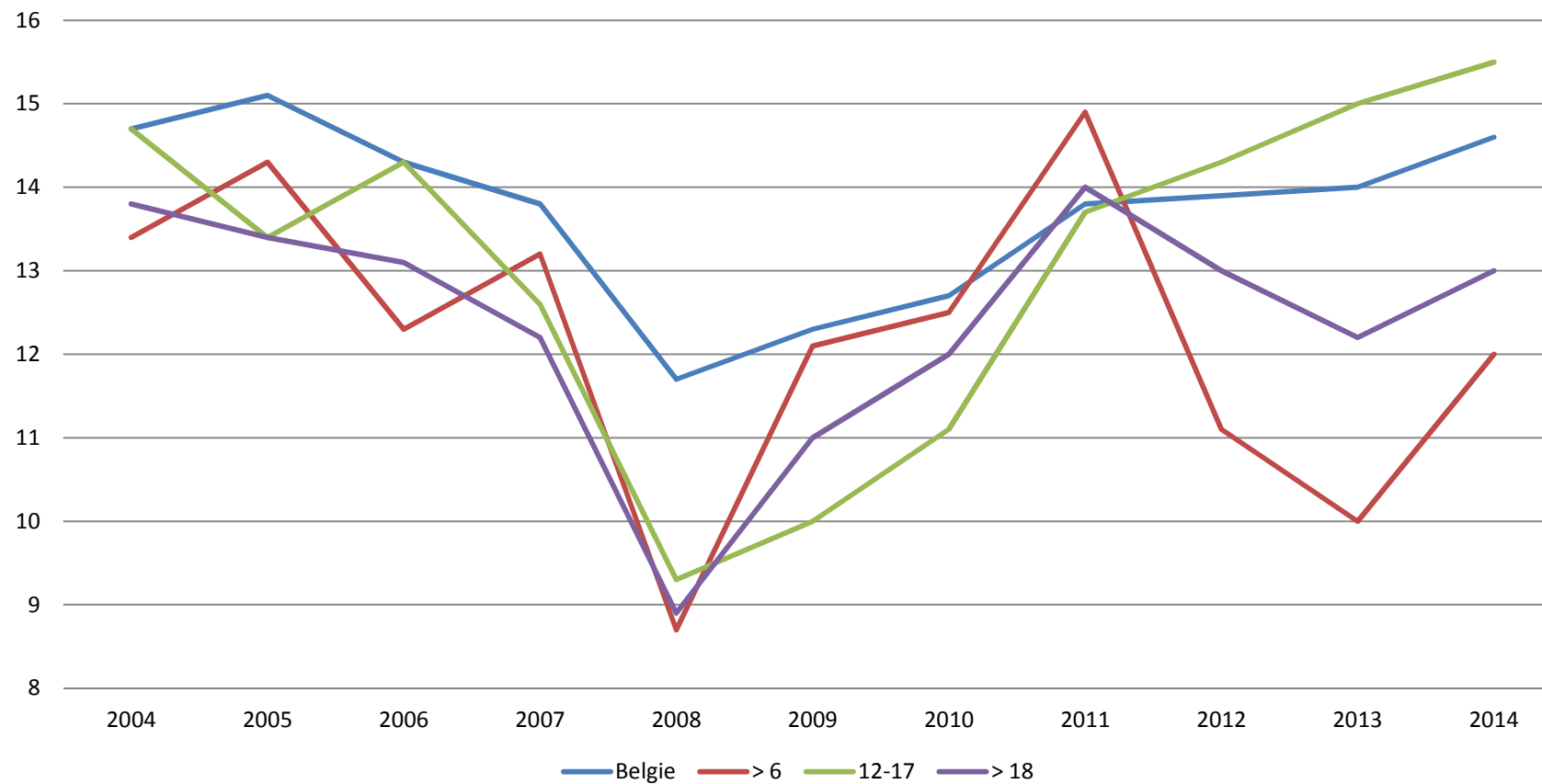
SMD (0-17), EU

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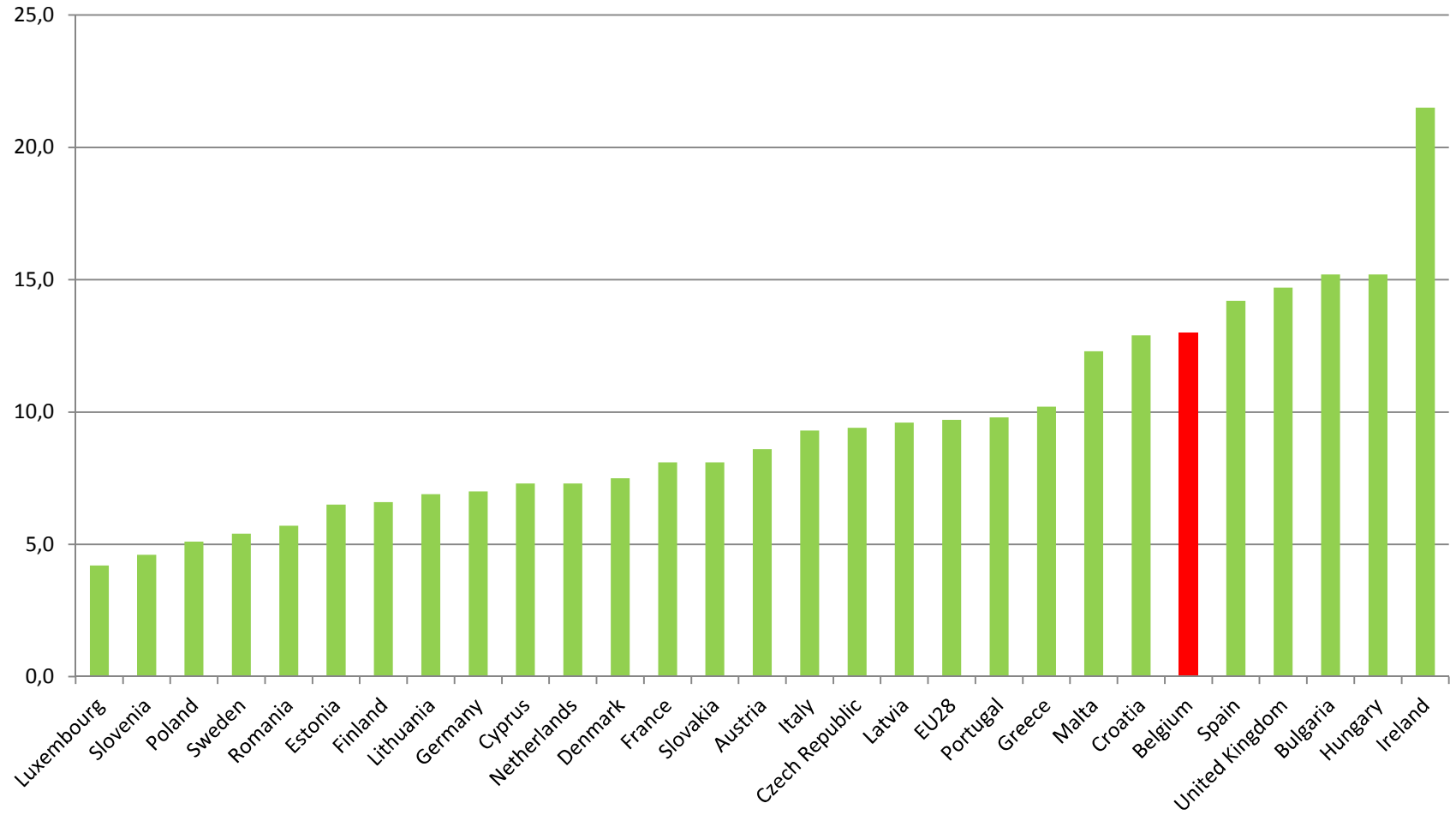


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VLWI in Europa 2014



Unicef – league tables (Fairness for Children-2016)

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League Table 5 Average rank across all dimensions of inequality

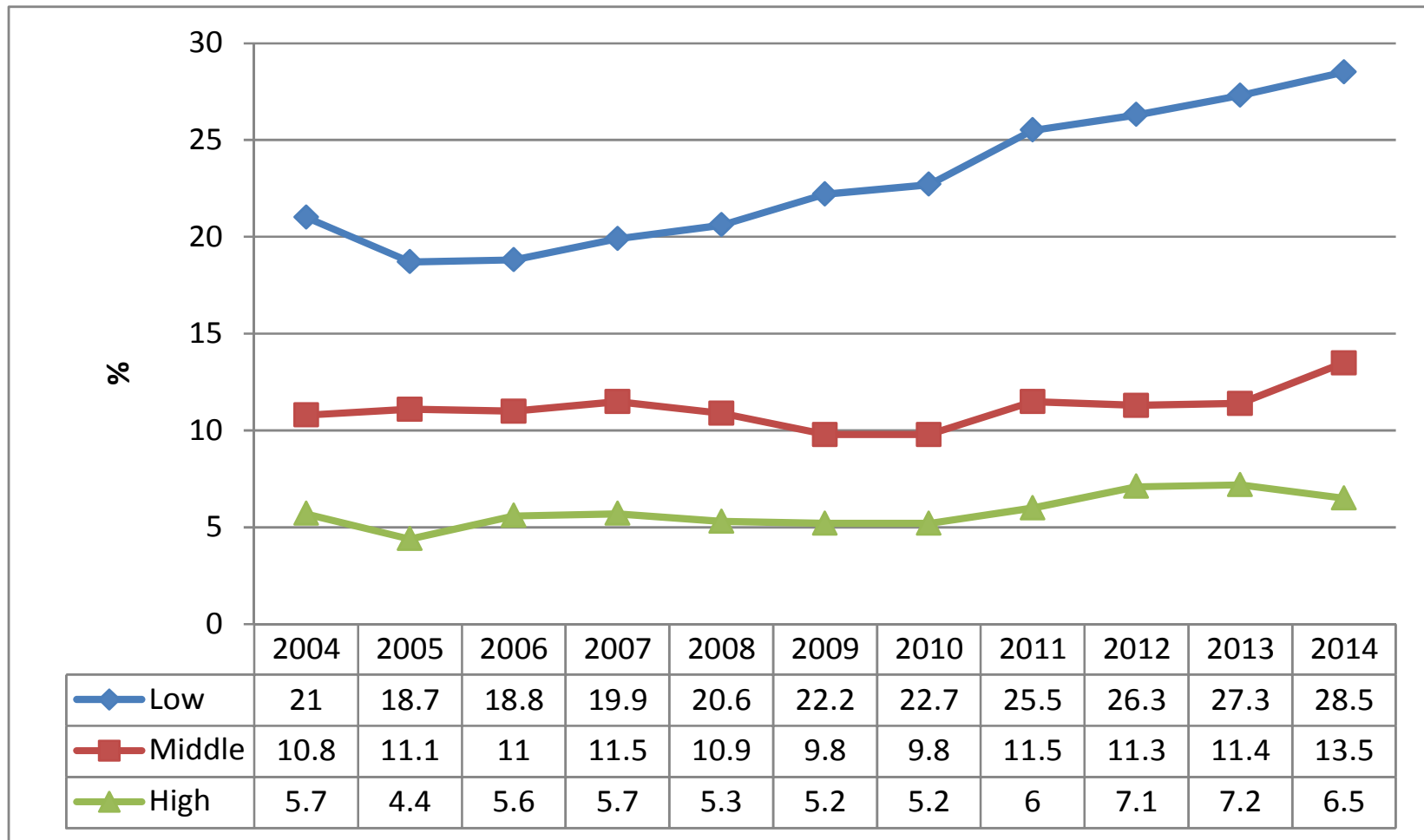
Rank	Country	Income	Education	Health	Life satisfaction	Missing indicators
1	Denmark	4	8	5	3	0
2=	Finland	3	16	6	11	0
2=	Norway	1	23	4	8	0
2=	Switzerland	6	20	3	7	0
5	Austria	11	21	1	9	0
6	Netherlands	8	30	8	1	0
7	Ireland	10	9	20	13	0
8	Estonia	28	3	13	10	0
9	Slovenia	19	11	16	12	0
10	Latvia	32	4	17	6	0
11	Czech Republic	5	13	9	34	0
12	Croatia	26	5	12	23	0
13	Australia	14	24	27	2	0
14=	Germany	12	28	2	29	0
14=	Greece	38	18	11	4	0
14=	Hungary	21	17	18	15	0
14=	United Kingdom	7	25	19	20	0
18	United States	30	10	14	21	0

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18	United States	30	10	14	21	0
19	Portugal	33	19	7	18	0
20	Iceland	2	26	31	19	0
21	Romania	41	2	32	5	0
22	Spain	36	12	10	24	0
23	Sweden	16	29	22	17	0
24	Malta	20		30	14	1
25	Lithuania	27	7	25	27	0
26	Canada	24	14	24	25	0
27	Poland	23	6	33	33	0
28	France	13	35	23	28	0
29=	Belgium	22	36	15	30	0
29=	Luxembourg	9	33	29	32	0
31	Slovakia	25	34	21	26	0
32	Italy	35	22	28	22	0
33	Bulgaria	40	32	26	16	0
34	Turkey	29		34	35	1
35	Israel	37	37	35	31	0
-	Republic of Korea	15	15			2
-	Chile	31	1			2

AROP by level of education (20-64)



Some conclusions

- Child poverty risk relatively stable,
- but above overall population poverty risk
- More or less in the middle of EU ranking for AROP and SMD (both 12th place)
- Bad performer on number of children in quasi-jobless household
- High inequality in educational achievement problematic in view of societal position of low skilled (specific problem of children with migrant background)
- Average to not so good performer on other dimensions: health and life satisfaction
- High regional differences