

Child benefit packages in 18 countries in 2004

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This new version of the tables adds three more countries. The original Figures 1-14 have been revised **but the text has not been changed to take account of the extra countries.**

The country data for this analysis can be found at

<http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/research/summs/welempfc.htm>

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Figure 1: Comparison of gross earnings and net disposable income per month after taxes, benefits and housing costs. Couple plus two children. Two earners average and half average earnings. Euros purchasing power parity per month. January 2004.

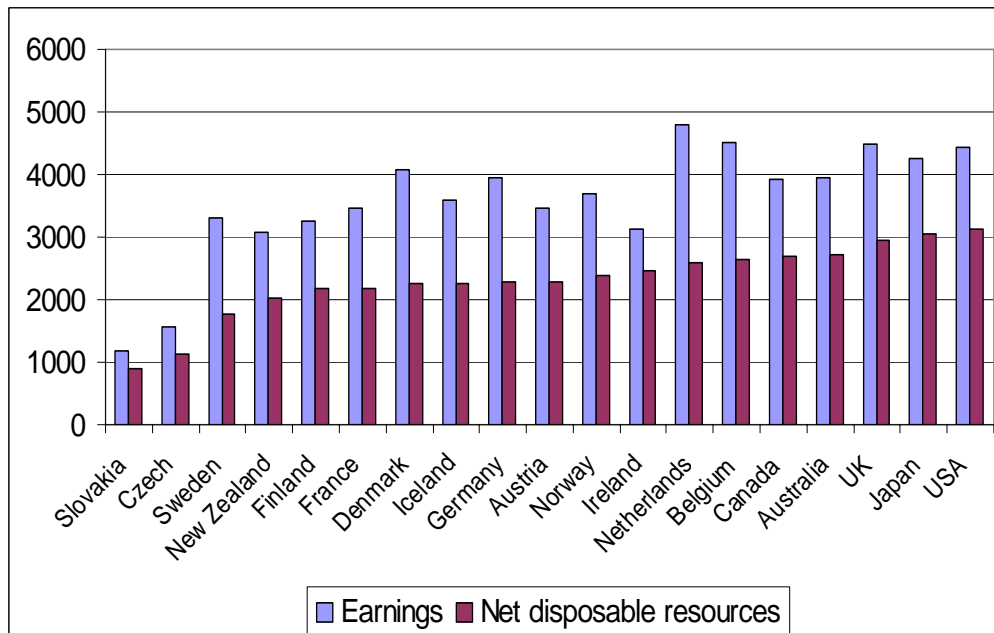


Figure 2: Structure of the child benefit package, Lone parent + 1 aged <3, one earner on half average earnings. Euro purchasing power parities per month. January 2004

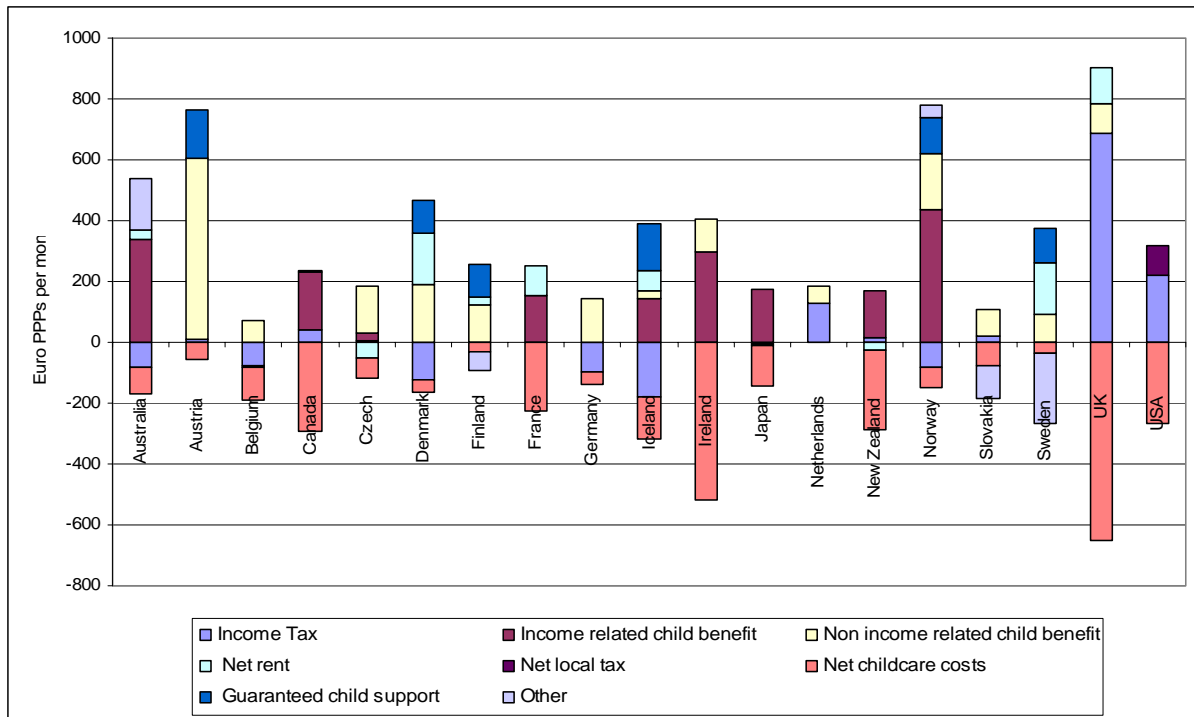


Figure 3: Structure of the child benefit package, Couple + 2, one earner on average earnings. Euro purchasing power parities per month. January 2004

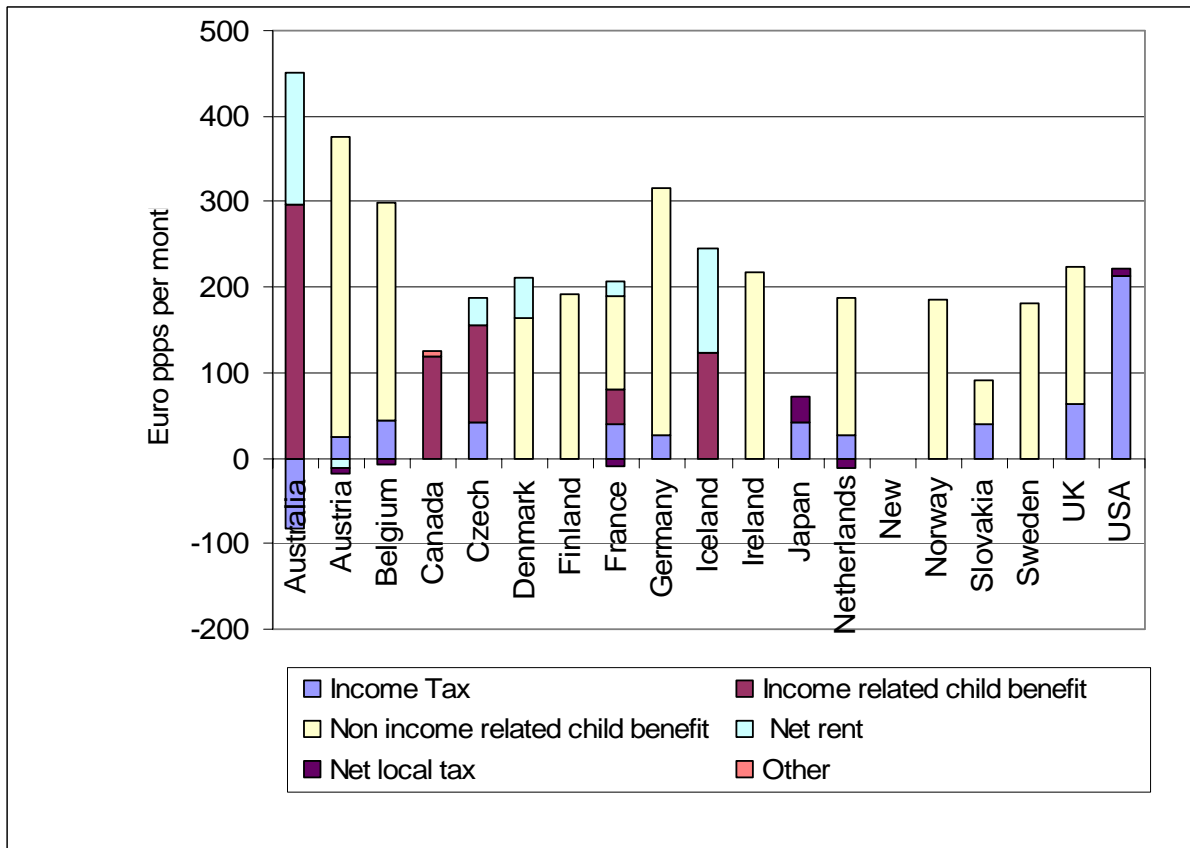


Figure 4: Structure of the child benefit package, cpl+1, two earners both on average earnings. Euro purchasing power parities per month. January 2004

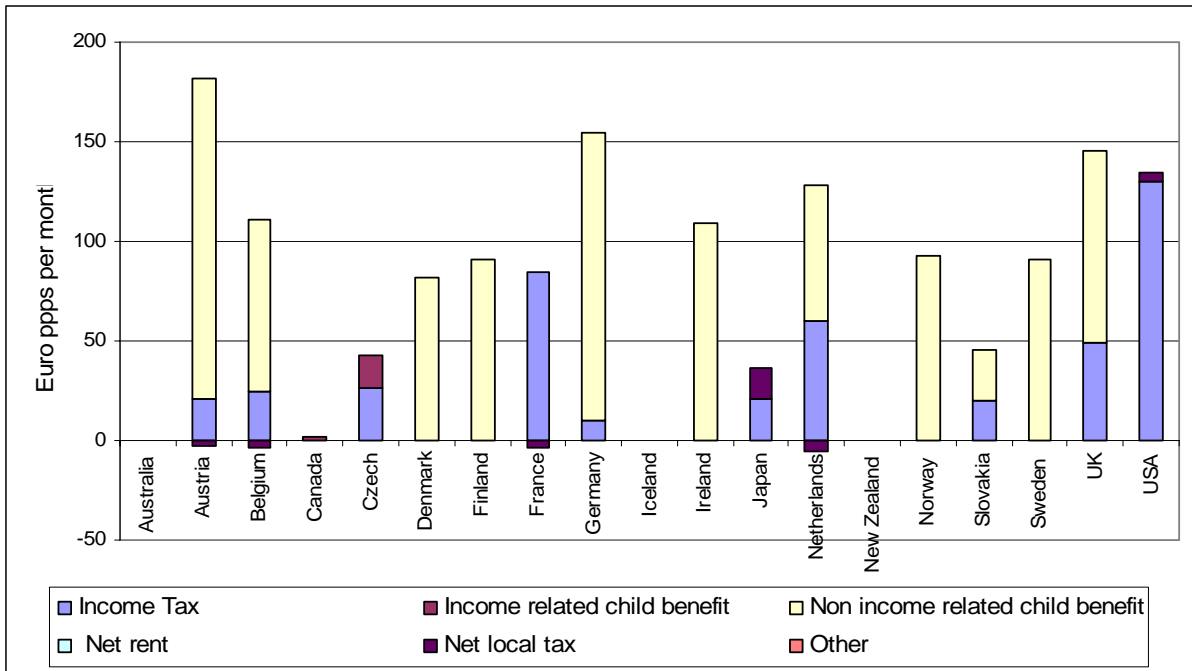


Figure 5: Child benefit package by earnings (Euro ppps per month) after taxes, benefits and housing costs. Couple plus two children. January 2004

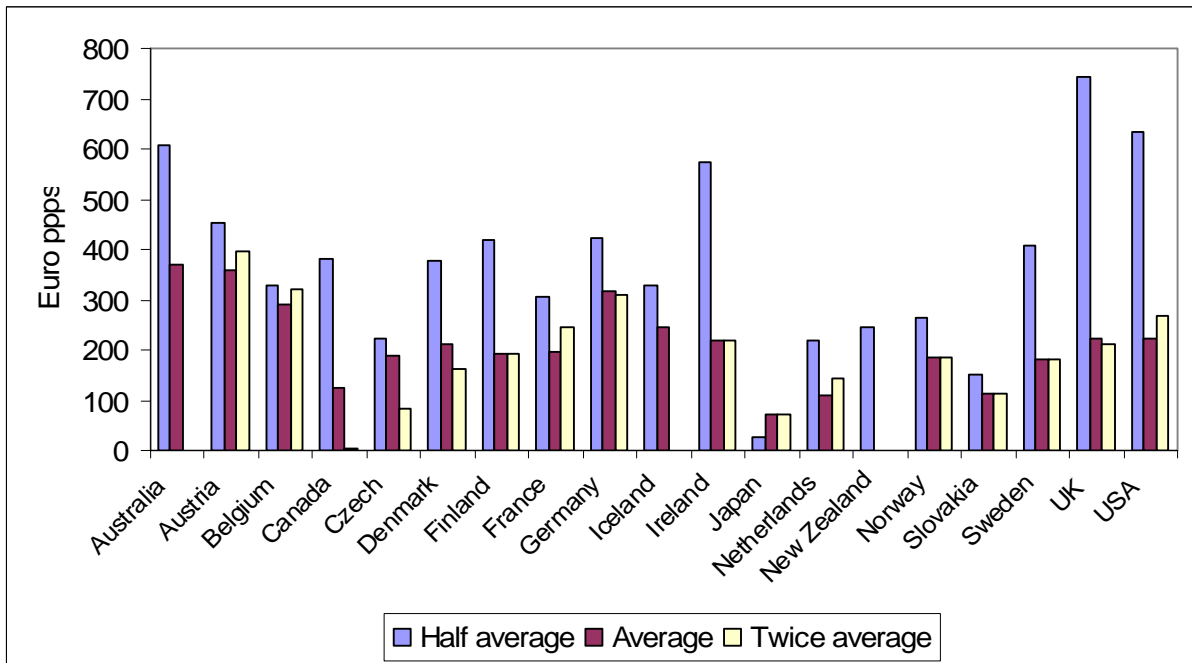


Figure 6: Child benefit package by number of children (childless couple=100) After taxes, benefits and housing benefits.

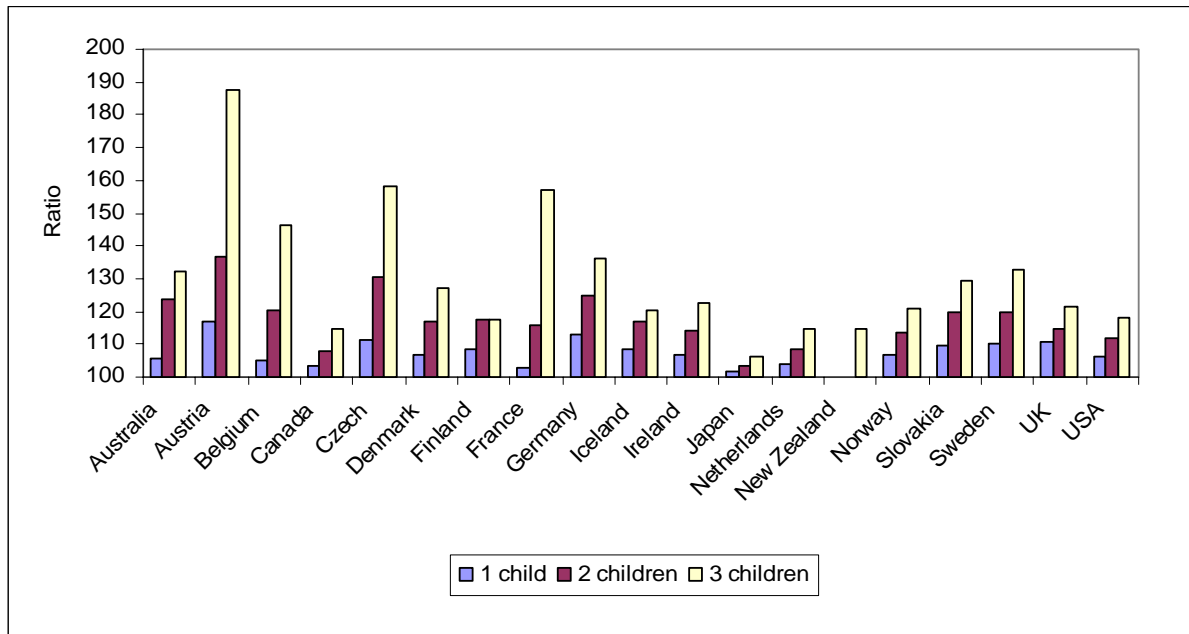


Figure 7: Child benefit package by family type. One earner on average earnings, after taxes, benefits and housing costs. Euro ppps per month at January 2004.

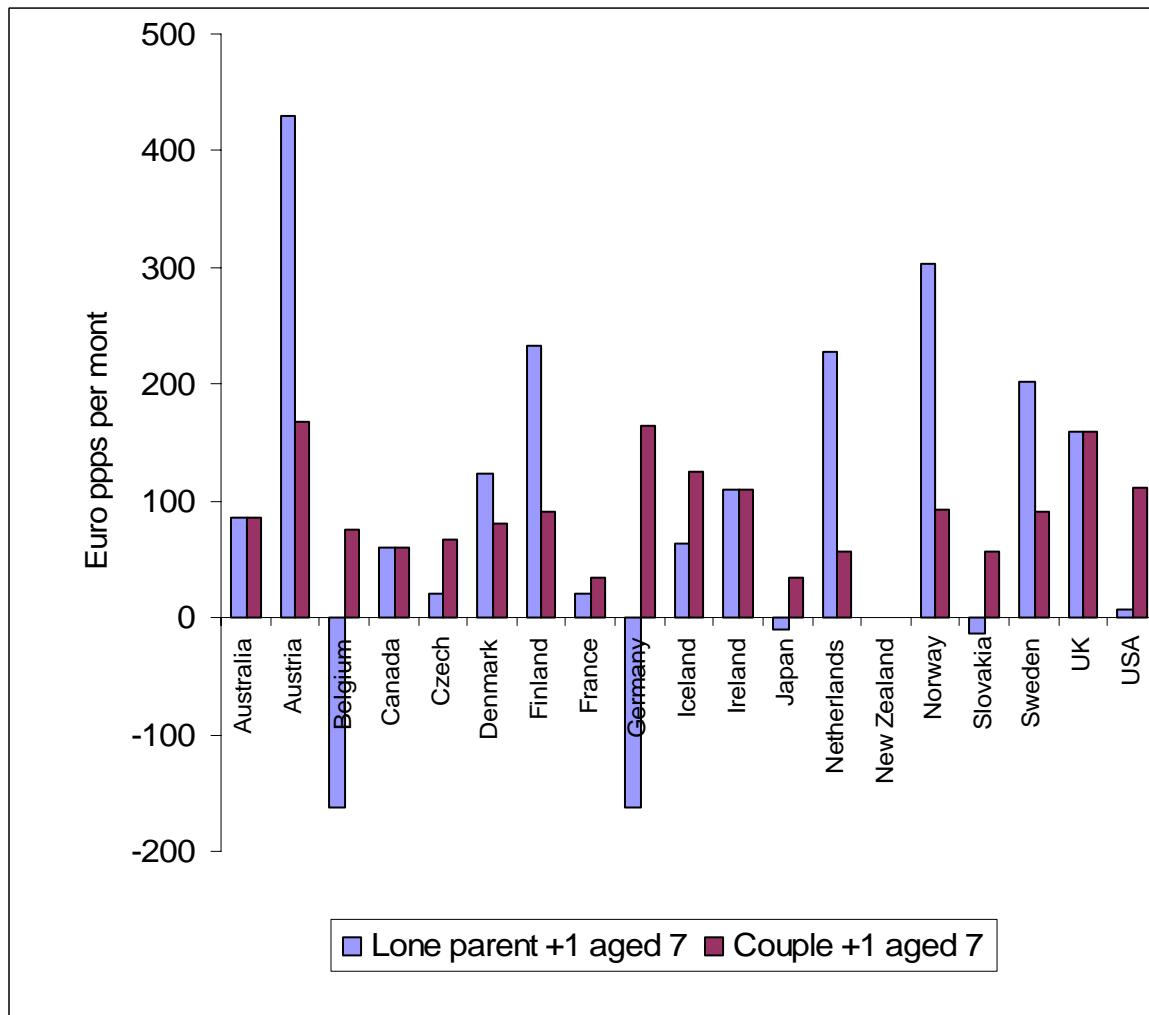


Figure 8: Net costs of full-time childcare. Euro ppps per month. January 2004.

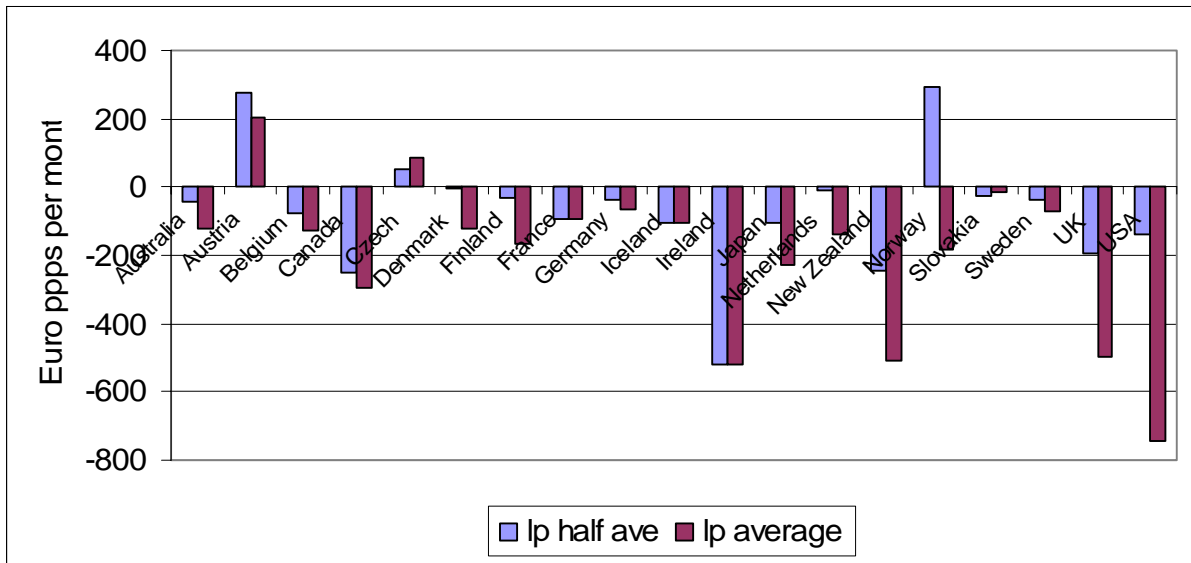


Figure 9: Marginal tax rates on moving from half average earnings to average earnings

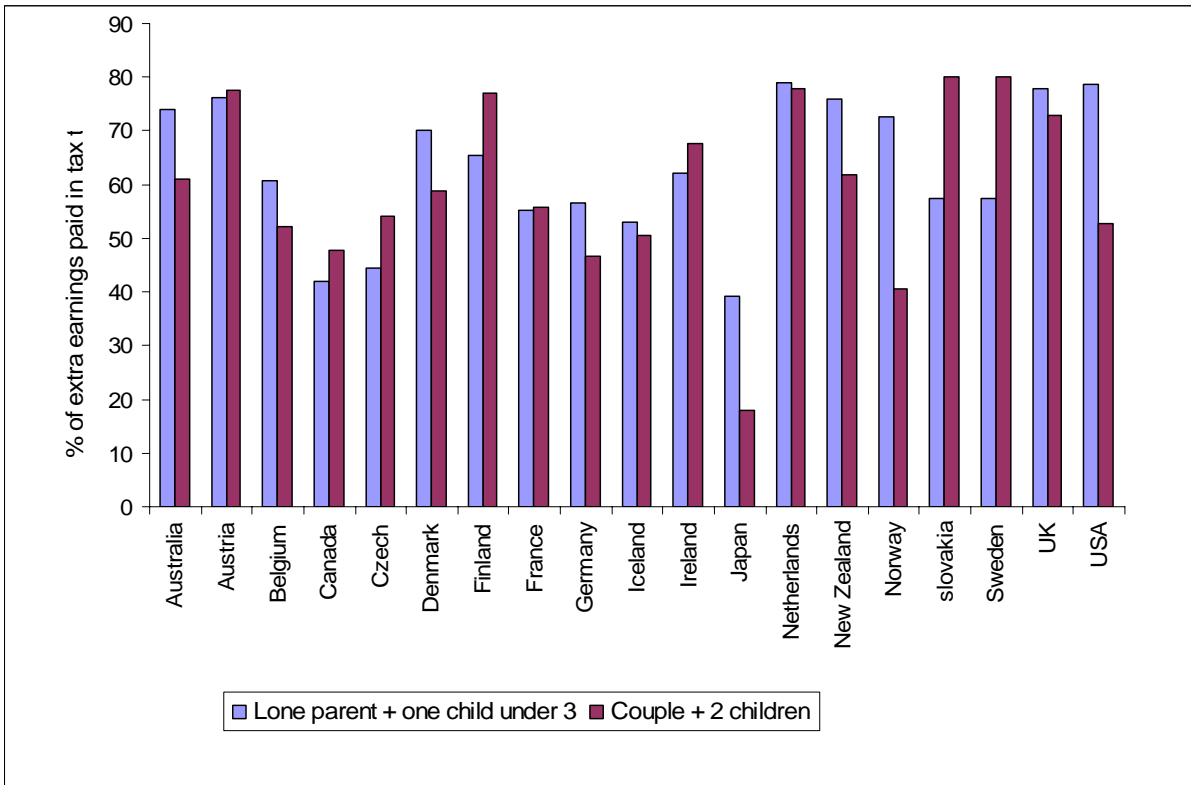


Figure 10: Marginal tax rates for couples, moving from 1 earner on average earnings to 2 earners, one on average earnings and one on half average

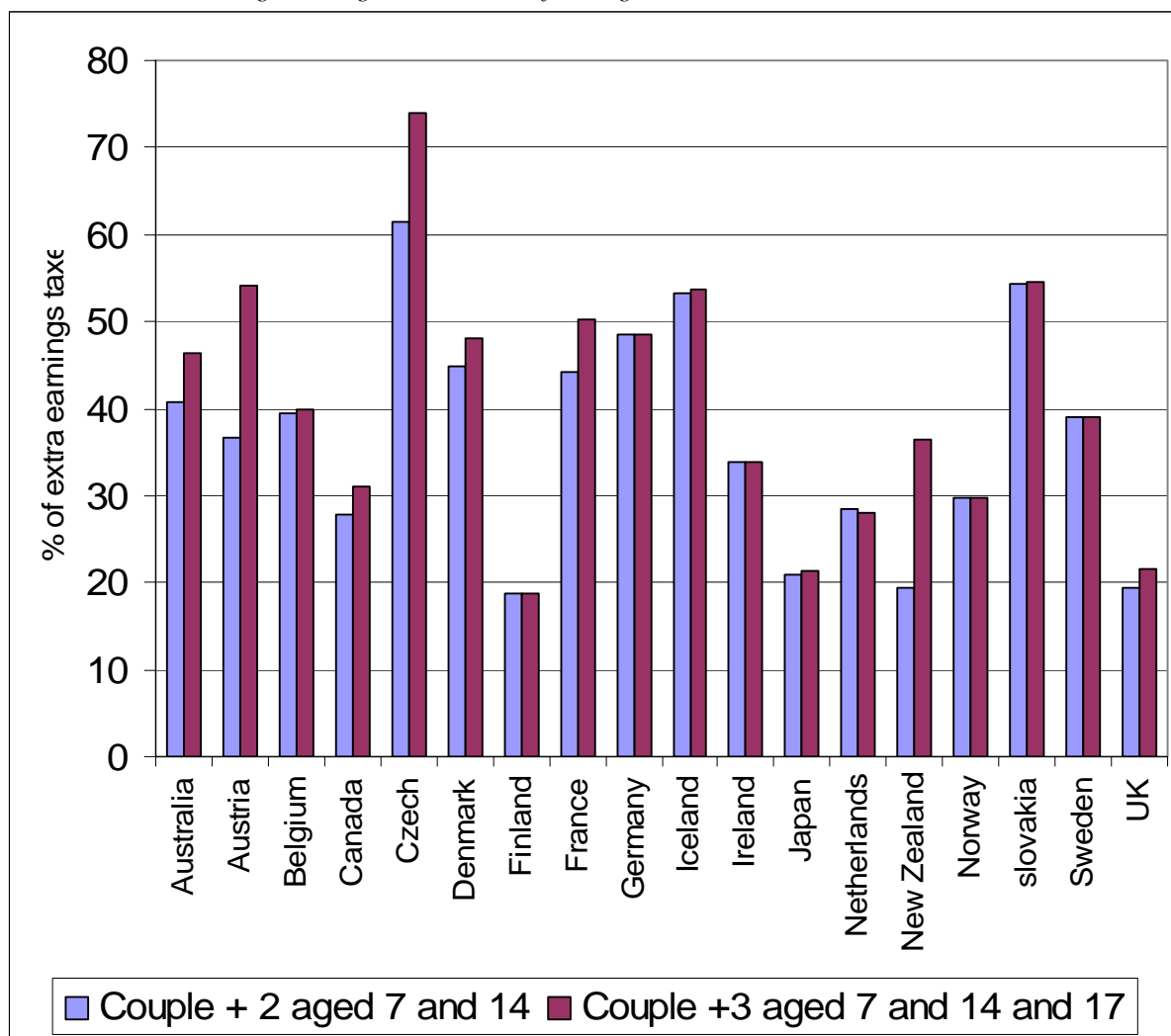


Figure 11: The level of out of work social assistance per month in PPPs

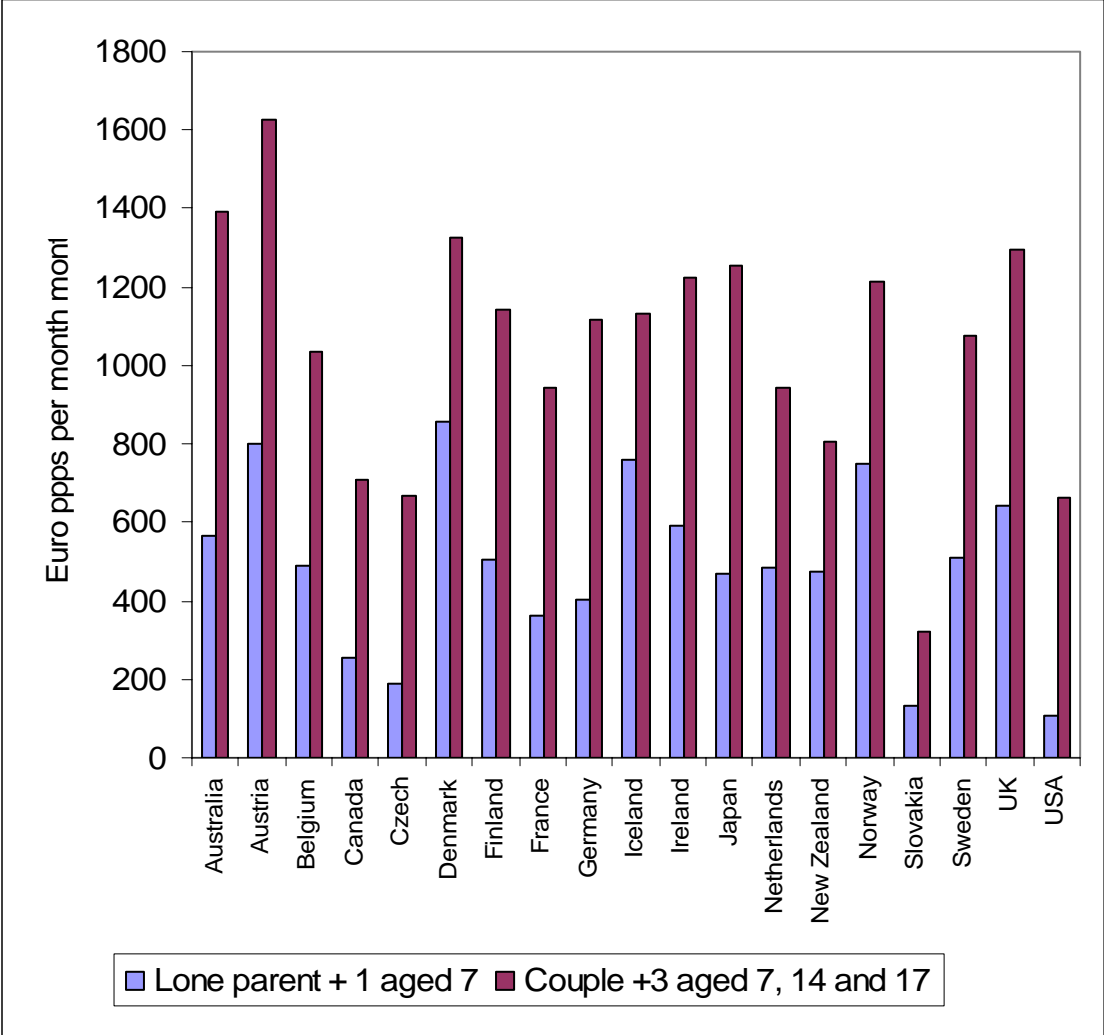


Figure 12: Replacement rates at half average earnings (NDI after all)

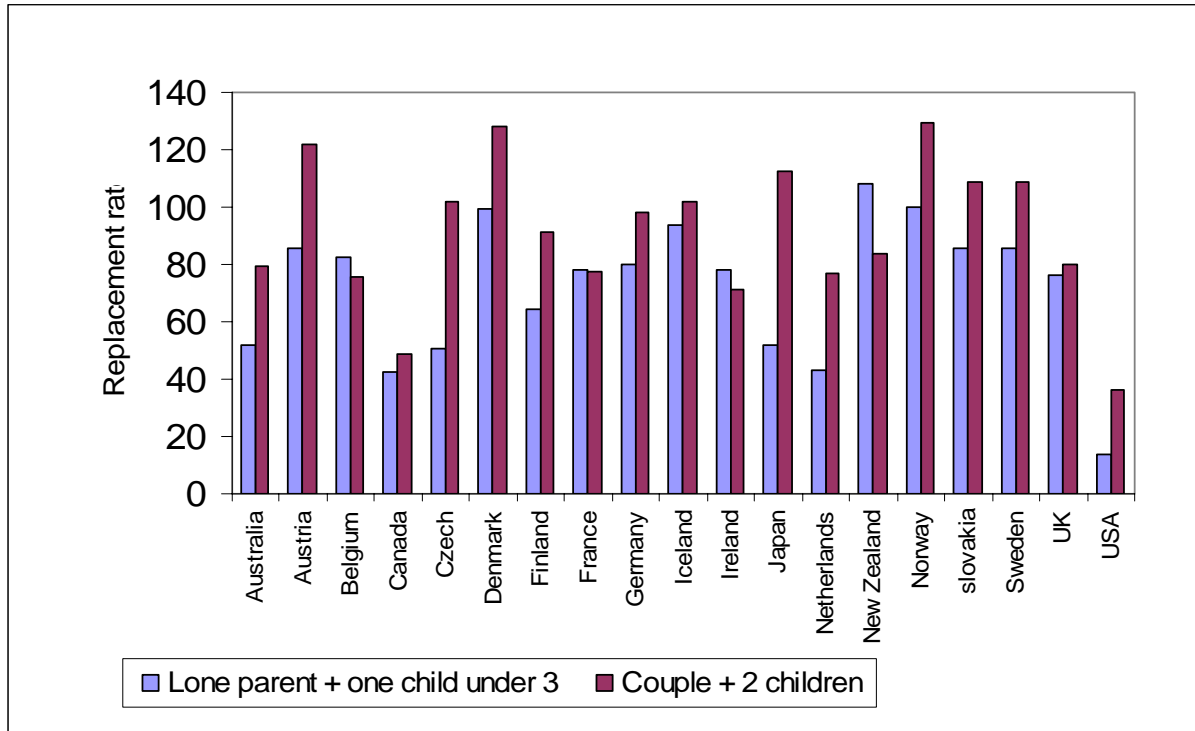


Figure 13: Overall “average” child benefit package after taxes, benefits, childcare and housing costs (difference from childless couple) Euro ppps per month. January 2004.

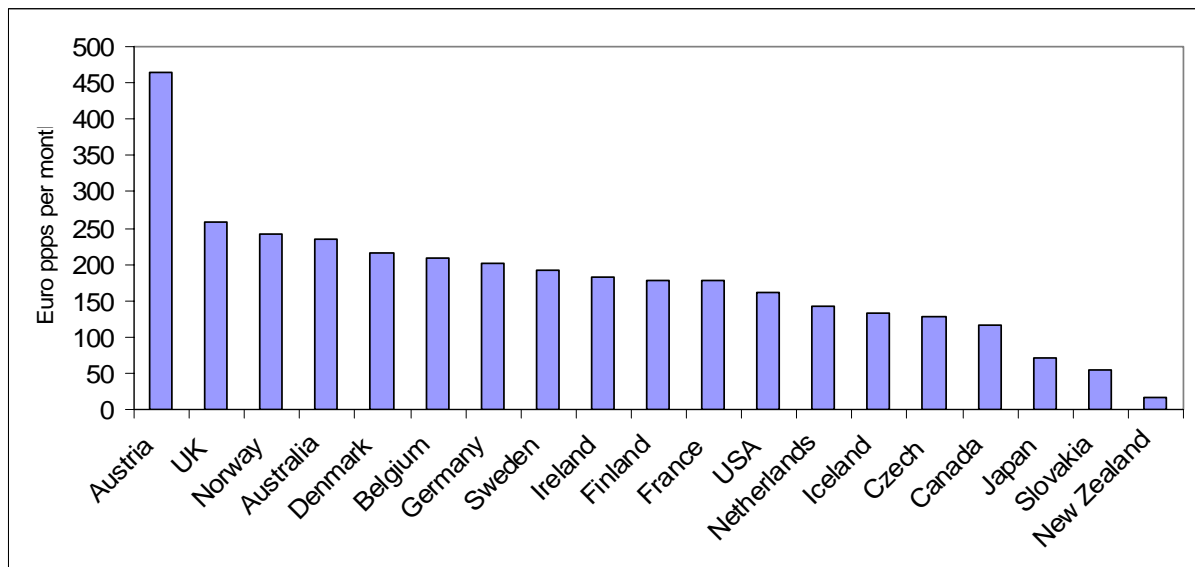


Figure 14 : Overall “average” child benefit package after taxes, benefits, childcare and housing costs (difference from childless couple) % average earnings. January 2004.

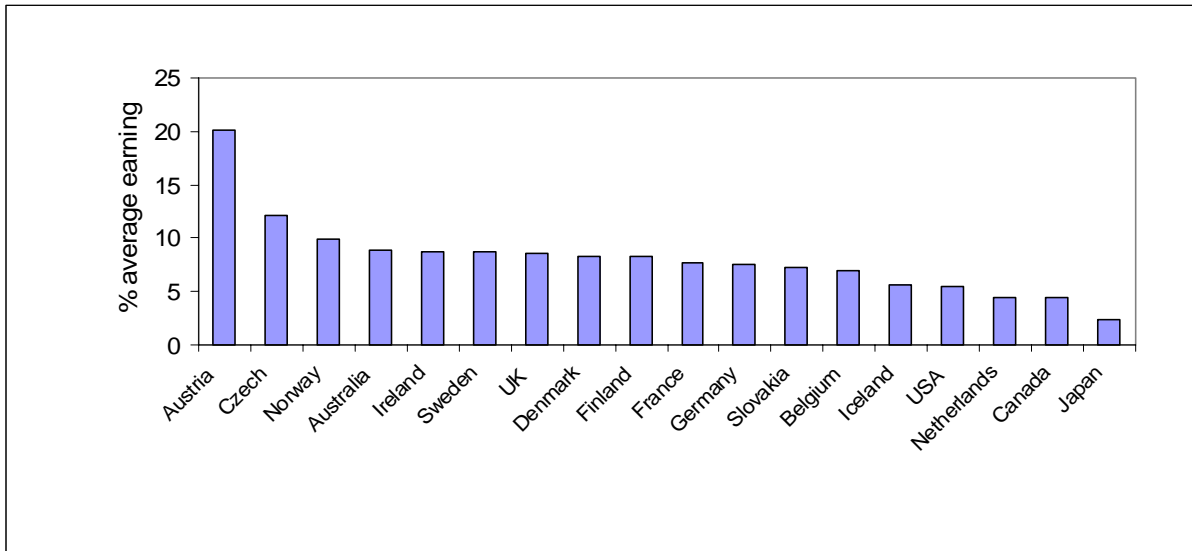


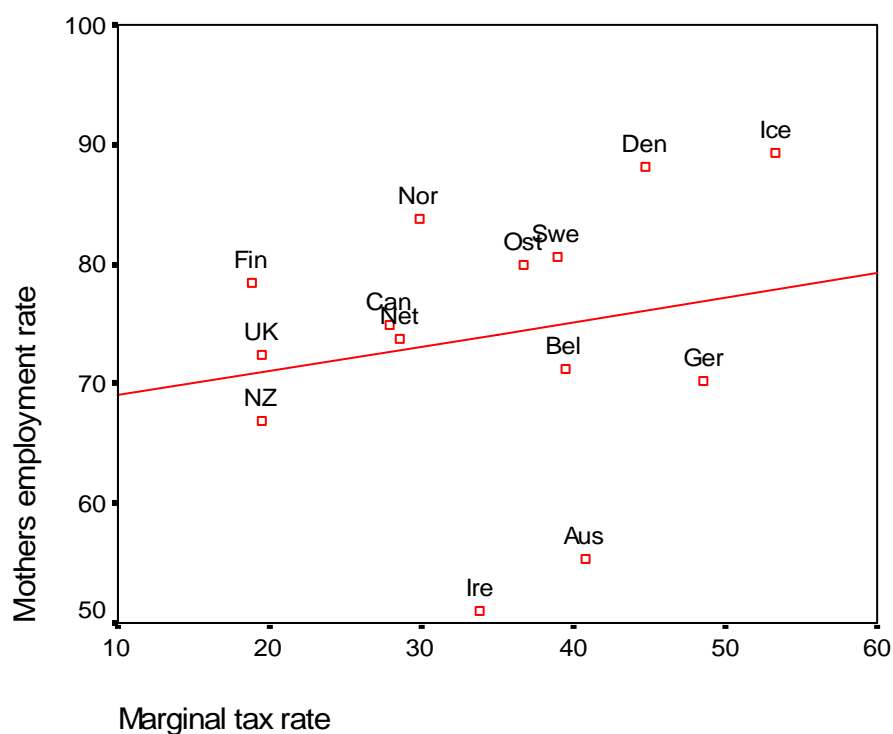
Table 3a: Comparisons of the ranking of child benefit packages in July 2001 and January 2004. After taxes and benefits only.

Ranking in 2001 as % average earnings		Ranking in 2004 as % average earnings	
Austria	16.3	Austria	20.1
Ireland	12.7	Ireland	11.8
Belgium	12.1	UK	10.3
UK	11.6	Norway	9.1
Norway	9.6	Australia	8.2
Germany	9.0	Finland	8.1
Finland	8.7	Belgium	7.9
Australia	7.6	Germany	7.5
Sweden	6.7	Sweden	6.3
Denmark	6.2	Canada	6.1
Netherlands	5.8	Denmark	6.1
Canada	5.8	Netherlands	5.1
New Zealand	5.2	New Zealand	3.6
Japan	4.9	Iceland	3.5
		Japan	2.6

Table 3b: Comparisons of the ranking of child benefit packages in July 2001 and January 2004. After taxes, benefits and housing costs¹.

Ranking in 2001 as % average earnings		Ranking in 2004 as % average earnings	
Austria	18.3	Austria	20.7
Belgium	12.1	Ireland	11.9
Ireland	12.0	UK	11.3
Norway	11.5	Norway	10.6
UK	10.9	Australia	9.6
Germany	9.8	Sweden	9.0
Finland	9.5	Finland	8.8
Australia	9.1	Denmark	8.7
Sweden	9.2	Germany	7.8
Denmark	8.7	Belgium	7.6
Netherlands	6.2	Iceland	6.3
Canada	5.8	Canada	6.2
Japan	5.7	Netherlands	4.9
New Zealand	4.5	Japan	3.2
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Figure 15: Marginal tax rate on mother working and mother's employment rates



¹ Note that for technical reasons this comparison does not take into account childcare costs.

Figure 16 Total fertility rate and average value of the child benefit package

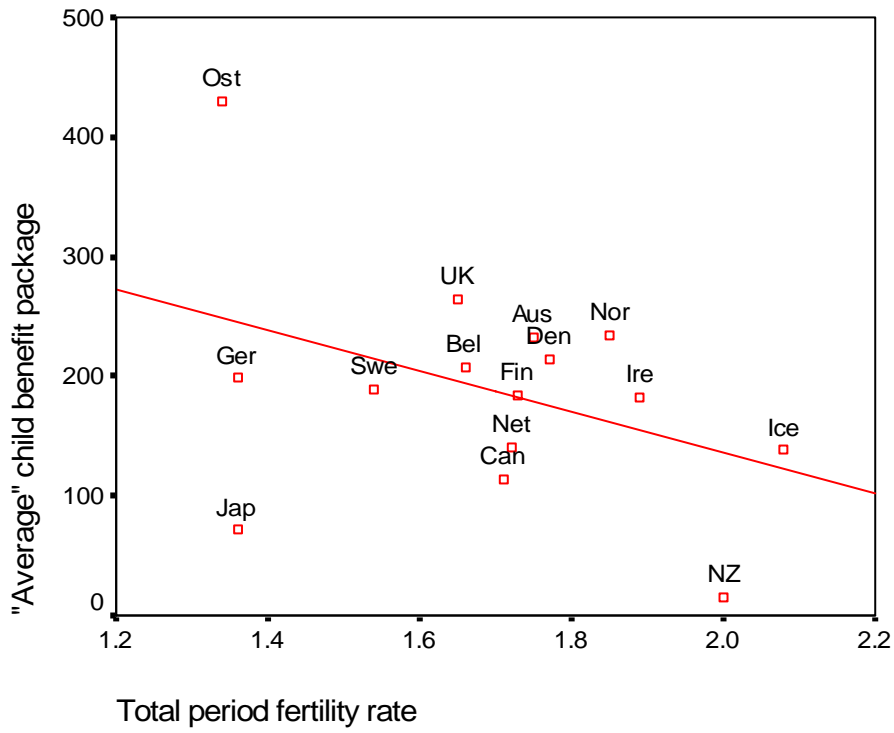


Figure 17: Child poverty rate and child benefit package

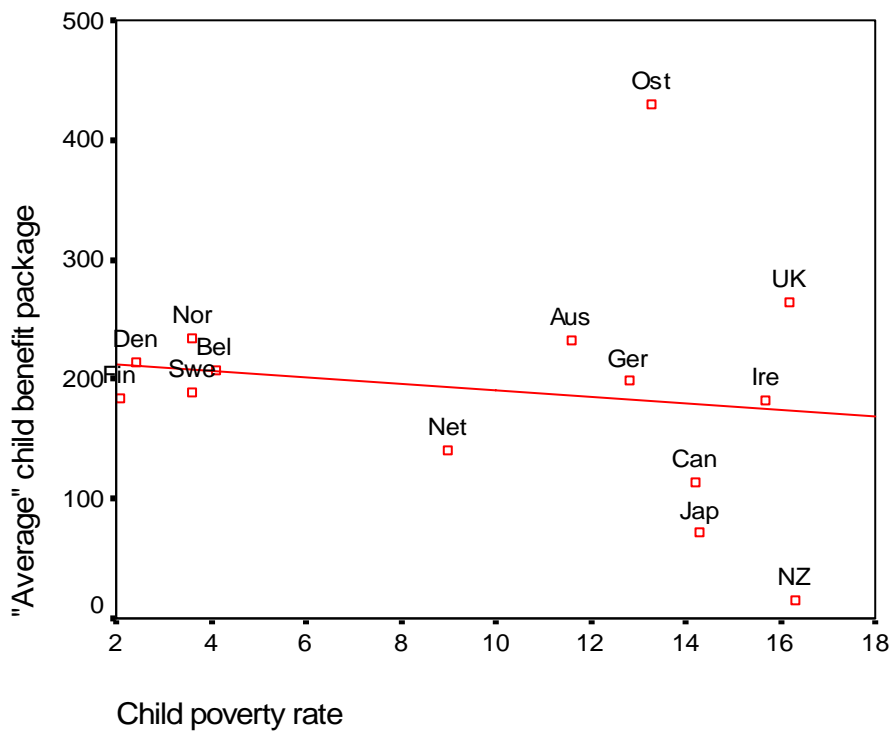
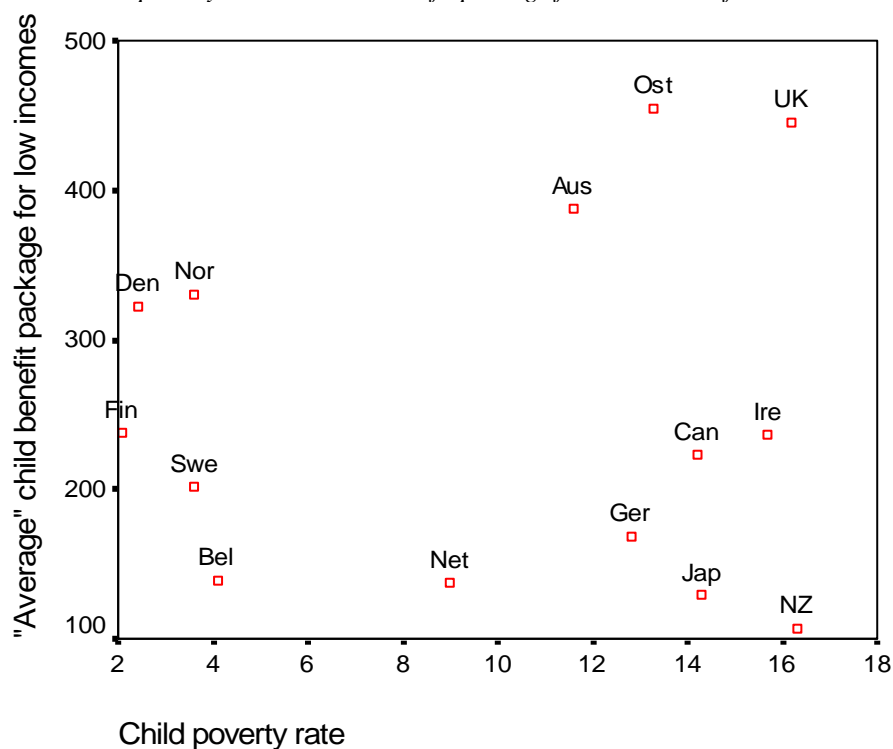


Figure 18: Child poverty rate and child benefit package for low-income families



Appendix

Case 1 (1 earner on half average national earnings)

Lone parent + 1 aged 2yrs 11 months x 2
 Lone parent + 1 aged 7 x 2
 Couple +1 aged 7
 Couple + 2 aged 7 and 14
 Couple +3 aged 7 and 14 and 17

Case 2 (1 earner on average national earnings)

Lone parent + 1 aged 2yrs 11 months x 2
 Lone parent + 1 aged 7 x 2
 Couple +1 aged 7 x 2
 Couple + 2 aged 7 and 14 x 3
 Couple +3 aged 7 and 14 and 17 x 2

Case 3 (2 earners, 1 on half average, 1 on average national earnings)

Couple +1 aged 7 x 2
 Couple + 2 aged 7 and 14 x 3
 Couple +3 aged 7 and 14 and 17 x 2

Case 4 (2 earners, both on average national earnings)

Couple +1 aged 7
 Couple + 2 aged 7 and 14
 Couple +3 aged 7 and 14 and 17

Case 5 (social assistance case)

Lone parent + 1 aged 2yrs 11 months
 Lone parent + 1 aged 7
 Couple +1 aged 7
 Couple + 2 aged 7 and 14

Total: 32 cases