

Selective Intersex Abortions: Hypospadias 2%, Indeterminate Sex 47%, XXY 74%

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Scientific "marvels" nazi-eugenicists could only dream of are widespread reality today – e.g. selective (late term) abortions of intersex fetuses "undesirable from an eugenics standpoint" (Hans Christian Naujoks 1934) because of "hereditary diseases due to abnormal predispositions, including hypospadias, pseudohermaphroditism, intersexuality, cryptorchidism and epispadias" (Baur, Fischer, Lenz 1936) – in exponentially growing rates thanks to prenatal testing. Nonetheless, public debate of such "eugenic indications" is found lacking, with occasional exceptions proving the rule mainly zeroing in on trisomy 21.

However, human rights apply to hermaphrodites too! Therefore, this blog documents some facts & figures on eugenic intersex terminations.

The following is a ranking mainly of Switzerland (although the sources used include figures from many more countries):

XXY / Klinefelter: 74% - CH Rank 3

A 2011 survey of over 20 regions, states and cities referenced and documented in the [2014 CRC Report \(PDF 3.6 MB --> p. 76\)](#) finds Switzerland (74%) on rank 3, after Canada BC (88%) and Israel (85%), and followed by California and Denmark (70% each), Finland and the UK (66%) – with Germany (17%) at the rear end of the list:

Tables 1 Rates of pregnancy termination following a prenatal diagnosis of Klinefelter syndrome

Country	Number of pregnancies	Termination rate (%)	Period of study	References
Germany	23	17	1989–1998	(3)
Uruguay	22	23	1982–2003	(4)
France	12	42	1990–1998	(5)
5 European countries	111	44	1986–1997	(6)
USA	75	45	Not specified	(7)
Hawaii	24	46	1986–1999	(8)
Finland + UK	15	66	1979–1984	(9)
Denmark	163	70	1970–2000	(10)
USA (California)	40	70	1983–2003	(11)
Switzerland	23	74	1980–2001	(12)
Israel	20	85	1989–1998	(13)
Canada (BC)	24	88	1971–1997	(14)

"Intermediate sex": 47% - CH Rank 2

The "Eurocat Registry" ("European registration of congenital abnormalities and twins") provides data for a global registry, tellingly named "**World Atlas of Birth Defects**". The current 2nd edition collects data from 1993-1998 e.g. on a rather obscure diagnosis called "Intermediate sex", including a chart detailing termination figures and rates ([PDF 13.9 MB --> p. 184](#)). Zurich (Switzerland) shows an overall termination rate of 47%, and in 1998 with scores second with 67% – after Glasgow in Scotland (100%), and before Finland, Barcelona in Spain and Saxony-Anhalt in Germany 3rd (50% each). (Regarding the comparatively much lower figures it's of importance to note that not all "intermediate sex" diagnoses can be made prenatally – often also after birth no specific genetic diagnosis can be determined.)

Table 17b: Indeterminate sex, Terminations of pregnancy (TOP)

Programme	93		94		95		96		97		98		L+S+To P trend
	Total	% ToP	Total	% ToP	Total	% ToP	Total	% ToP	Total	% ToP	Total	% ToP	
Canada Alberta									3	0.00	5	40.00	
USA Atlanta			2	0.00	6	0.00	3	0.00	5	20.00	10	0.00	
Norway			53	32.08	77	25.97	47	29.79	43	0.00	47	25.53	
Finland							7	0.00	4	50.00	4	50.00	
Denmark Odense	1	0.00	1	0.00	0		0		0		0		
Scotland Glasgow	1	0.00	5	20.00	2	50.00	1	0.00	0		1	100.00	
England & Wales			40	2.50	38	0.00	44	0.00	50	0.00	50	0.00	
England North Thames West									1	0.00	2	0.00	
England Mersey											4	25.00	
Northern Netherlands			0		0		0		0		1	0.00	
Germany Saxony-Anhalt	0		0		0		0		0		2	50.00	
Belgium Antwerp	0		1	0.00	0		1	0.00	0		0		
Belgium Hainaut	5	20.00	0		1	0.00	5	20.00	4	0.00	1	0.00	
Czech Republic							4	0.00	4	0.00	3	0.00	
Hungary					2	0.00	1	0.00	1	0.00	3	0.00	
Austria Styria	2	0.00	0		1	100.00	0		0		0		
Croatia Zagreb	0		0		1	0.00	0		0				
Switzerland Zurich	4	75.00	1	0.00	2	50.00	2	0.00	4	25.00	3	66.67	
Bulgaria Sofia									1	0.00	0		
France Paris			8	12.50	5	0.00	4	50.00	1	0.00	7	28.57	
France Strasbourg					0		0		1	100.00	0		
France Central East			12	75.00	7	28.57	5	40.00	3	33.33	12	25.00	
Italy IMER					0		0		2	0.00	0		
Italy Tuscany									0		1	0.00	
Italy BDRCAM					4	0.00			4	0.00	4	0.00	
Spain Asturias	0		1	0.00	1	0.00	0		1	0.00	0		
Spain Basque Country	3	33.33	0		0		1	0.00	1	0.00			
Spain El Valles	0		0		1	0.00	2	0.00	0				
Spain Barcelona	0		2	50.00	2	0.00	1	0.00	2	0.00	2	50.00	
Southern Portugal	1	0.00	0		2	0.00	1	0.00	0		1	0.00	
Israel IBDMs									1	0.00			
Russia Tomsk	0		0		0		0		0		0		
Australia	57	26.32	58	15.52	57	15.79	46	8.70	41	17.07			

Hypospadias: 1.58% - CH Rank 2

The intersex diagnosis hypospadias is not included under "intermediate sex" in the already referenced *"World Atlas of Birth Defects"*, but listed separately (same by the way as the intersex diagnosis XO "Turner Syndrome" in the *"Eurocat Registry"*), again including a table of termination rates & figures (PDF 13.9 MB --> p. 178). Zurich (Switzerland) shows a termination rate of 1.58% for the period 1992-1998, and in 1995 scores rank 2 with 6.90%, after Barcelona (Spain) with 10%. #1 scores for the other years: 1993 Tomsk (Russia) 75%, 1994 Glasgow (Scotland) 12.50%; 1996 Antwerp (Belgium) 20.00%; 1997 Basque Country (Spain) 14.29%; 1998 Hainaut (Belgium) 5.56%. (Again, the rather low figures have to be put in context with the fact that at the moment hypospadias is pretty difficult to genetically test prenatally and also difficult to spot in ultrasound examinations.)

Table 16b: Hypospadias, Terminations of Pregnancy (TOP)

Programme	93		94		95		96		97		98		L+S+ToP trend
	Total	% ToP											
Canada Alberta									72	1.39	59	1.69	
USA Atlanta							32	0.00	27	0.00	35	0.00	
Norway							79	0.00	82	0.00	89	0.00	
Finland							14	0.00	21	0.00	15	0.00	
Denmark Odense	1	0.00	5	0.00	6	0.00	7	0.00	12	0.00	6	0.00	↑
Scotland Glasgow	10	10.00	8	12.50	10	0.00	9	11.11	6	0.00	7	0.00	
England & Wales							466	0.00	493	0.00	494	0.20	
England North Thames West									2	0.00	5	0.00	
England Mersey											11	0.00	
Northern Netherlands							19	0.00	16	0.00	12	0.00	
Germany Saxony-Anhalt	22	0.00	13	7.69	16	0.00	14	0.00	17	0.00	14	0.00	↓
Belgium Antwerp	3	0.00	8	0.00	11	0.00	5	20.00	17	0.00	7	0.00	
Belgium Hainaut	26	0.00	17	0.00	12	0.00	18	5.56	17	0.00	18	5.56	
Czech Republic							235	0.00	233	0.00	208	0.00	
Hungary							168	0.00	167	0.00	193	0.00	↑
Austria Styria	0		0		0		0		0		0		
Croatia Zagreb	1	0.00	4	0.00	4	0.00	4	0.00	6	0.00			
Switzerland Zurich	34	2.94	40	0.00	29	6.90	42	0.00	21	0.00	24	0.00	
Bulgaria Sofia							5	0.00	7	0.00			
France Paris									40	0.00	50	2.00	
France Strasbourg							27	3.70	28	0.00	28	0.00	
France Central East							127	0.79	130	0.00	118	2.54	
Italy North East							23	0.00	24	4.17	17	0.00	
Italy IMER							51	0.00	53	0.00	21	0.00	
Italy Tuscany									5	0.00	8	0.00	
Italy BDRCAM							15	0.00	12	0.00	10	0.00	
Spain Asturias	10	0.00	10	0.00	8	0.00	5	0.00	7	0.00	5	0.00	
Spain Basque Country	12	0.00	17	0.00	12	0.00	17	0.00	7	14.29			
Spain El Valles	9	0.00	7	0.00	2	0.00	6	0.00	1	0.00			↓
Spain Barcelona	14	0.00	10	0.00	10	10.00	6	0.00	12	16.67	0		↓
Southern Portugal	4	0.00	6	0.00	2	0.00	11	0.00	14	0.00	14	0.00	
Israel IDMS									56	0.00	65	0.00	
Russia Tomsk	4	75.00	3	0.00	7	0.00	6	0.00	4	0.00	9	0.00	
Australia	37	0.00	20	0.00	29	0.00	31	0.00	22	0.00			

"Human Rights For Hermaphrodites Too!"

StopIGM.org is an international human rights NGO of survivors and allies fighting Intersex Genital Mutilations (IGMs) in children's clinics, and for the right to physical integrity and self determination for all children born with 'atypical genitalia', or Variations of Sex Anatomy.