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TIMSS 2015 and PISA 2015 results on math, science, and readings &
the historic impacts for the global math education and economy of
all the nations

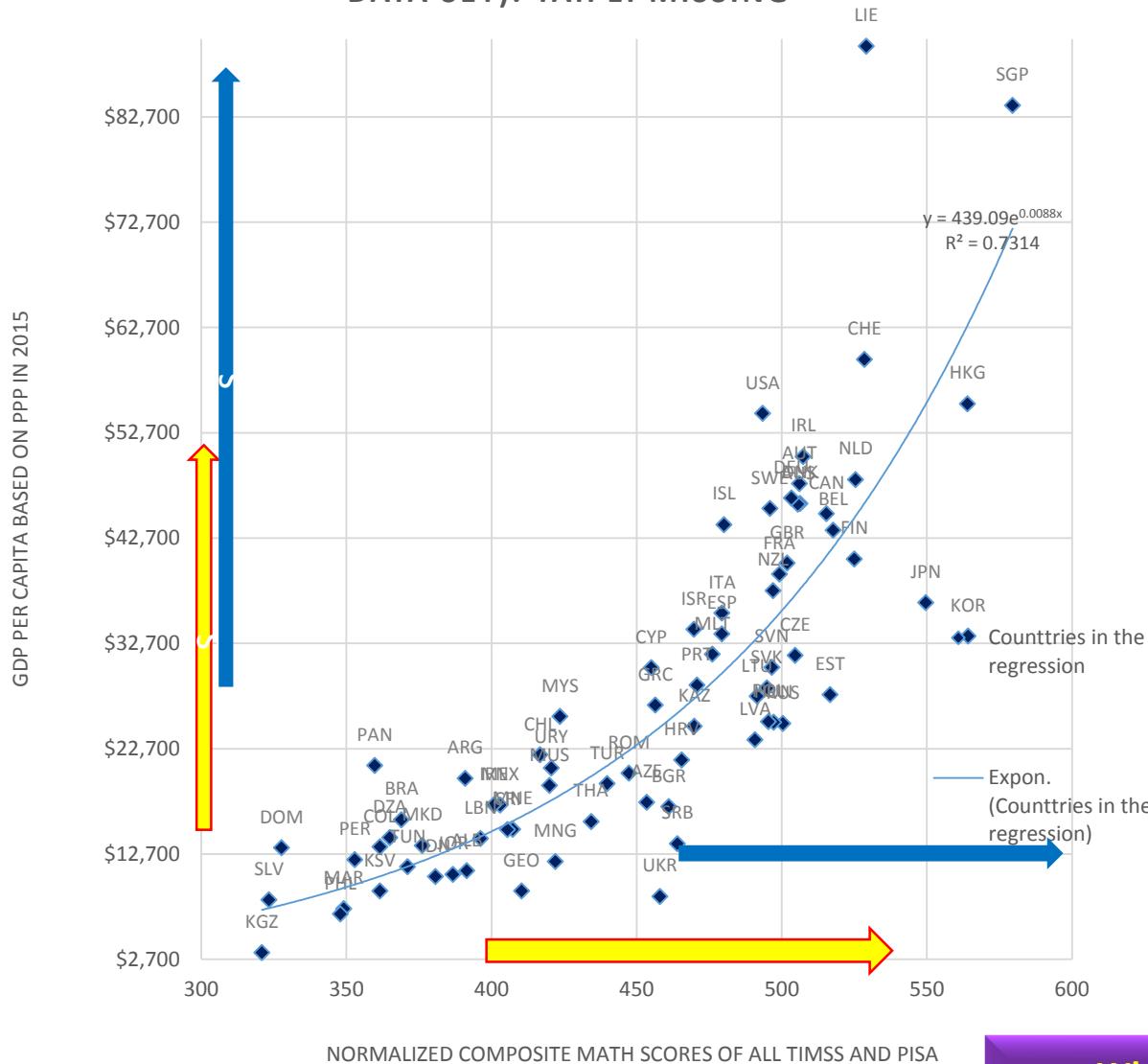
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NORMALIZED COMPOSITE MATH SCORES OF ALL TIMSS AND PISA MATH VS. GDP PER CAPITA BASED ON PPP IN 2015 AFTER 12 OUTLIERS (8 TOP OIL-RICHEST COUNTRIES & VIETNAM) & 4 OTHERS (FROM THE TOTAL 84 COUNTRY DATA SET). TAIPEI MISSING



An amazing power of reducing the math poverty in the developed nations (the OECD level nations) by 20-30%.

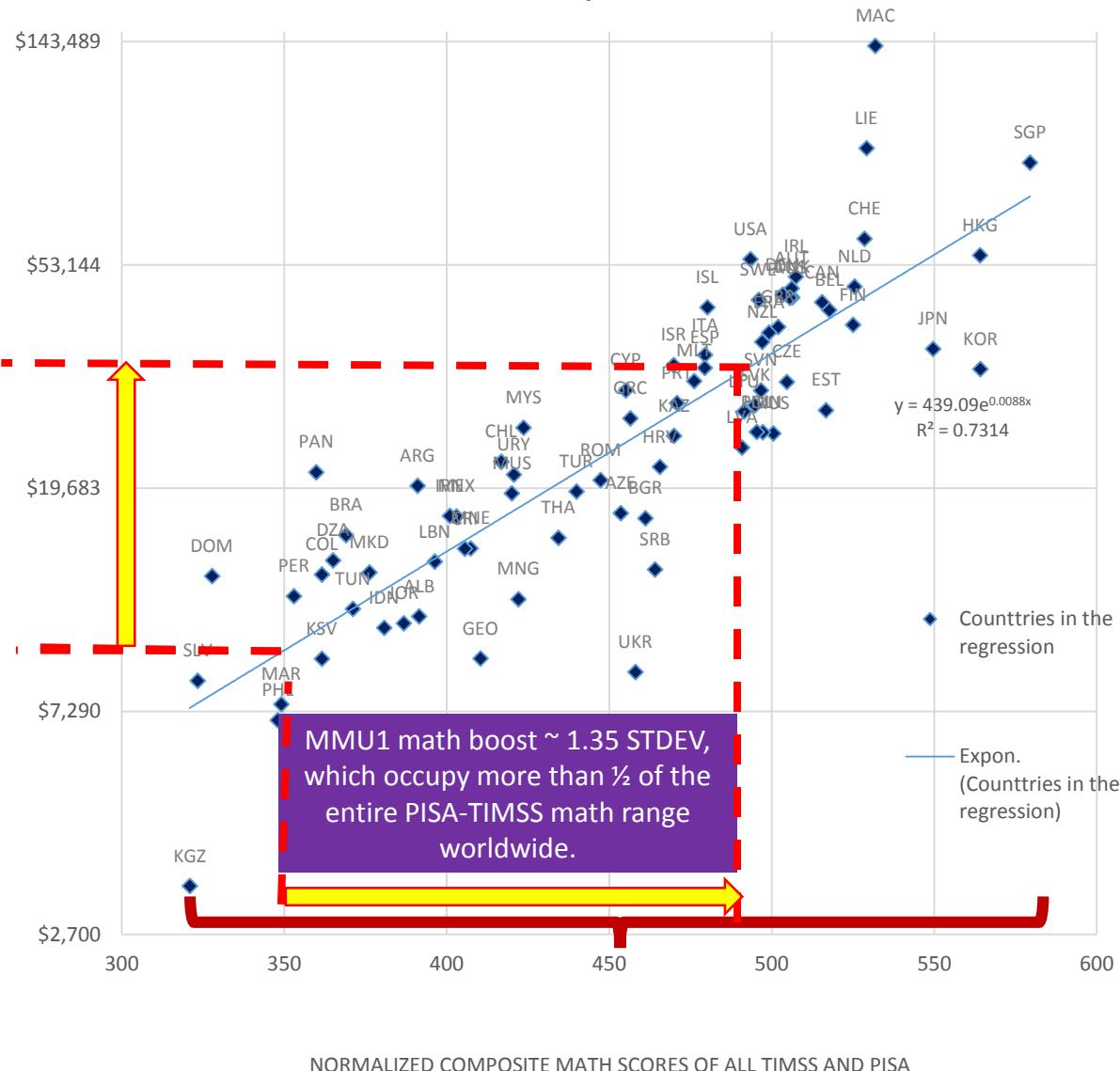
You empower the math poorest out of their stagnations. The result is that you all get richer than all you richer friends that you envy.

Except that you make this happen in a few or several decades instead of 100-200 years.

When the log is converted to the normal linear space growths.

NORMALIZED COMPOSITE MATH SCORES OF ALL TIMSS AND PISA MATH VS. LOG OF GDP PER CAPITA BASED ON PPP IN 2015 AFTER 12 OUTLIERS (8 TOP OIL-RICHEST COUNTRIES & VIETNAM) & 4 OTHERS (FROM THE TOTAL 84 COUNTRY DATA SET). TAIPEI MISSING

The red arrow is the math chasm between the top math countries and poorest math countries in the entire PISA and TIMSS tests



To reduce the math poverty (about PISA math 420 cut off point) by 20-30% in the developed nations ~ is roughly the arrow growth you see here.

Summary of Dongchan Lee's new discoveries after the release of the TIMSS 2015 and PISA 2015 results on math, science, and readings

- 1) Math skills → Income per capita: Math 1 STDEV of math growth ~ 2.3-2.4 times GDP per capita growths in PPP
- 2) All developed English speaking countries and most of the Latin American countries have the stronger reading scores than math scores by large margins.
- 3) The difference of the math scores – reading scores can explain the income growths better than the mean school years if we exclude 3-6 outliers (5-10% of the participating number of nations).
- 4) All developed English speaking countries and most of the Latin American countries have the stronger reading scores than math scores by large margins.
- 5) As years go by, the impact of the relative strength of math over reading skills tend to impact the GDP per capita more strongly, about 50-75% of the overall impact levels of the math average scores to the income per capita.

Summary of Dongchan Lee's new discoveries after the release of the TIMSS 2015 and PISA 2015 results on math

- 1) The results of the PISA 2015, TIMSS 2015, and the overall patterns of the math score growths past 15-20 years show that most developed nations are stagnating.
- 2) The overall lost years of math growth in the USA, South Korea, etc. for instance, show that the estimated GDP loss to these nations are at least 2-5 years of the annual GDP over the next half a century. (in upcoming paper).
- 3) In spite of the fast rise of the technology-based education, including that for mathematics in most of the developed countries, obviously the technology can't solve the math EDU stagnations. There must be alternatives.

NOTE: if the governments stay as they have been, the history of the past 15-20 years clearly show that there are little chances for them to raise their national math average. The technology has limits. Only MMU1 can show the first signs of evidences so that all can move forward after the initial more evidences in the developed nations rise.

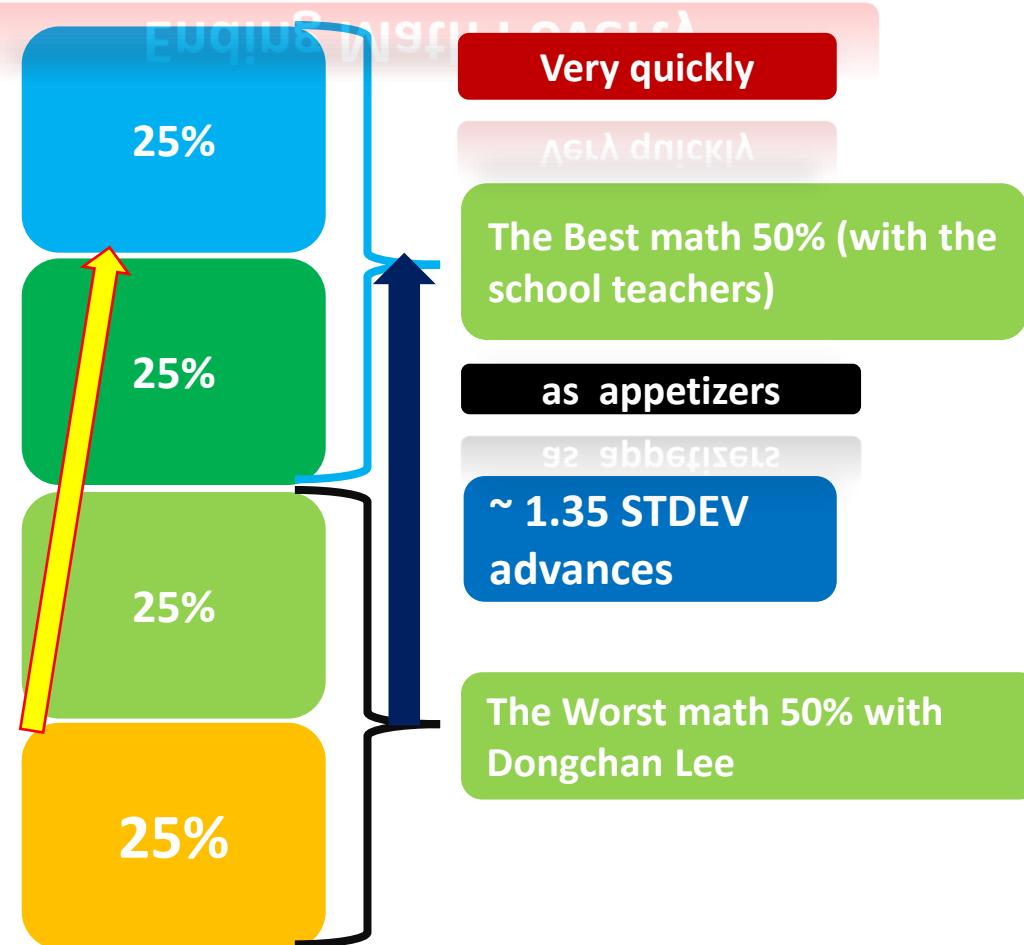
↑ MMU1 (Mini Mini USL1) proposals to Americas 2017

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Ending Math Poverty

To raise nationally this takes 50-150 years normally.

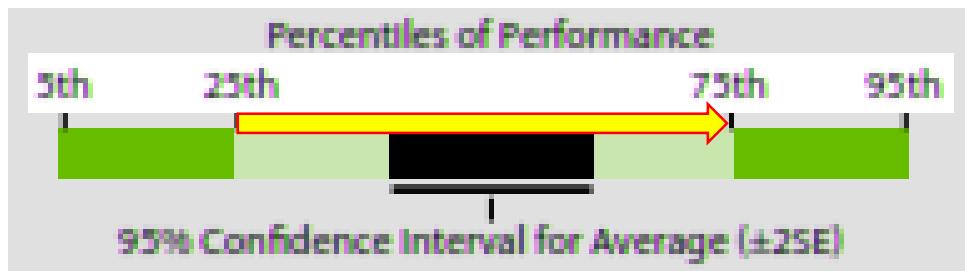


**PISA & TIMSS math (the 2 Olympics or World Cup of math and science education assessments in the world) growth stagnations or even collapses 2000-2015:
the average math and percentile distributions of PISA (15 years) & TIMSS (20 years) &
why MMU1 by Dongchan Lee can change these all quickly**

7 English-speaking developed countries, Latin American countries, and 3 of Asian Tigers

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- Country average significantly higher than the centerpoint of the TIMSS 4th grade scale
- Country average significantly lower than the centerpoint of the TIMSS 4th grade scale



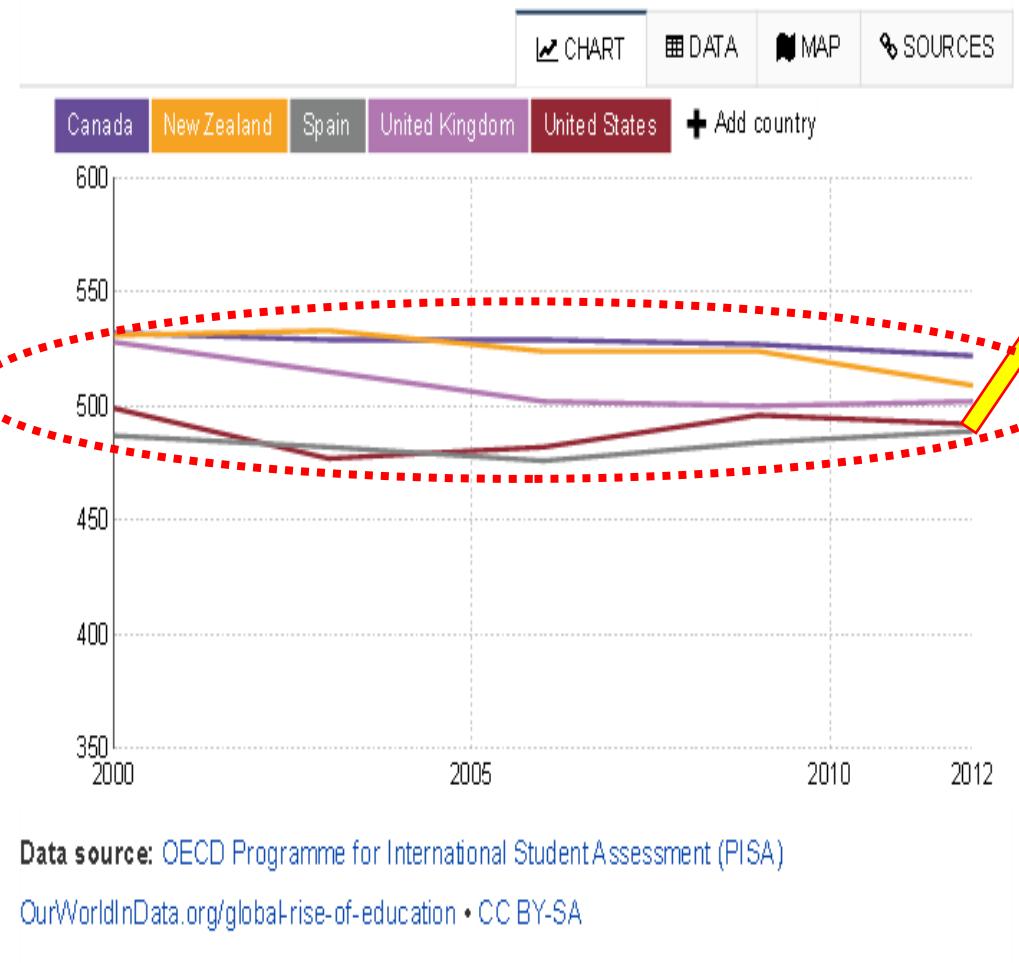
**MMU1 is all about following the yellow arrow.
MMU1 pilots are to boost the math poverty to end the math
poverty: from the low 25 percentile to about 25 percentile to
get the first flavor of what this is going to be like to the
national governments that can fully commit and support the
MMU1 initiatives.**

**As such, this will focus first on the math poorest 10-20-30 % of
the student population in each participating cities, states, or
countries.**

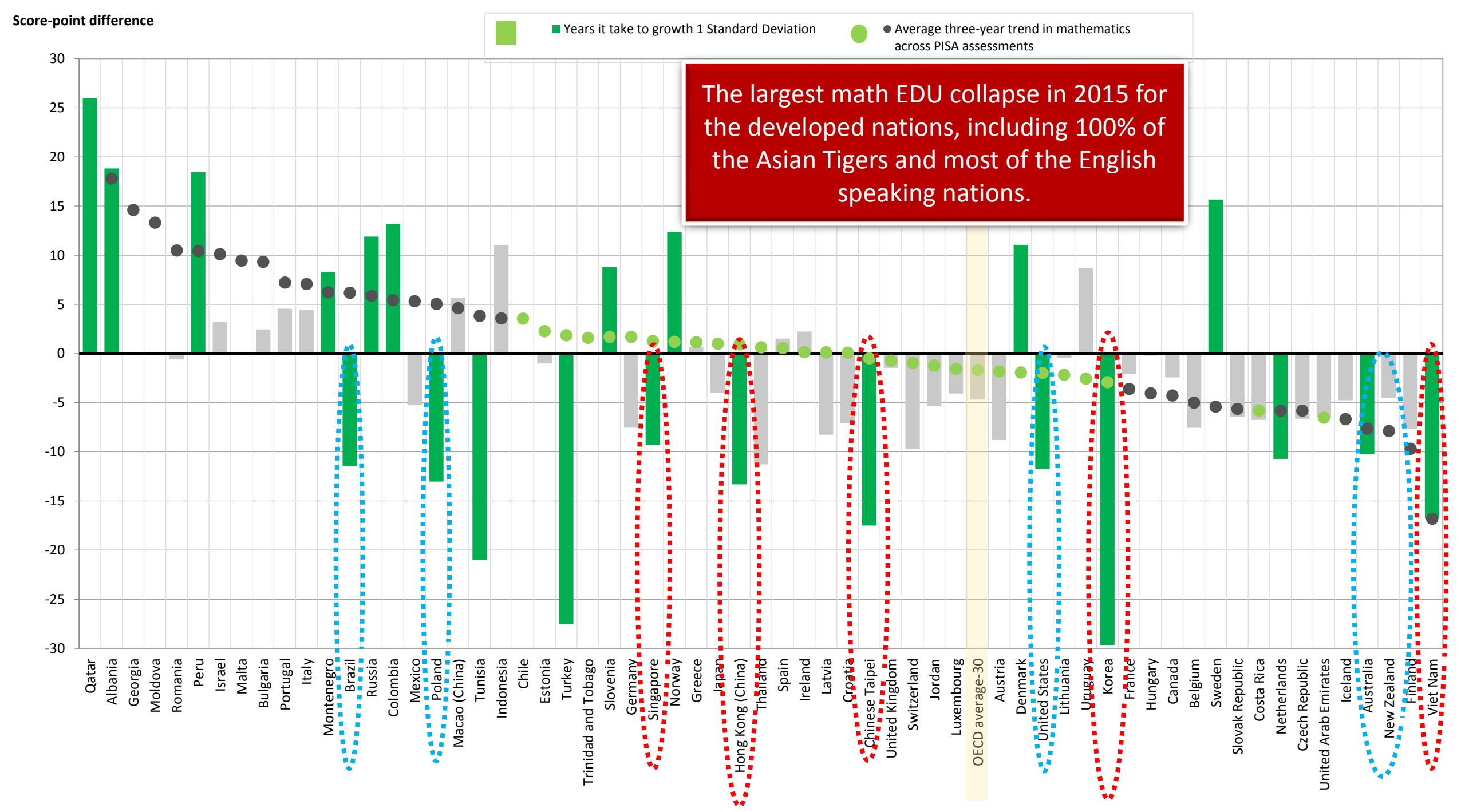
PISA scores – Education test scores by the OECD, 2000 to 2012



The reported test score is the mean average over mathematics, reading and science

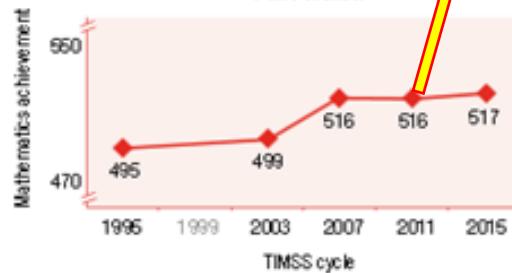


See the quasi-flat growths of these nations for 12 years in PISA overall. The yellow arrow is roughly the efficiency slope boost in MMU1 level operations.

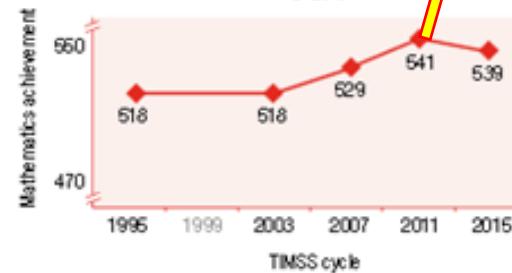


Quasi-horizontal TIMSS math growths past 20 years and what MMU1 is equivalent to do if implemented (Yellow Arrows)

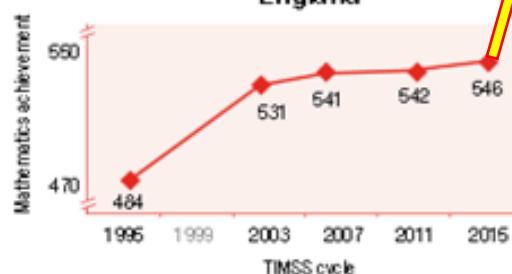
TIMSS Math grade 4th slow growths



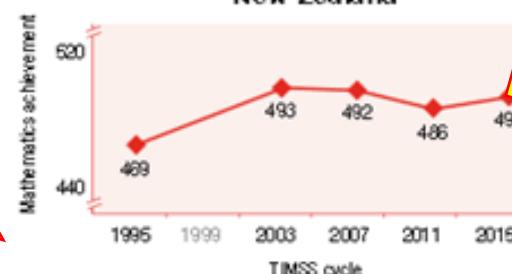
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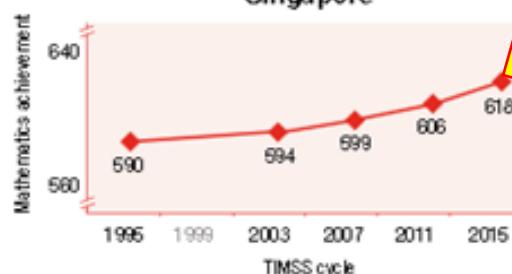
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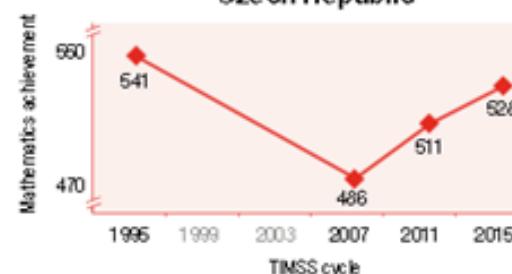
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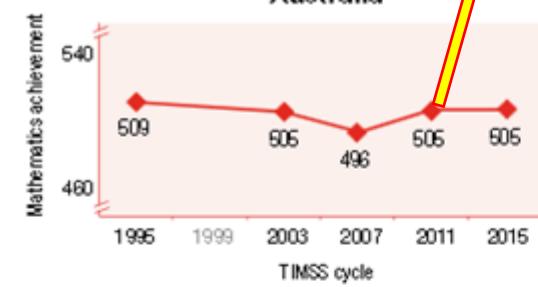
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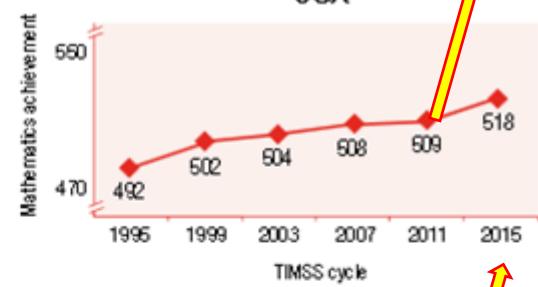
Czech Republic



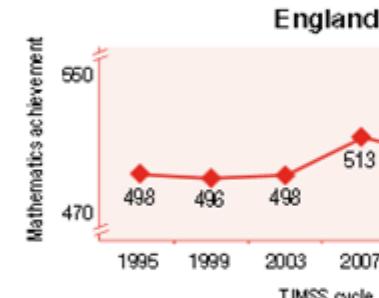
TIMSS Math grade 8th slow growths



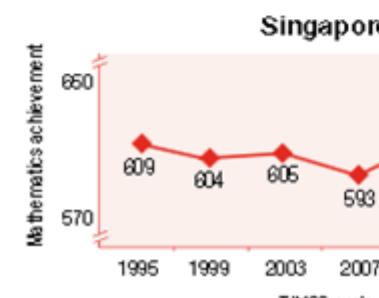
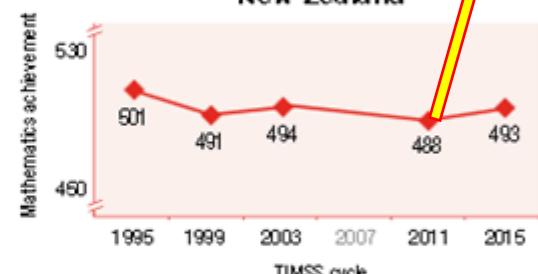
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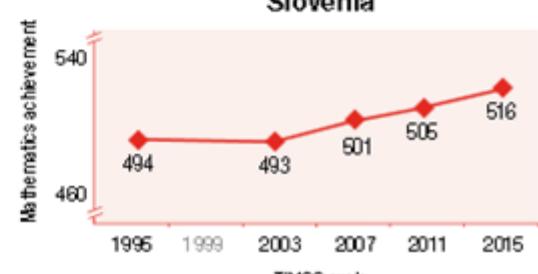
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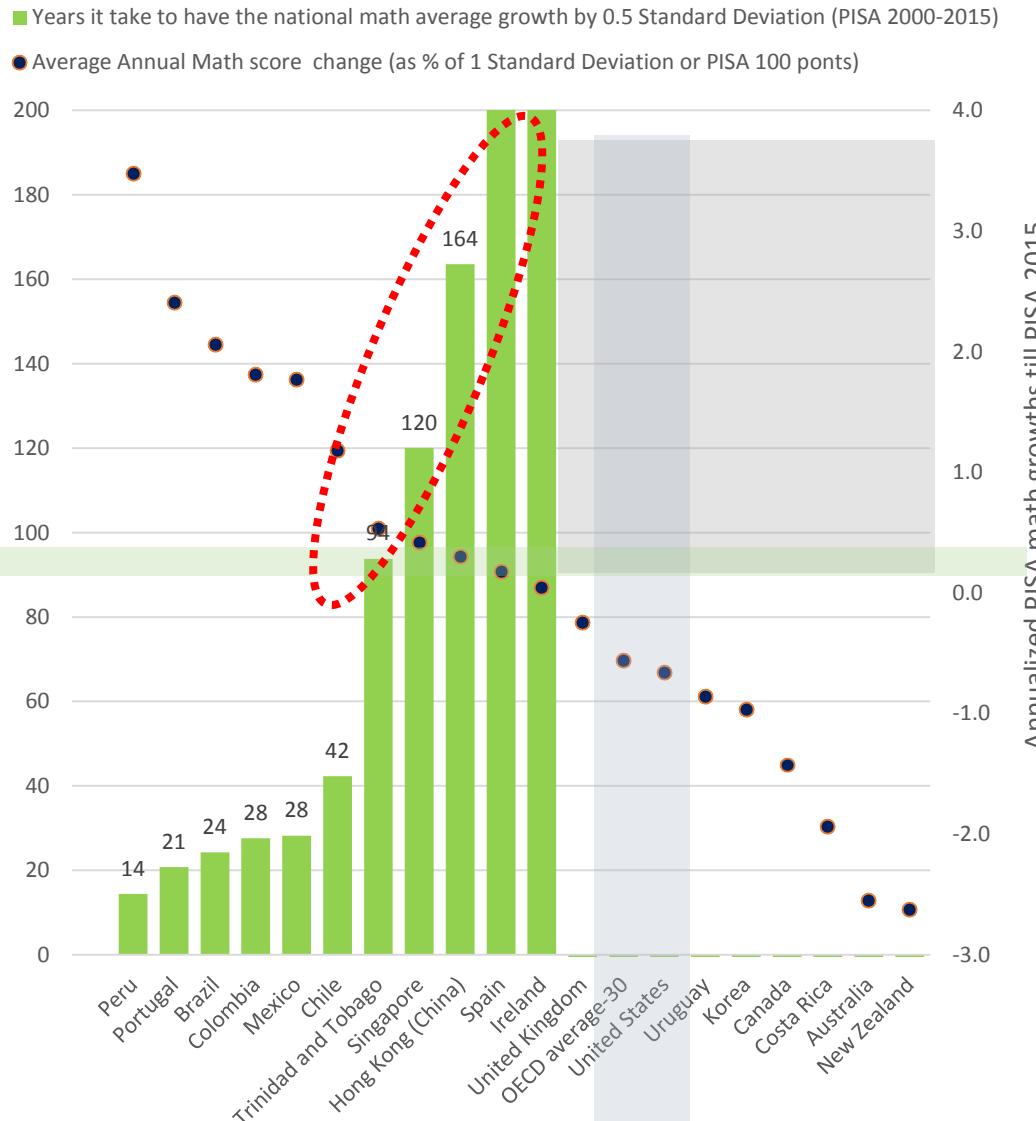


Slovenia

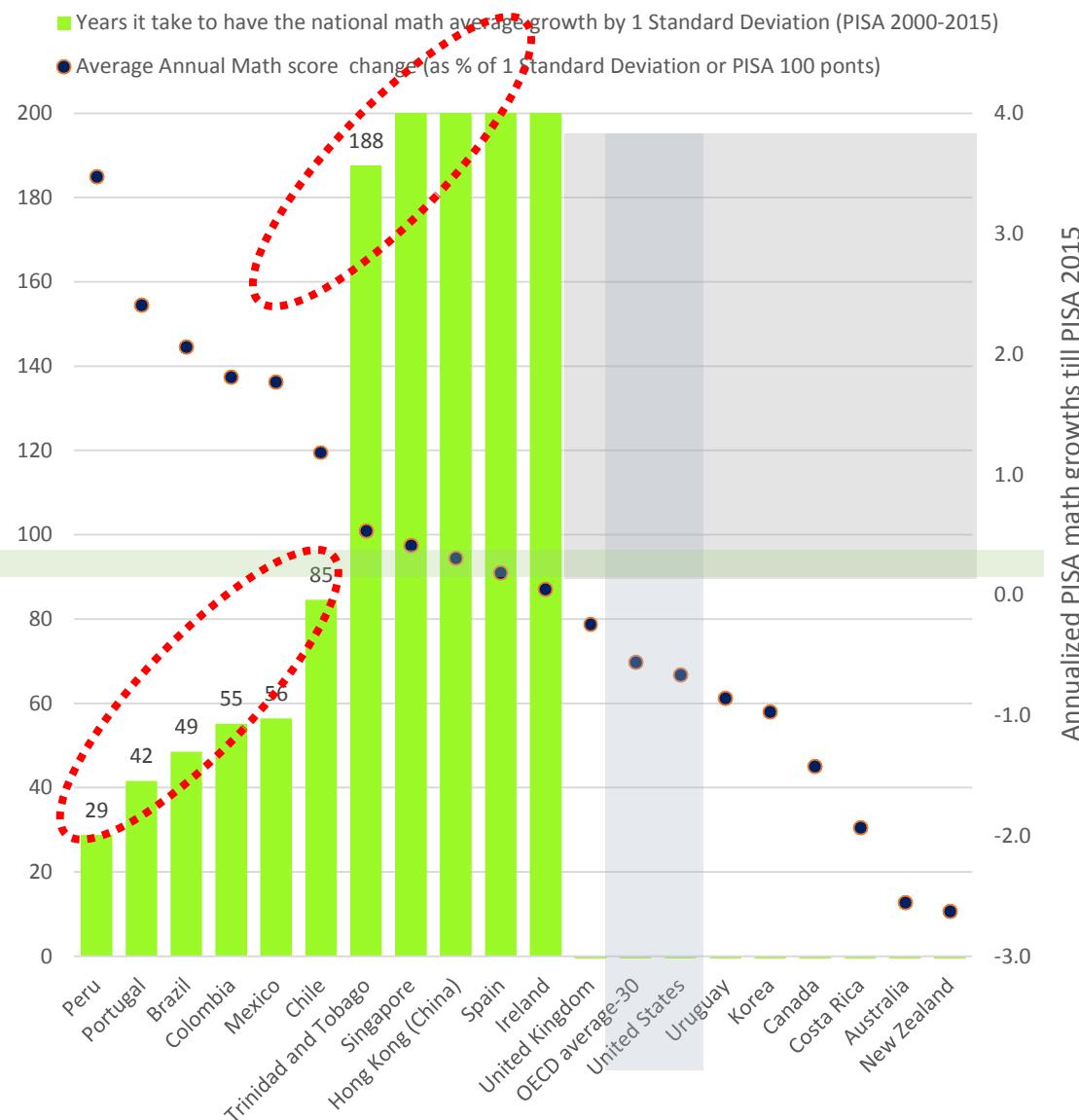


These show how many generations are needed to even boost the national math by 40-80% of what MMU1 can do.

Years it take to have the national math average growth by
0.5 Standard Deviation (PISA 2000-2015) **in English,
Spanish, Portuguese, or Korean speaking countries**



Years it take to have the national math average growth by 1
Standard Deviation (PISA 2000-2015) **in English, Spanish,
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PISA countries for math (for the average math growth trends 2000-2015)

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The stagnations of the math growths of TIMSS grades 4 and 8 in all English speaking developed countries and some others in the next page. They are all vertical. The YELLOW ARROW is what MMU1 focuses on: to empower the math poorer 25 percentile to the 75 percentile very rapidly for the fully supporting, committed nations.

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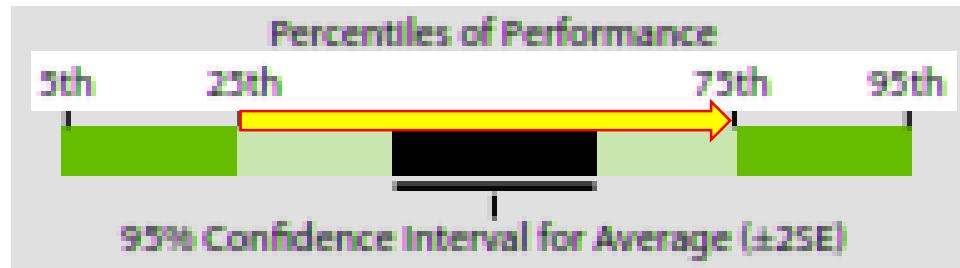
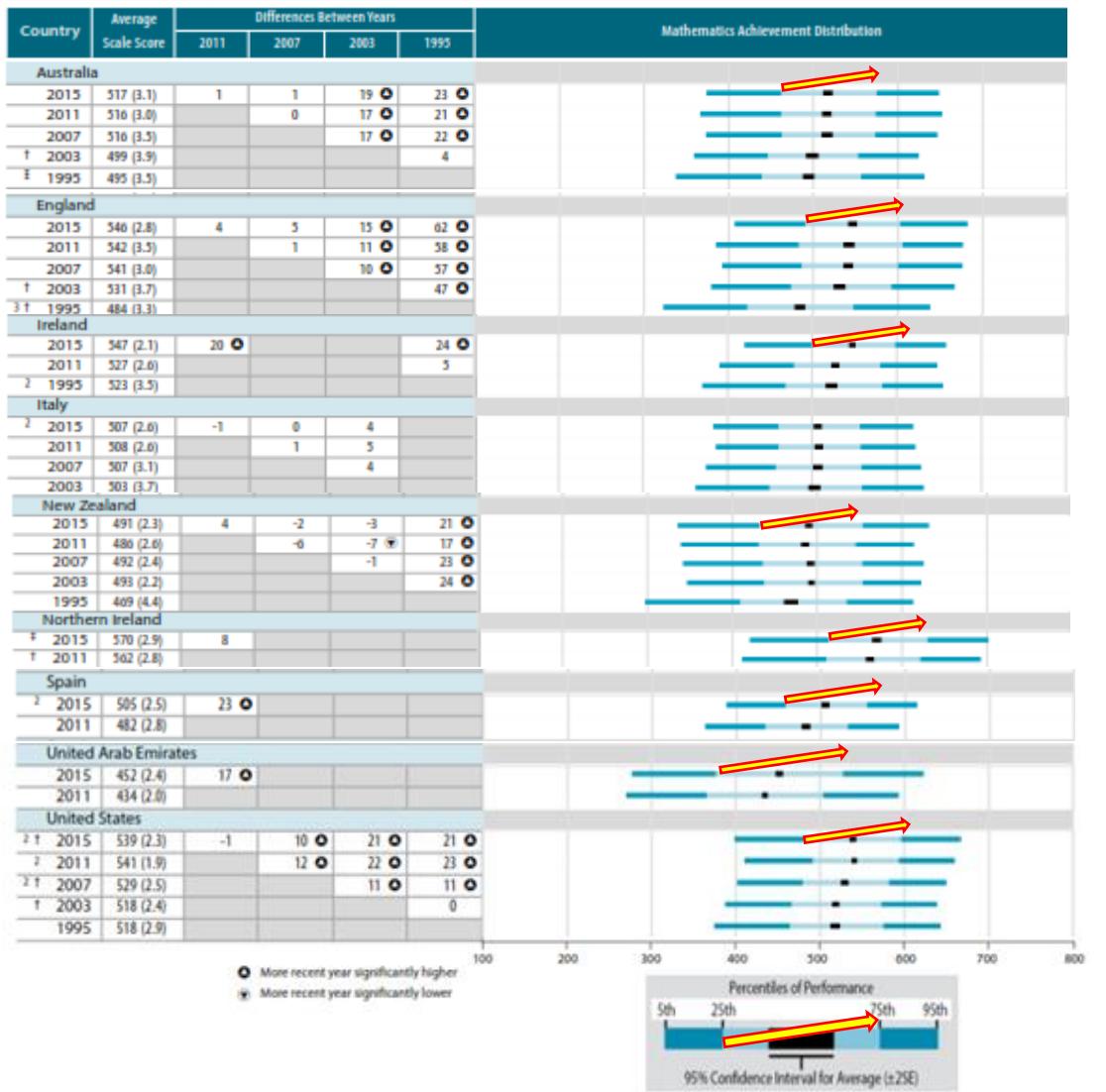


Exhibit 1.7: Differences in Mathematics Achievement Across Assessment Years

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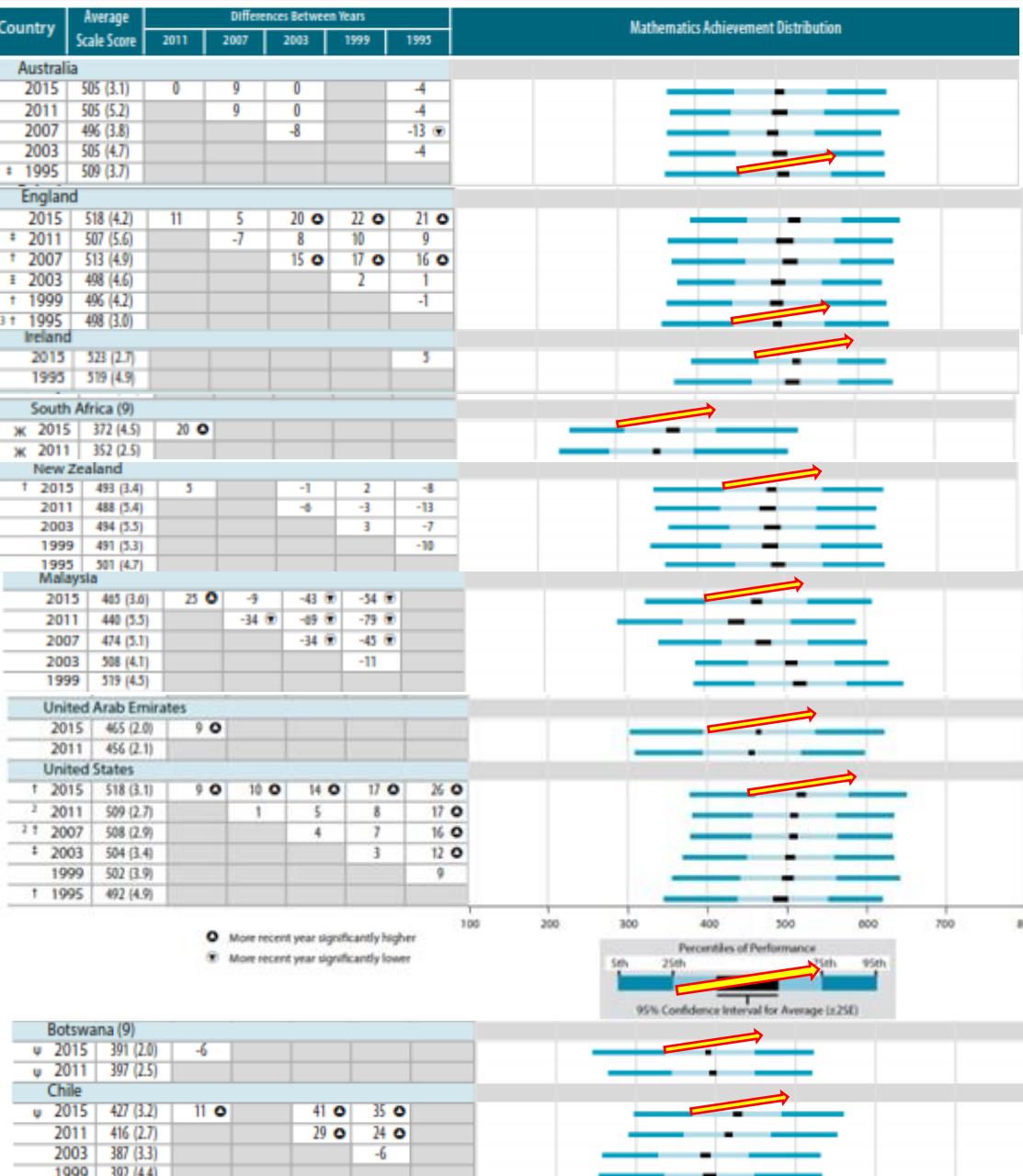
Korea, Rep. of					
2015	508 (2.2)	3			27 ●
2011	505 (1.9)				24 ●
‡ 1995	581 (1.8)				

Chile

2015	439 (2.4)	-3			
2011	462 (2.3)				

Exhibit 1.8: Differences in Mathematics Achievement Across Assessment Years

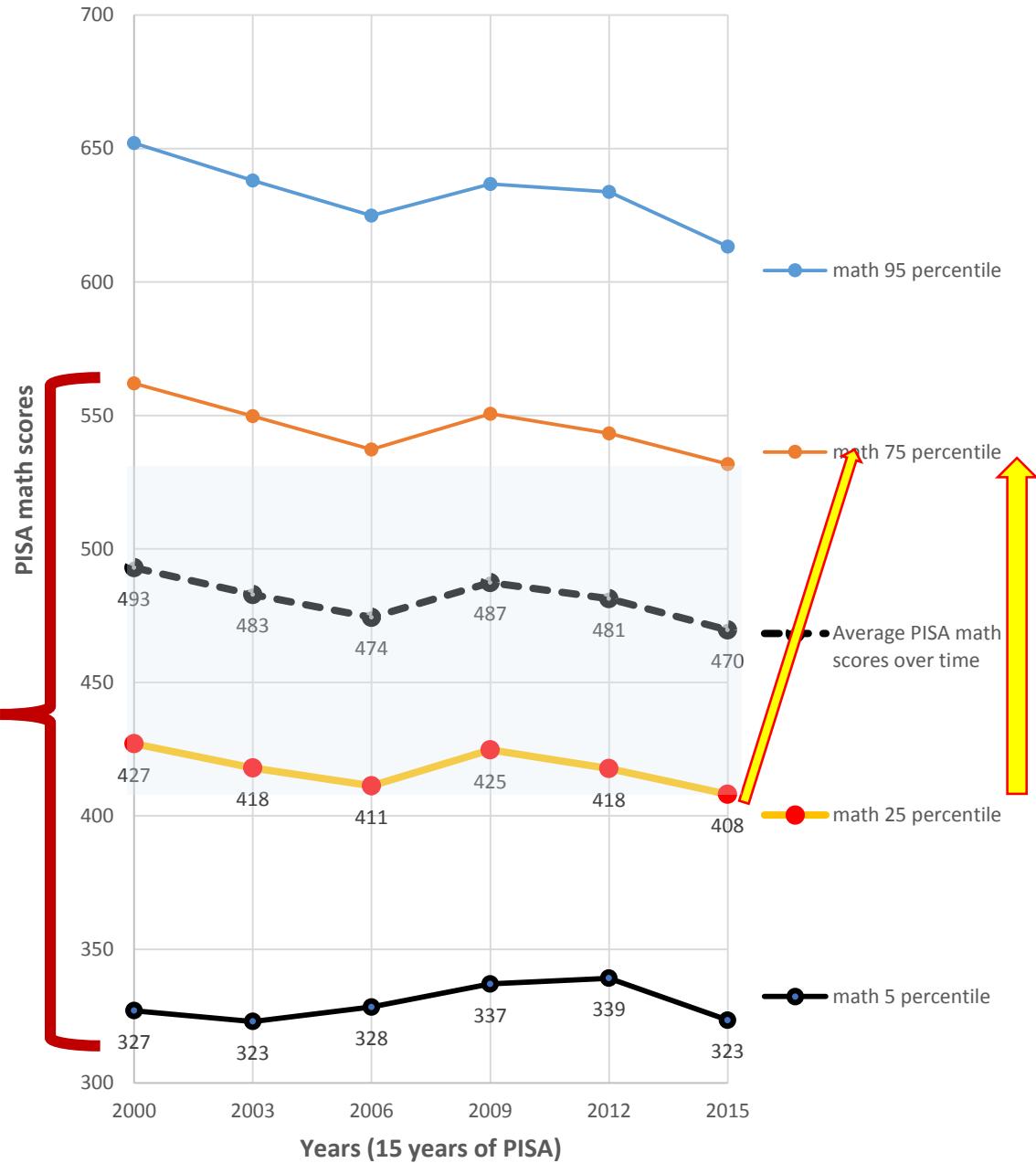
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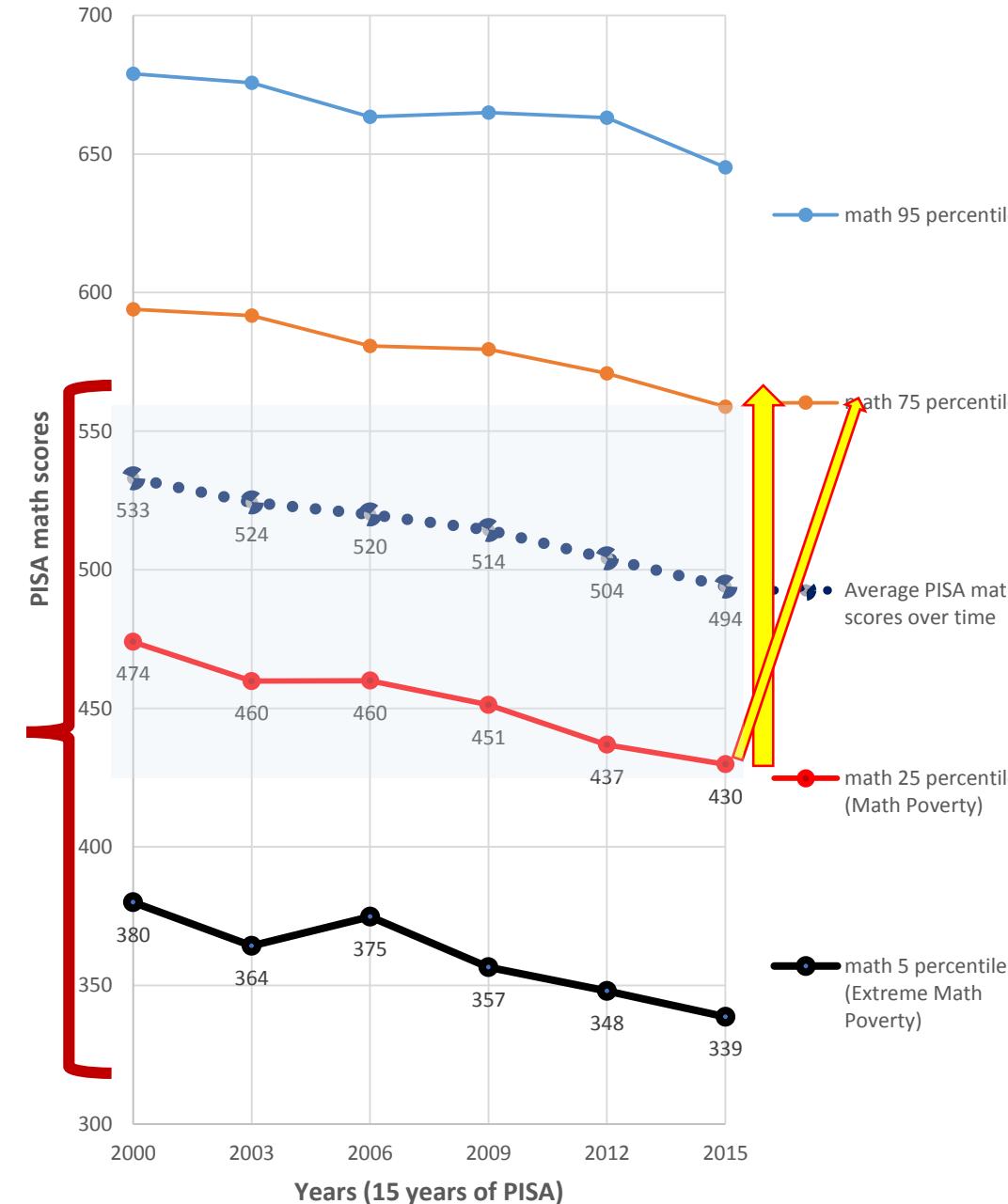
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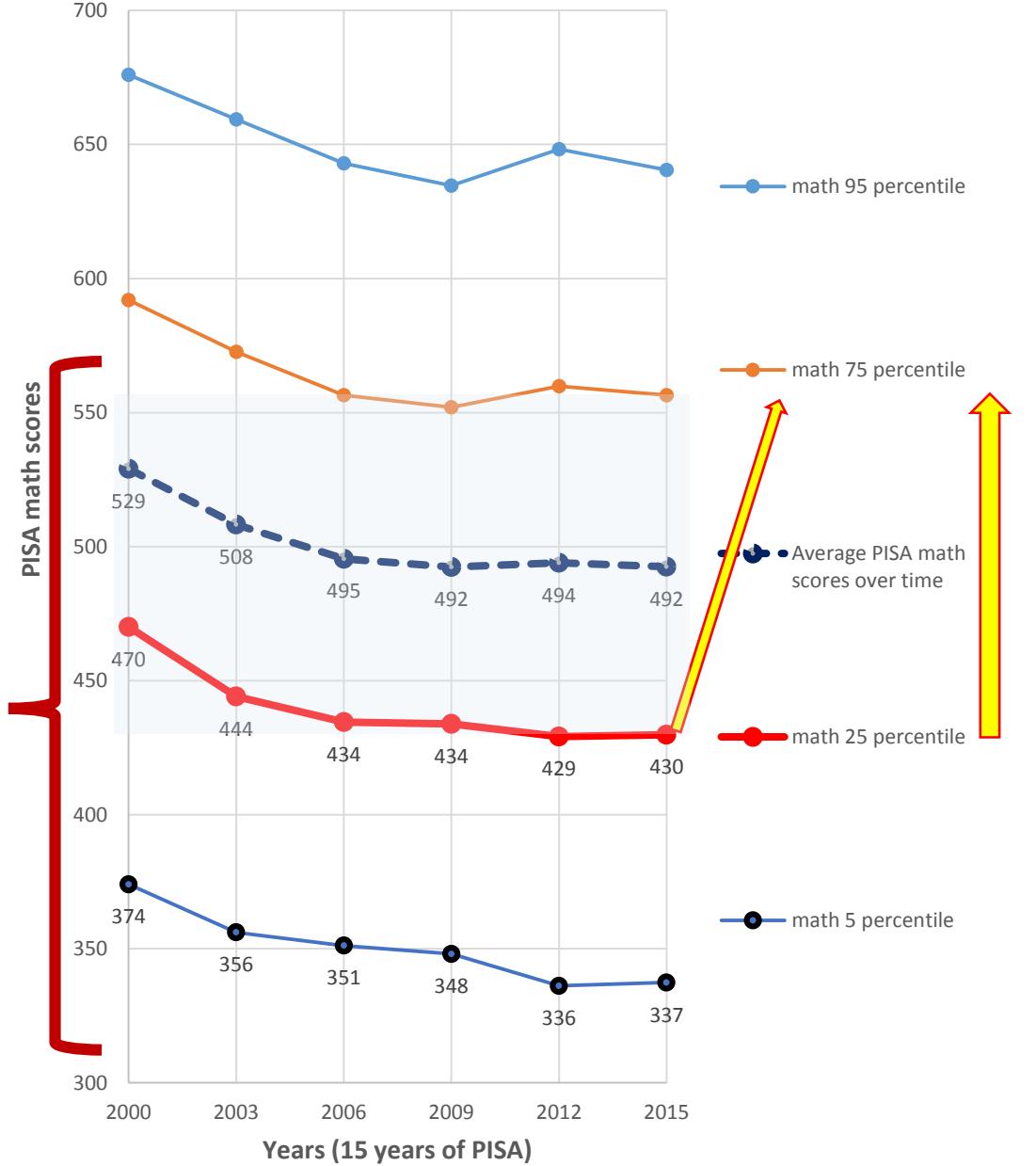


AUSTRALIA: PISA math trajectories: **Math poverty levels**
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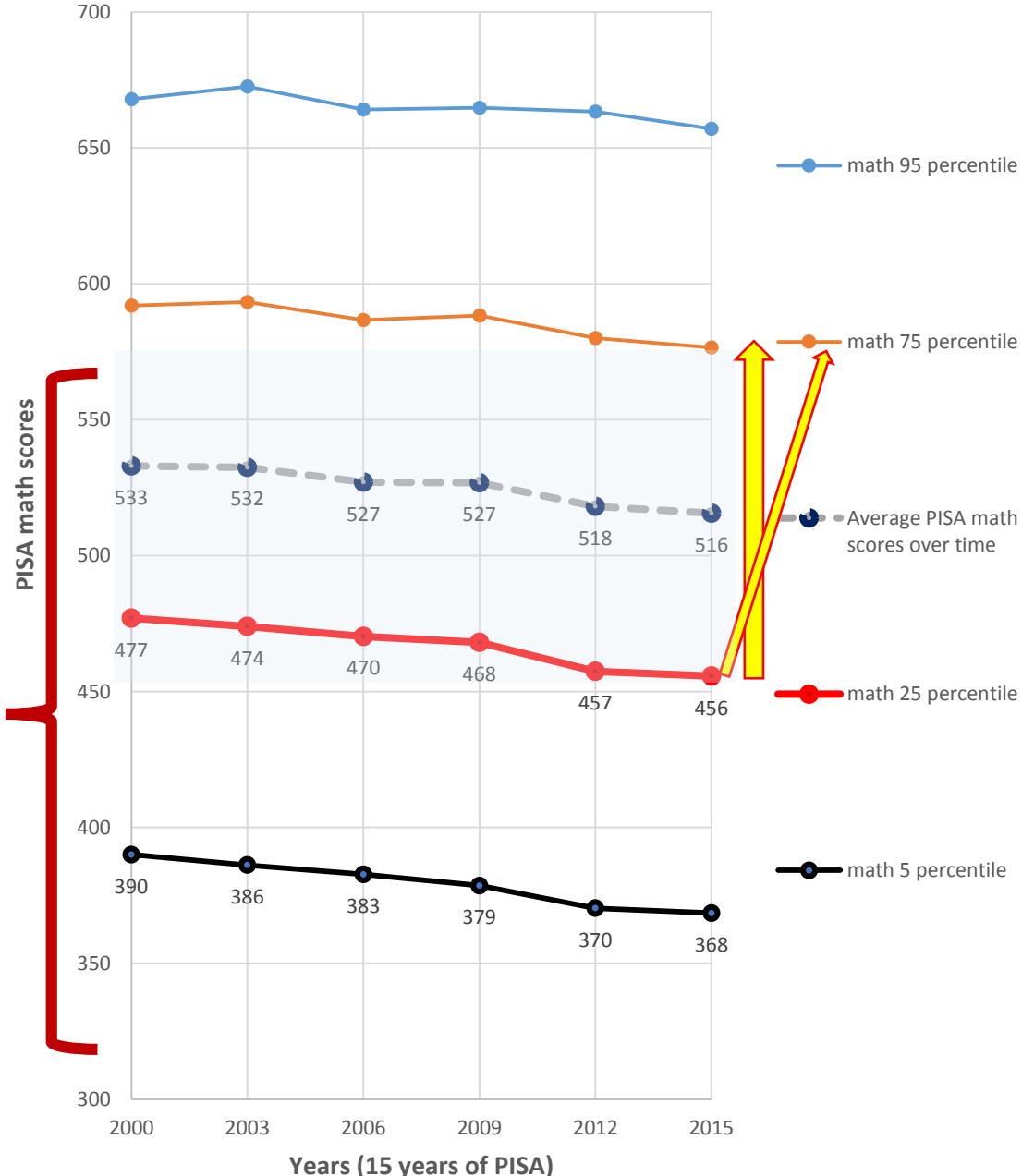


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United Kingdom: PISA math trajectories: [Math poverty levels & percentile distributions 2000-2015](#) (entire history)

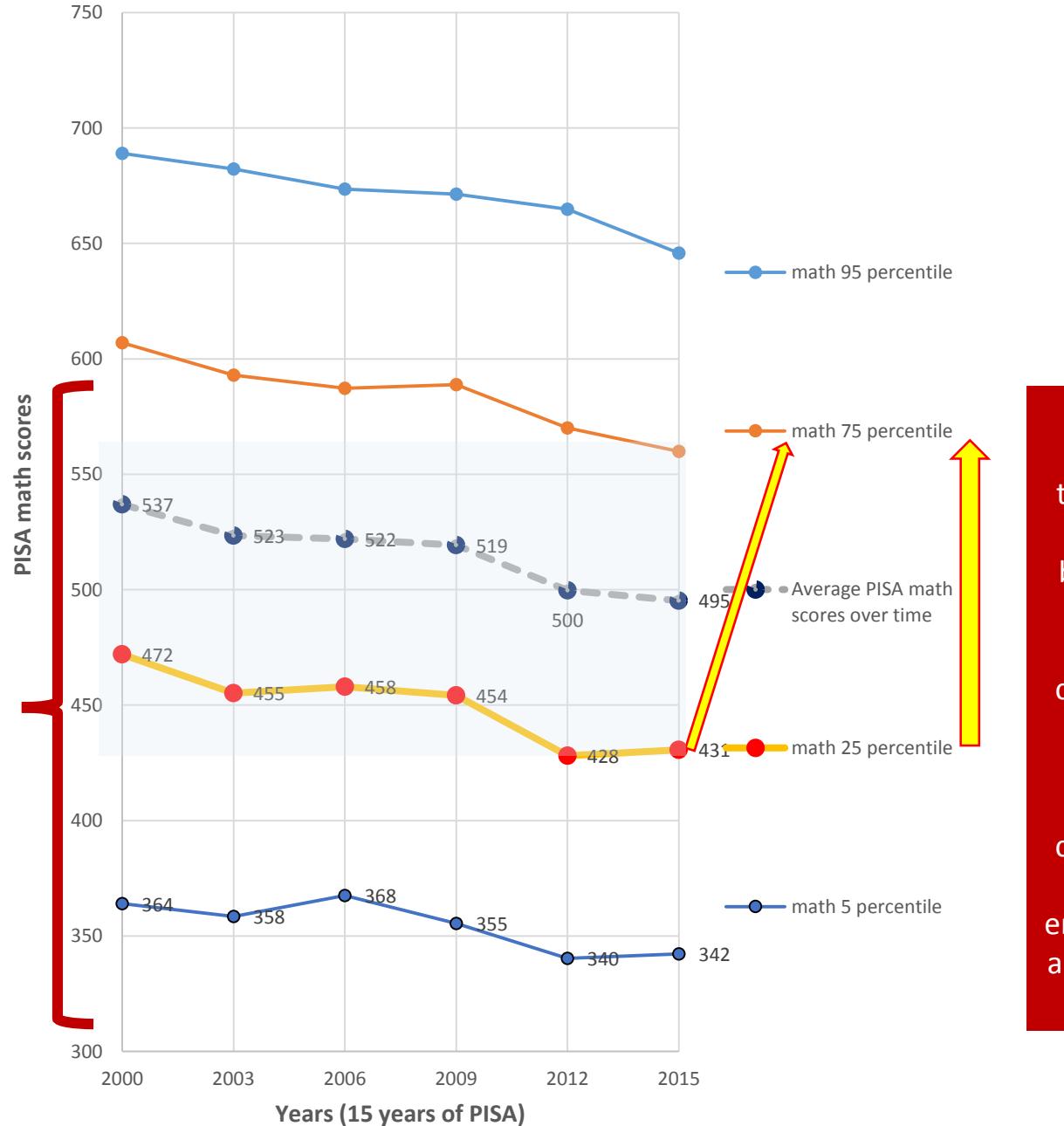


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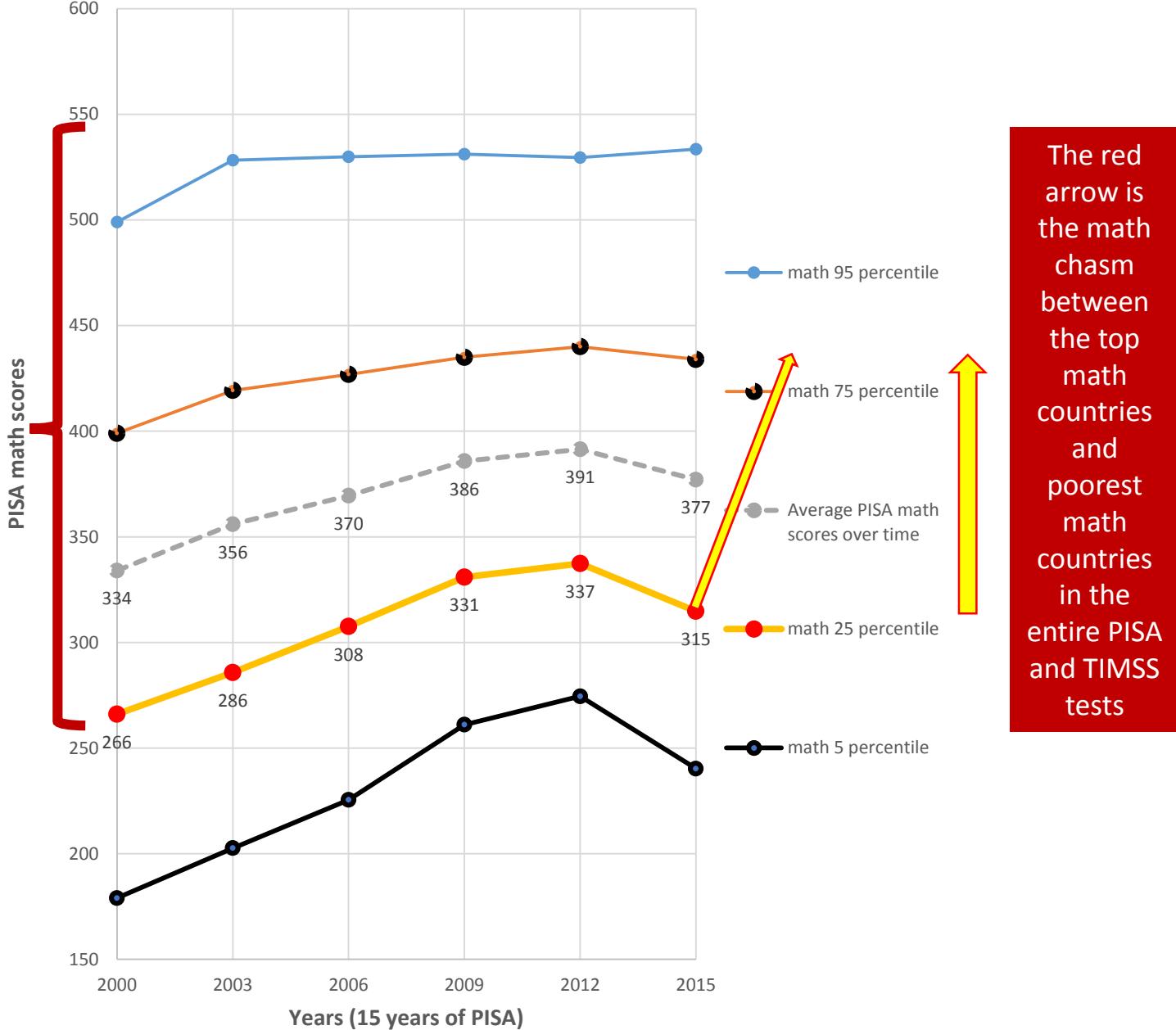
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PISA math growths 2000-2015:
Latin American countries

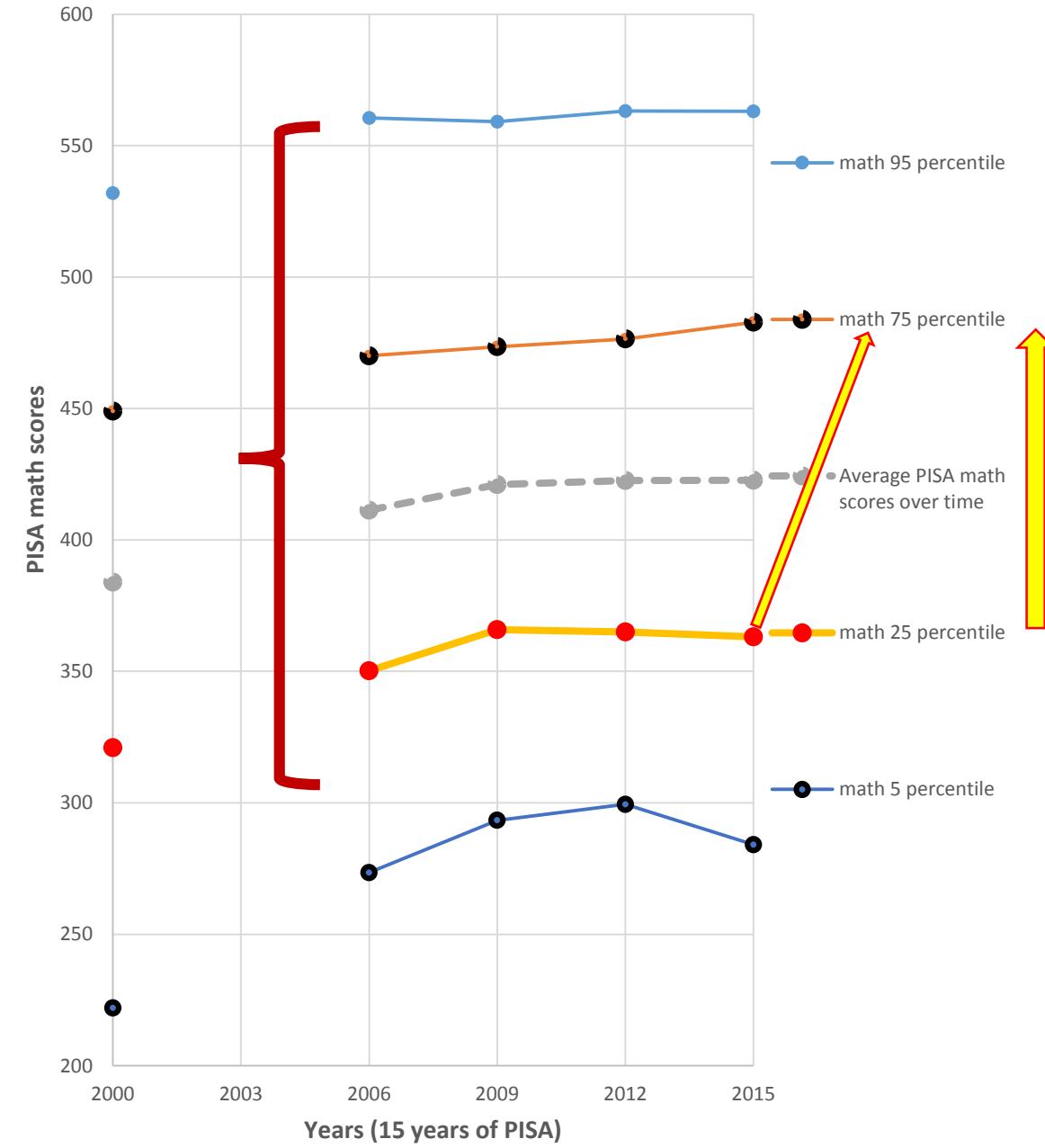
Brazil: PISA math trajectories: Math poverty levels & percentile distributions 2000-2015 (entire history)



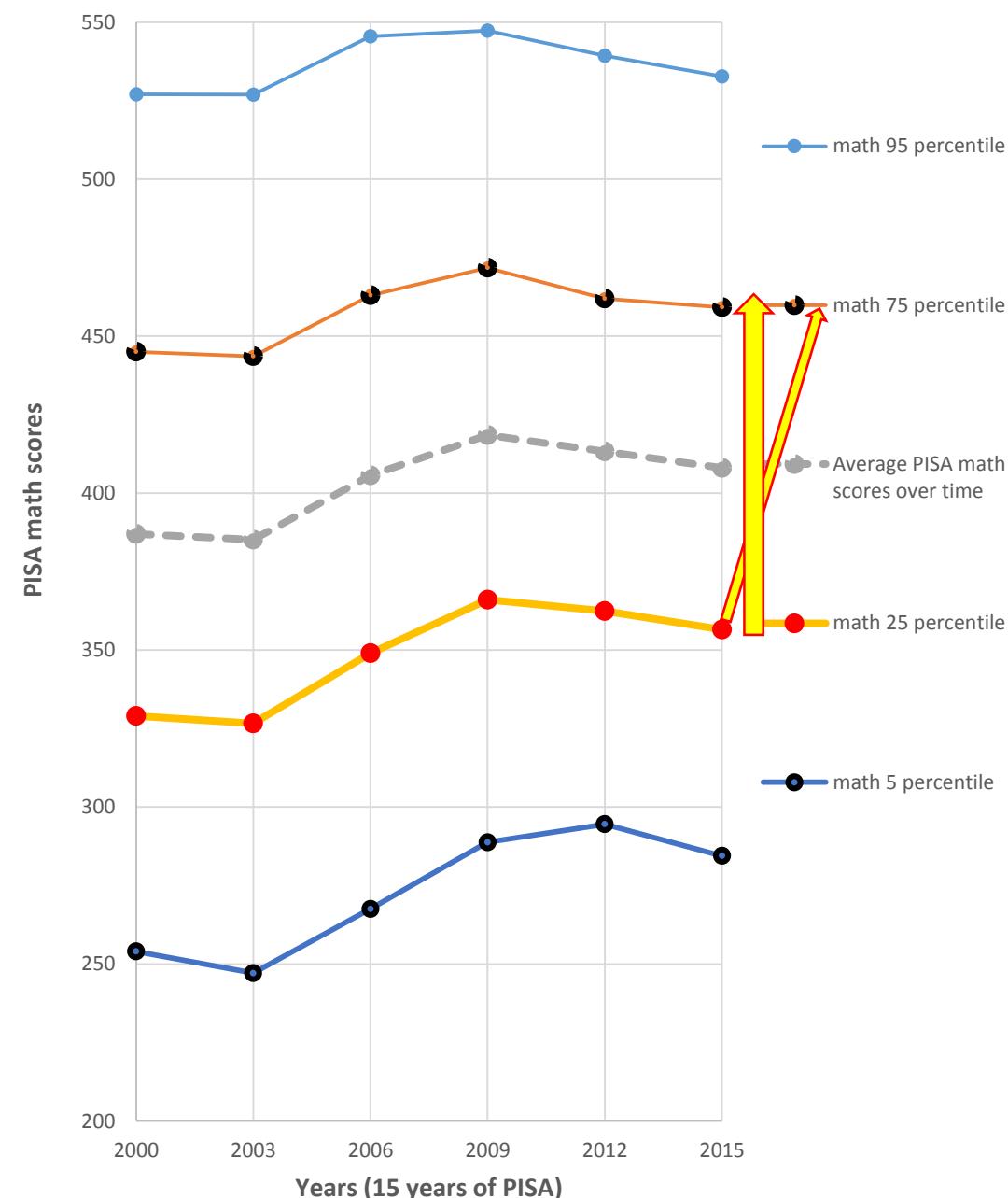
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How much can the dominance of math average over that of reading average can impact the GDP per capita as time goes on?

CHILE: PISA math trajectories: [Math poverty levels & percentile distributions 2000-2015](#) (entire history)

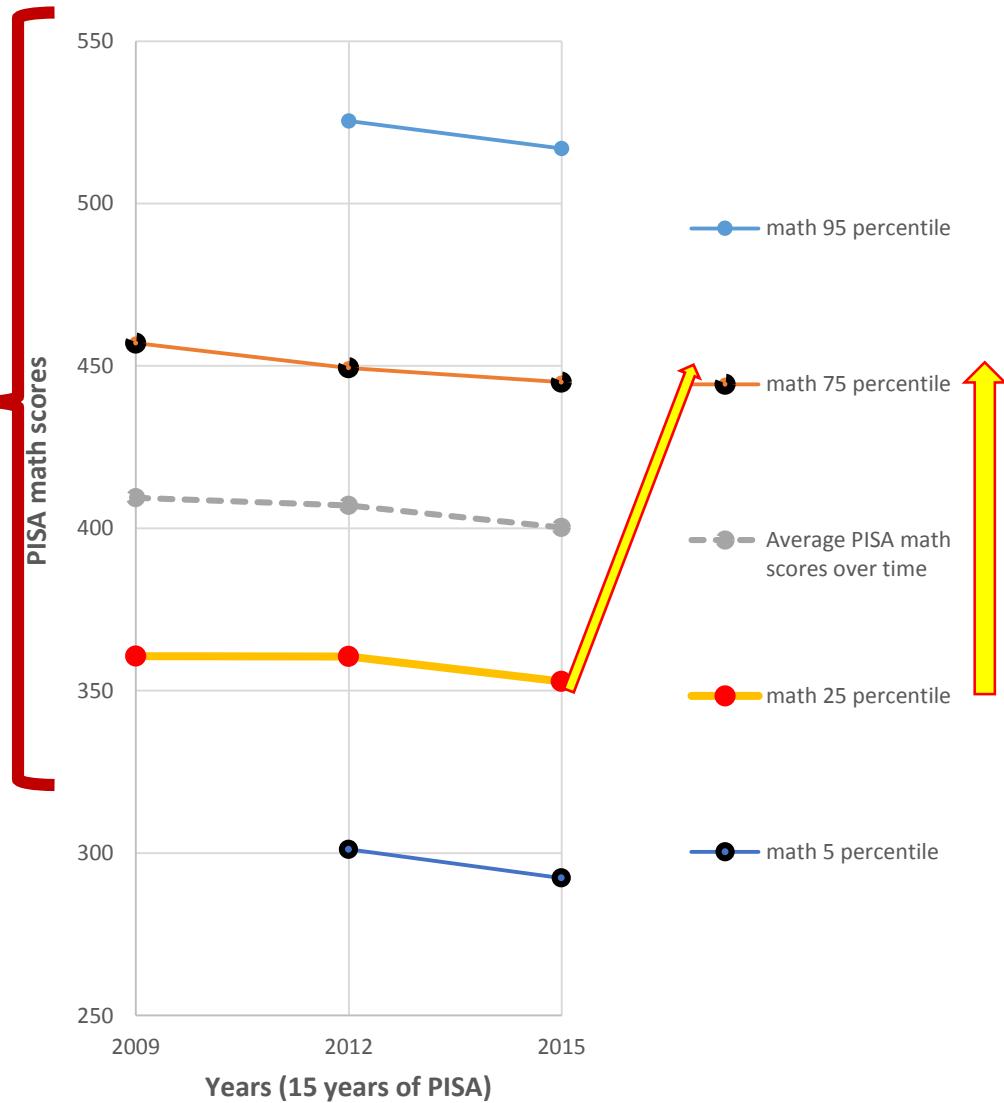


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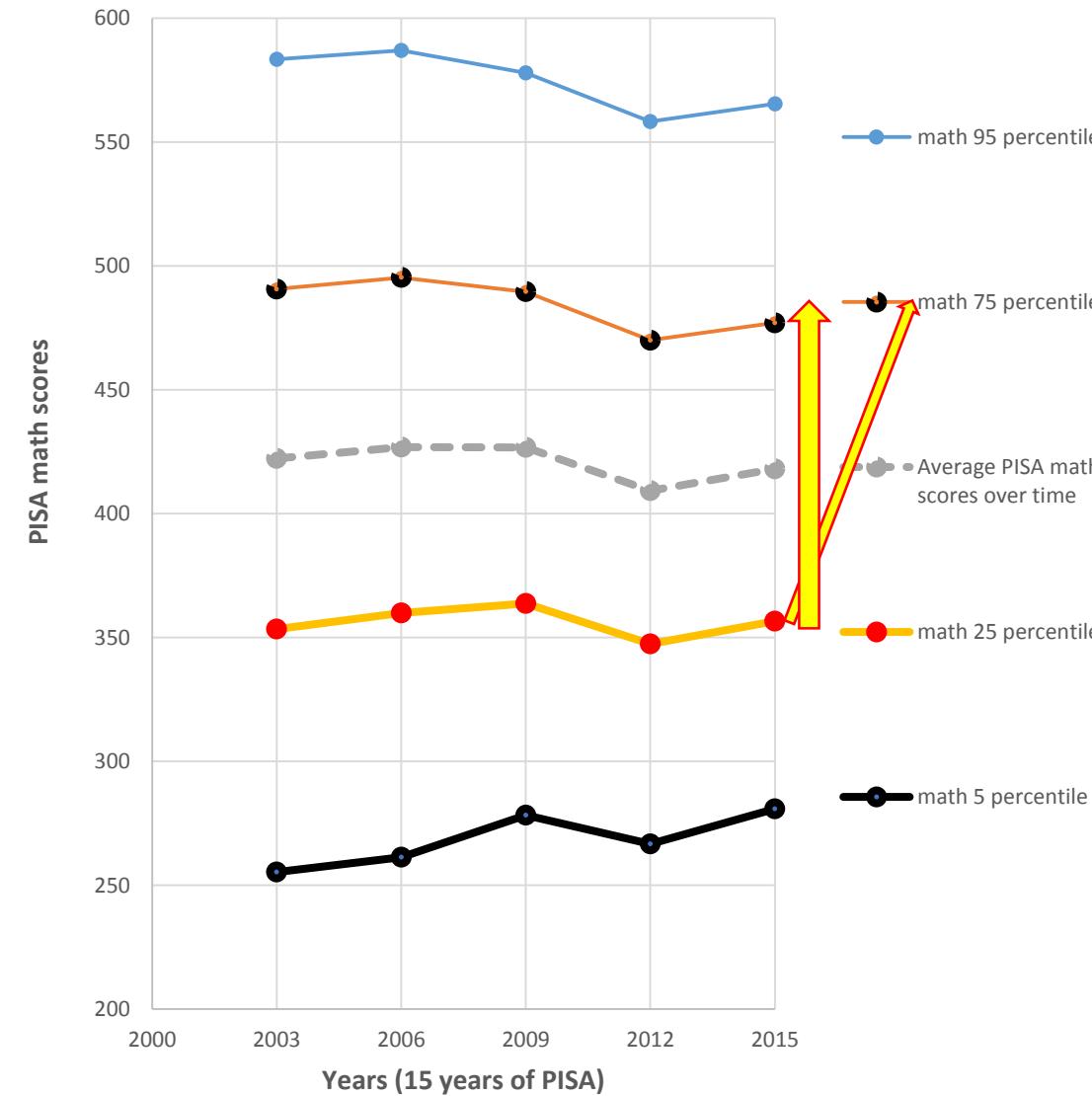


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COSTA RICA: PISA math trajectories: [Math poverty levels & percentile distributions 2000-2015](#) (entire history)



URUGUAY: PISA math trajectories: [Math poverty levels & percentile distributions 2000-2015](#) (entire history)



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Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile (€)
Australia	2000	679.00	594.00	533.00	474.00	380.00
Australia	2003	675.68	591.65	524.27	459.79	364.32
Australia	2006	663.46	580.72	519.91	459.99	374.85
Australia	2009	664.93	579.51	514.34	451.25	356.59
Australia	2012	663.13	570.88	504.15	436.84	348.02
Australia	2015	645.17	558.77	493.90	429.81	338.69
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Canada	2000	668.00	592.00	533.00	477.00	390.00
Canada	2003	672.66	593.29	532.49	473.94	386.18
Canada	2006	664.19	586.70	527.01	470.28	382.72
Canada	2009	664.80	588.29	526.81	468.06	378.57
Canada	2012	663.40	580.07	518.07	457.38	370.28
Canada	2015	657.07	576.55	515.65	455.66	368.50
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Ireland	2000	630.00	561.00	503.00	449.00	357.00
Ireland	2003	640.97	561.88	502.84	444.99	360.43
Ireland	2006	634.14	558.94	501.47	444.97	365.97
Ireland	2009	617.36	547.57	487.14	432.16	337.82
Ireland	2012	639.56	559.21	501.50	445.31	359.30
Ireland	2015	632.50	558.72	503.72	450.14	370.63
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
New Zealand	2000	689.00	607.00	537.00	472.00	364.00
New Zealand	2003	682.30	593.01	523.49	455.23	358.50
New Zealand	2006	673.51	587.25	521.99	458.02	367.51
New Zealand	2009	671.37	588.84	519.30	454.18	355.39
New Zealand	2012	664.88	570.05	499.75	428.14	340.31
New Zealand	2015	645.77	559.97	495.22	430.61	342.26
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
United Kingdom	2000	676.00	592.00	529.00	470.00	374.00
United Kingdom	2003	659.34	572.60	508.26	444.10	356.08
United Kingdom	2006	642.96	556.51	495.44	434.48	351.17
United Kingdom	2009	634.72	551.96	492.41	433.84	348.08
United Kingdom	2012	648.26	559.86	493.93	429.17	336.18
United Kingdom	2015	640.52	556.46	492.48	429.78	337.42
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
United States	2000	652.00	562.00	493.00	427.00	327.00
United States	2003	637.97	549.70	482.89	417.99	322.96
United States	2006	624.89	537.23	474.35	411.24	328.38
United States	2009	636.70	550.64	487.40	424.68	337.05
United States	2012	633.75	543.29	481.37	417.71	339.20
United States	2015	613.28	531.78	469.63	408.10	323.49
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Trinidad and Tobago	2009	580.33	484.09	414.04	342.07	252.34
Trinidad and Tobago	2012					
Trinidad and Tobago	2015	578.31	484.11	417.24	348.08	264.52
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
United Arab Emirates	2012	590.74	493.92..		369.55	297.05
United Arab Emirates	2015	593.28	492.54	427.48	359.67	275.16
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Singapore	2009	724.58	637.79	562.02	490.26	382.92
Singapore	2012	737.41	649.59	573.47	500.80	393.03
Singapore	2015	710.79	632.34	564.19	500.40	398.74
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Hong Kong SAR	2000	699.00	626.00	560.00	502.00	390.00
Hong Kong SAR	2003	699.52	621.84	550.38	484.80	373.83
Hong Kong SAR	2006	691.88	614.11	547.46	486.16	385.61
Hong Kong SAR	2009	702.97	621.58	554.53	492.50	389.80
Hong Kong SAR	2012	708.73	628.59	561.24	498.84	390.52
Hong Kong SAR	2015	686.87	610.67	547.93	490.41	389.26

Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Argentina	2000	574.00	474.00	388.00	307.00	180.00
Argentina	2001					
Argentina	2003					
Argentina	2006	542.80	450.55	381.25	315.65	209.43
Argentina	2009	542.65	450.65	388.07	327.22	230.88
Argentina	2012	514.09	440.39	388.43	336.52	264.02
Argentina	2015					
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Brazil	2000	499.00	399.00	334.00	266.00	179.00
Brazil	2003	528.29	419.32	356.02	285.76	202.62
Brazil	2006	529.95	426.88	369.52	307.59	225.48
Brazil	2009	531.18	434.97	385.81	330.93	261.08
Brazil	2012	529.55	439.98	391.46	337.37	274.51
Brazil	2015	533.49	434.02	377.07	314.72	240.25
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Chile	2000	532.00	449.00	384.00	321.00	222.00
Chile	2003					
Chile	2006	560.56	470.07	411.35	350.20	273.49
Chile	2009	559.11	473.48	421.06	365.89	293.37
Chile	2012	563.18	476.48	422.63	365.00	299.42
Chile	2015	563.02	482.81	422.67	363.19	284.08
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Colombia	2000					
Colombia	2003					
Colombia	2006	515.26	428.27	369.98	311.32	225.71
Colombia	2009	509.18	430.81	380.85	329.72	259.08
Colombia	2012	506.02	423.19	376.49	325.79	262.29
Colombia	2015	521.91	441.38	389.64	335.47	268.58
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Costa Rica	2000					
Costa Rica	2003					
Costa Rica	2006					
Costa Rica	2009		457.01	409.39	360.62	
Costa Rica	2012	525.45	449.36	407.00	360.55	301.15
Costa Rica	2015	516.90	445.00	400.25	352.87	292.32
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Dominican Republic	2015	445.81	372.67	327.70	280.72	220.49
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Mexico	2000	527.00	445.00	387.00	329.00	254.00
Mexico	2003	526.90	443.57	385.22	326.64	247.11
Mexico	2006	545.53	462.99	405.65	349.05	267.56
Mexico	2009	547.30	471.76	418.51	366.00	288.79
Mexico	2012	539.30	461.98	413.28	362.46	294.54
Mexico	2015	532.74	459.21	408.02	356.55	284.47
Country	Time	math 95 percentile	math 75 percentile	Average PISA math	math 25 percentile	math 5 percentile
Uruguay	2000					
Uruguay	2003	583.41	490.67	422.20	353.34	255.27
Uruguay	2006	587.02	495.32	426.80	359.85	261.31
Uruguay	2009	577.88	489.59	426.72	363.74	278.24
Uruguay	2012	558.24	470.02	409.29	347.34	266.58
Uruguay	2015	565.49	476.98	417.99	356.60	280.84

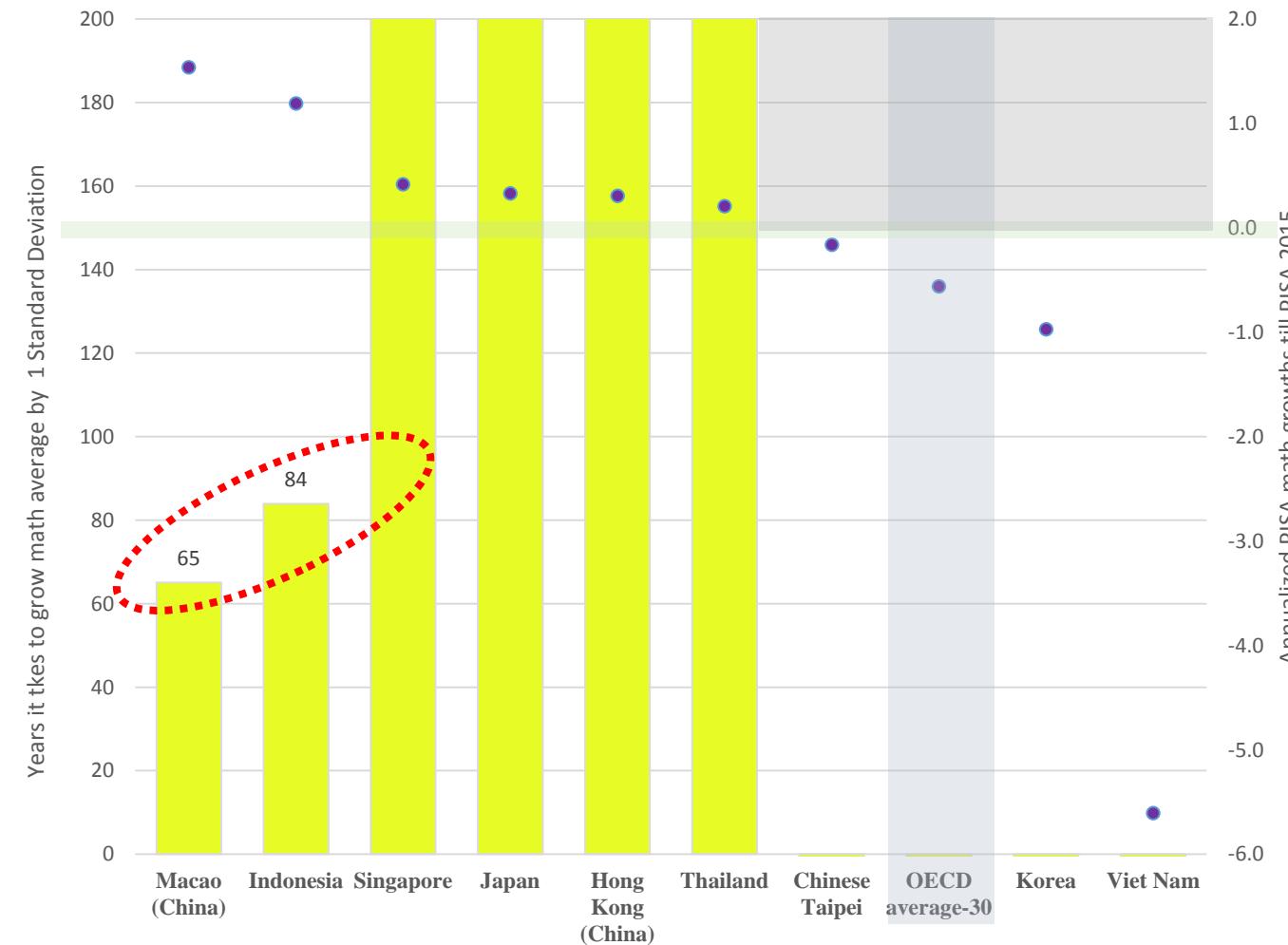
Source: OECD's PISA data for
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Asian Tigers: developed countries

Years it take to have the national math average growth by 1 Standard Deviation (PISA 2000-2015) of the **Eastern Asian countries**

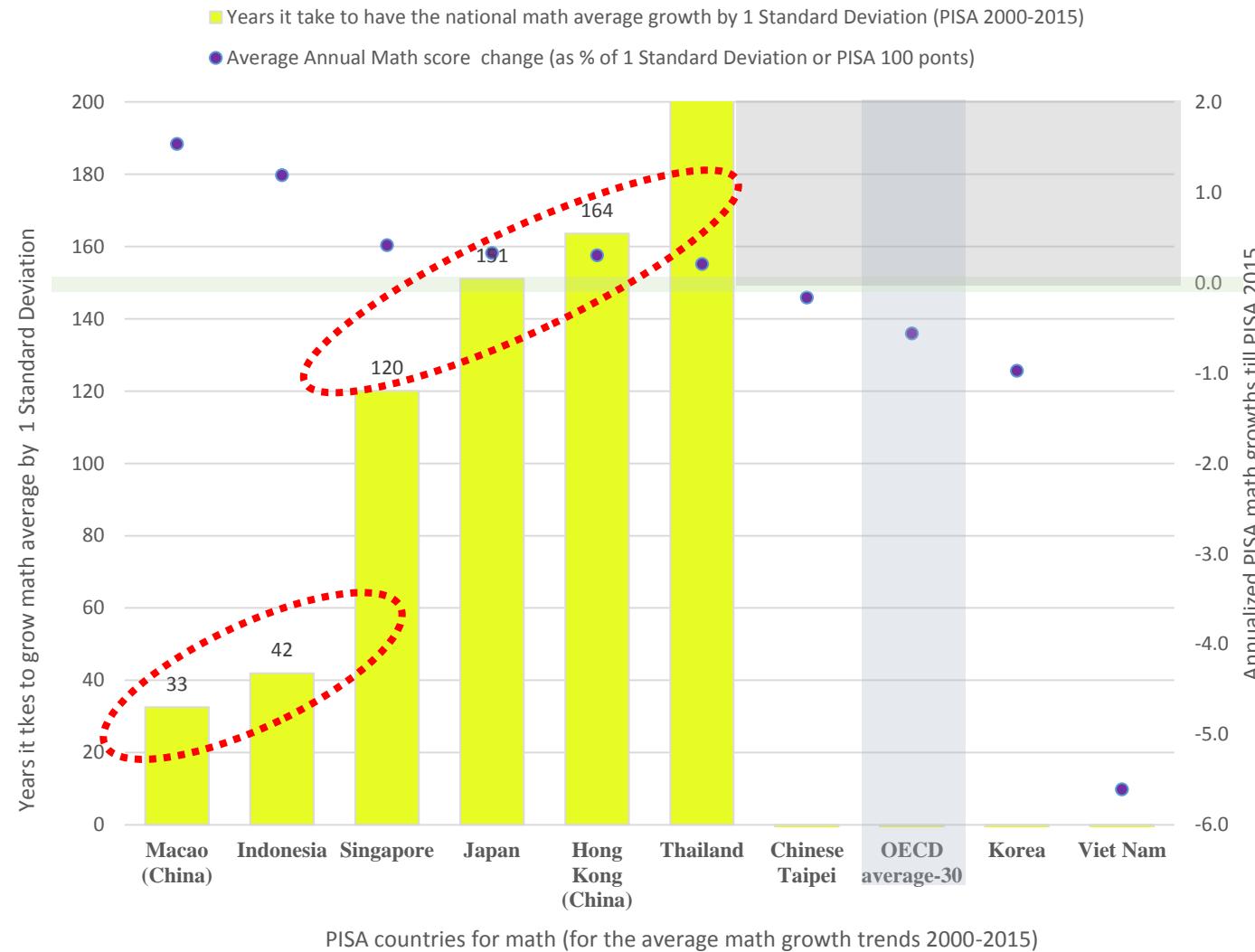
■ Years it take to have the national math average growth by 1 Standard Deviation (PISA 2000-2015)

● Average Annual Math score change (as % of 1 Standard Deviation or PISA 100 points)

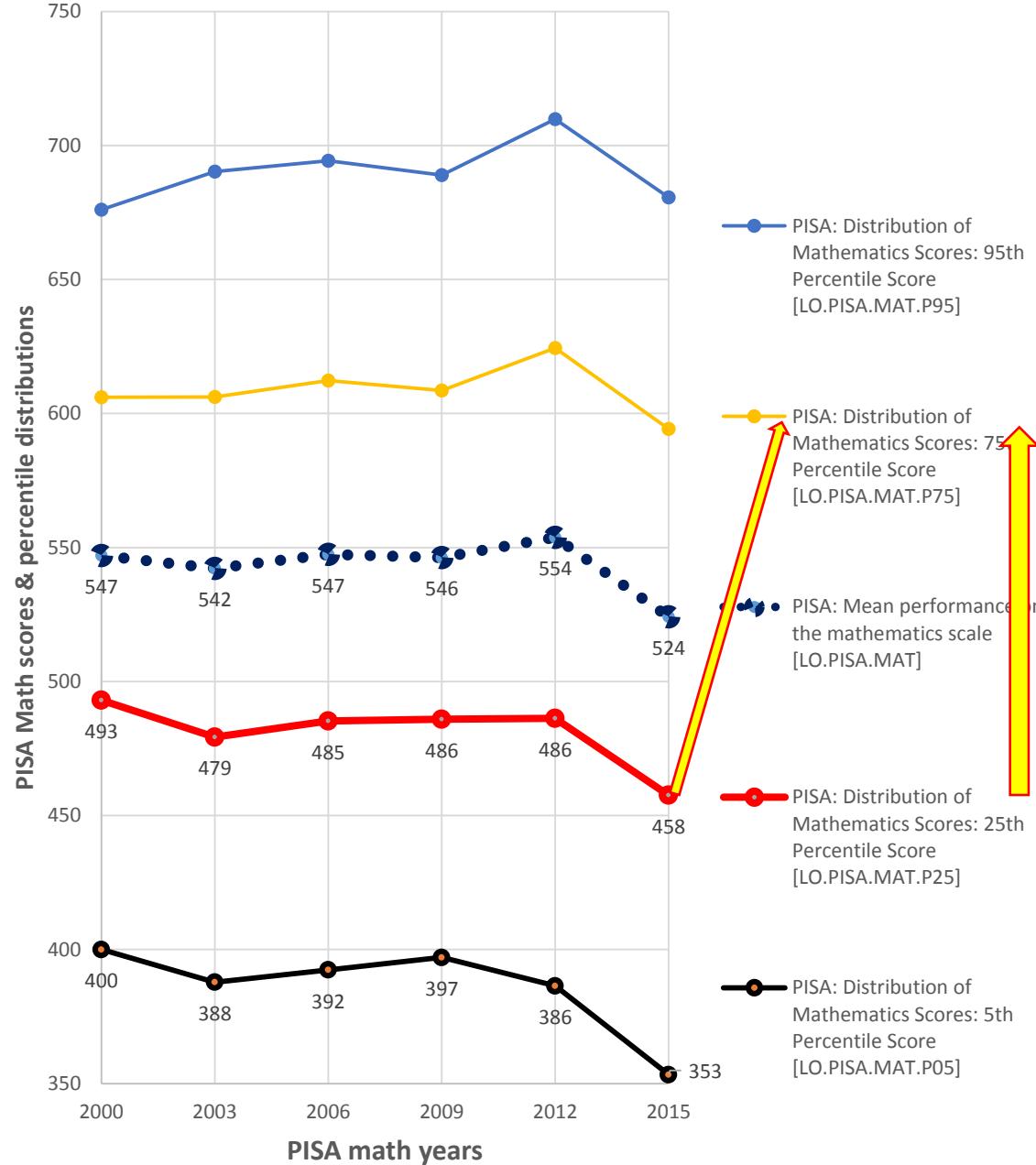


PISA countries for math (for the average math growth trends 2000-2015)

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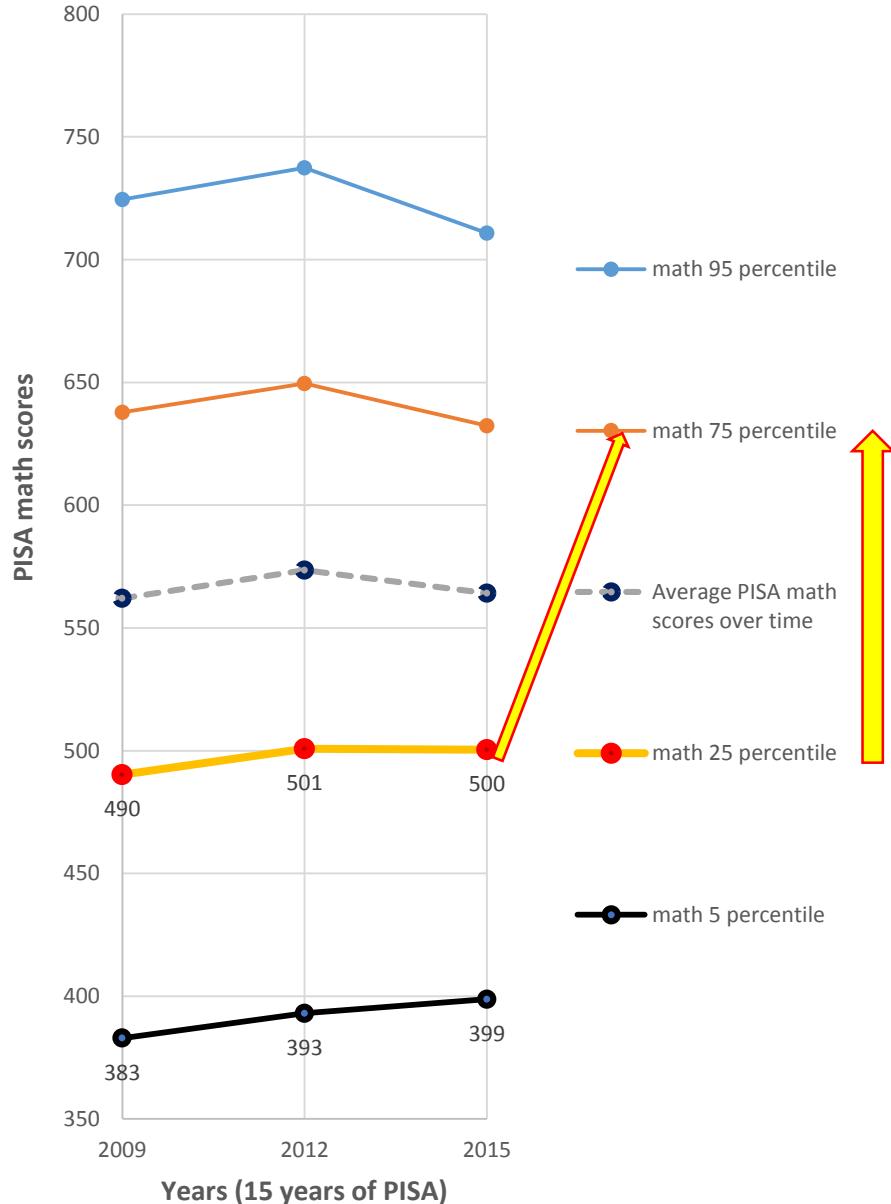


South Korea's PISA math score trajectories and the math poverty distributions

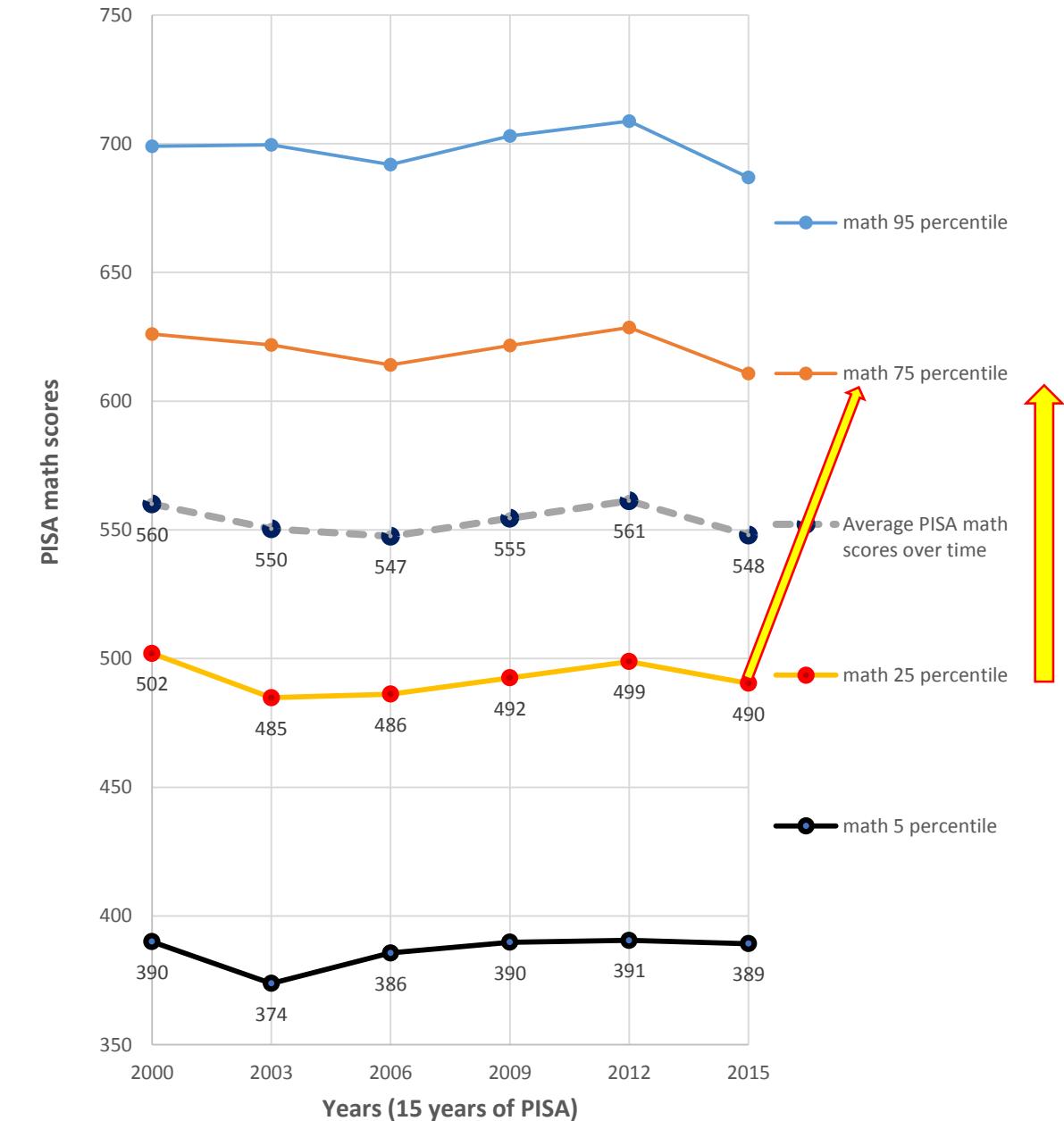


The red arrow is the math chasm between the top math countries and poorest math countries in the entire PISA and TIMSS tests

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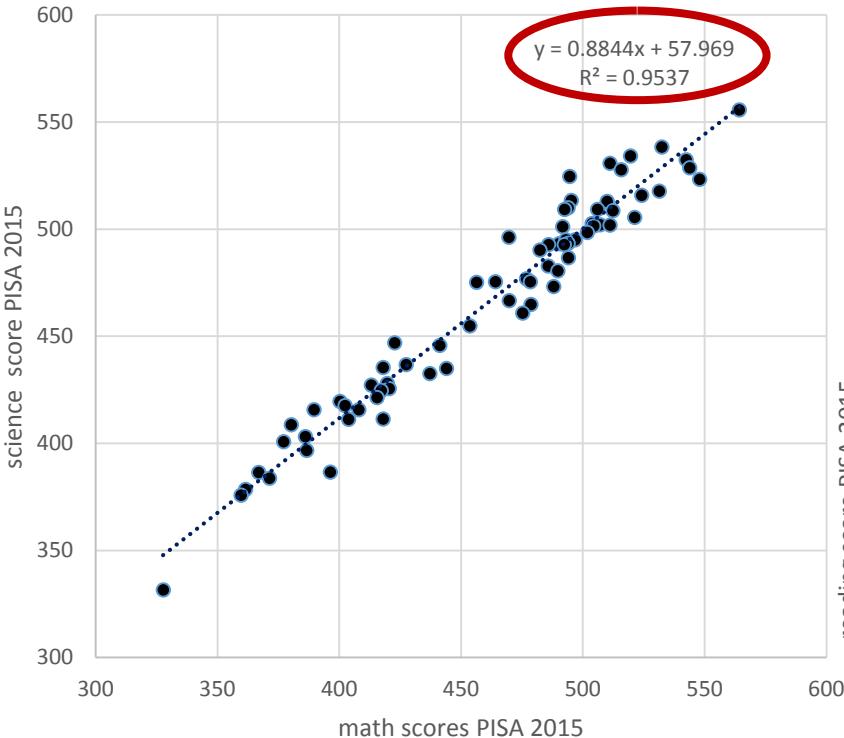


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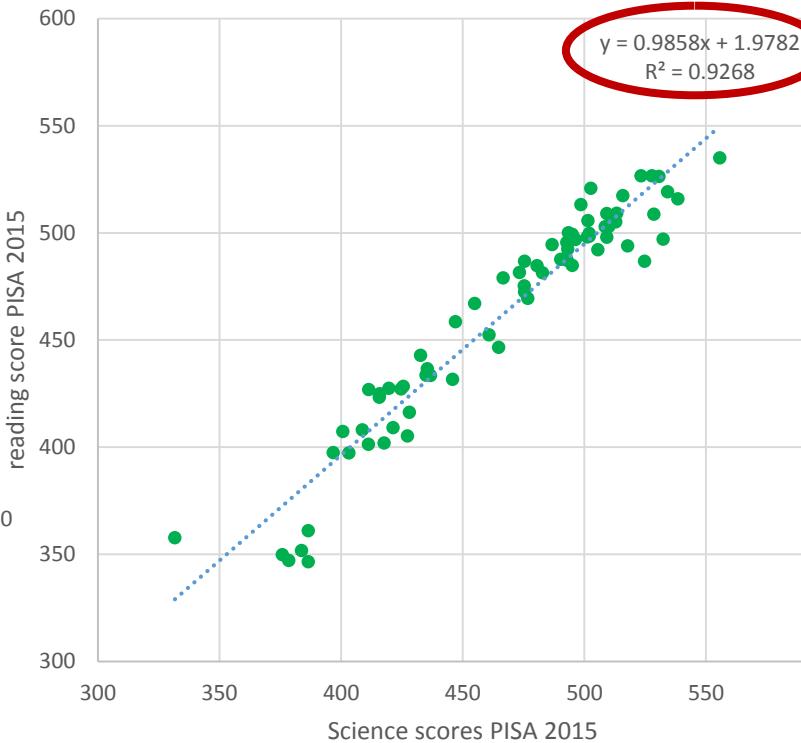


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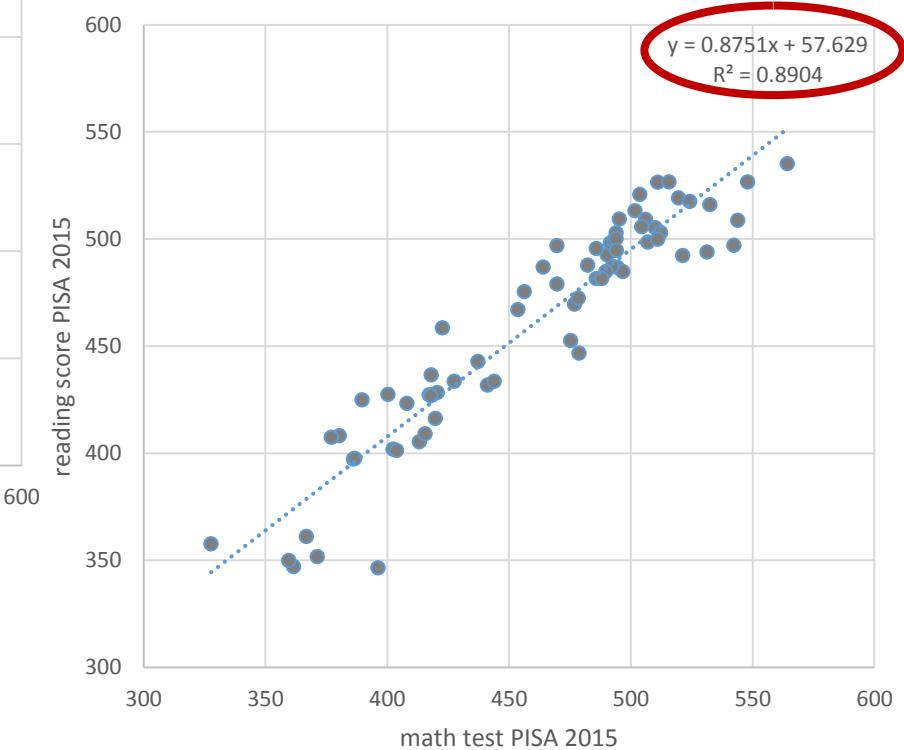
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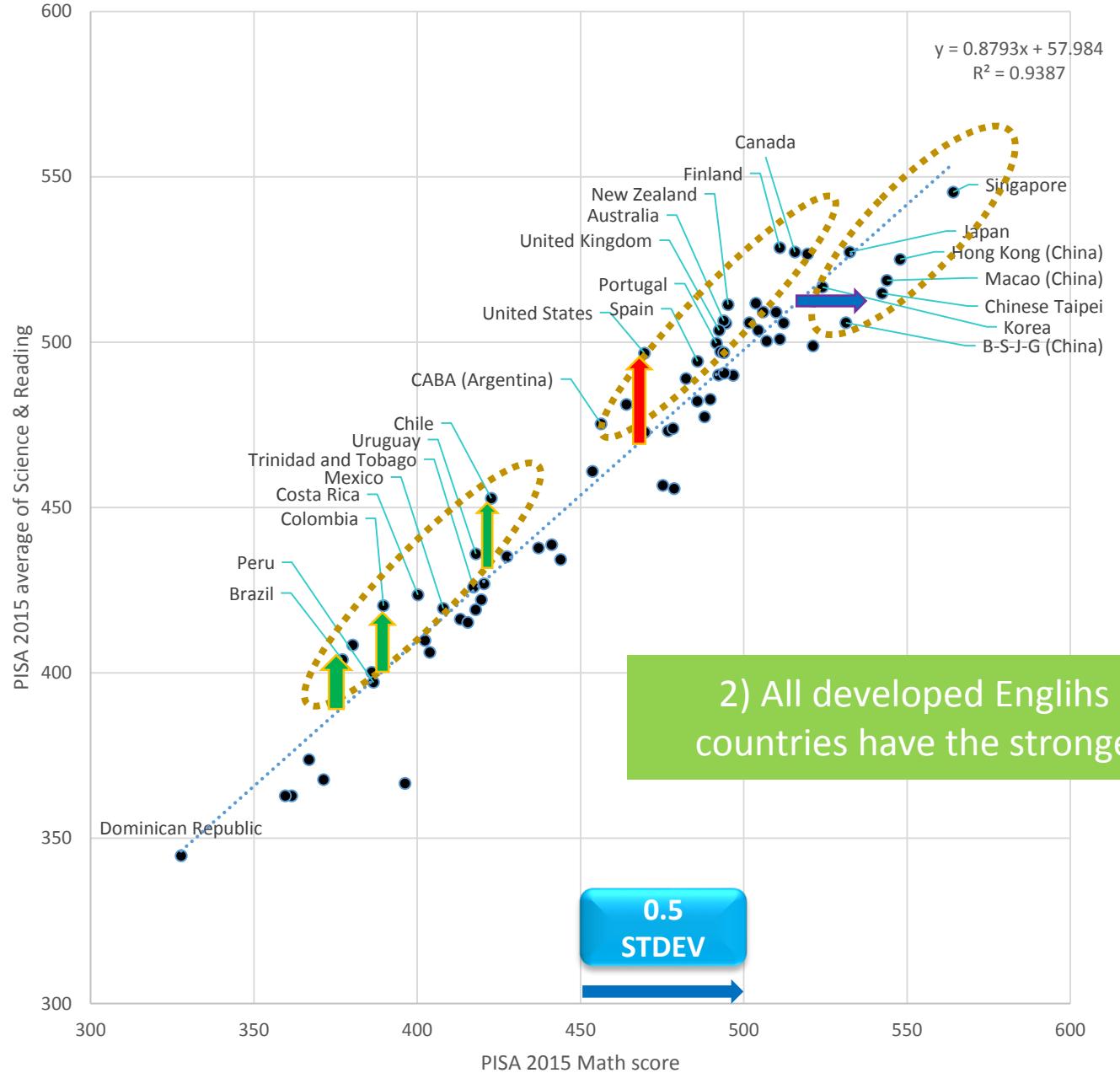


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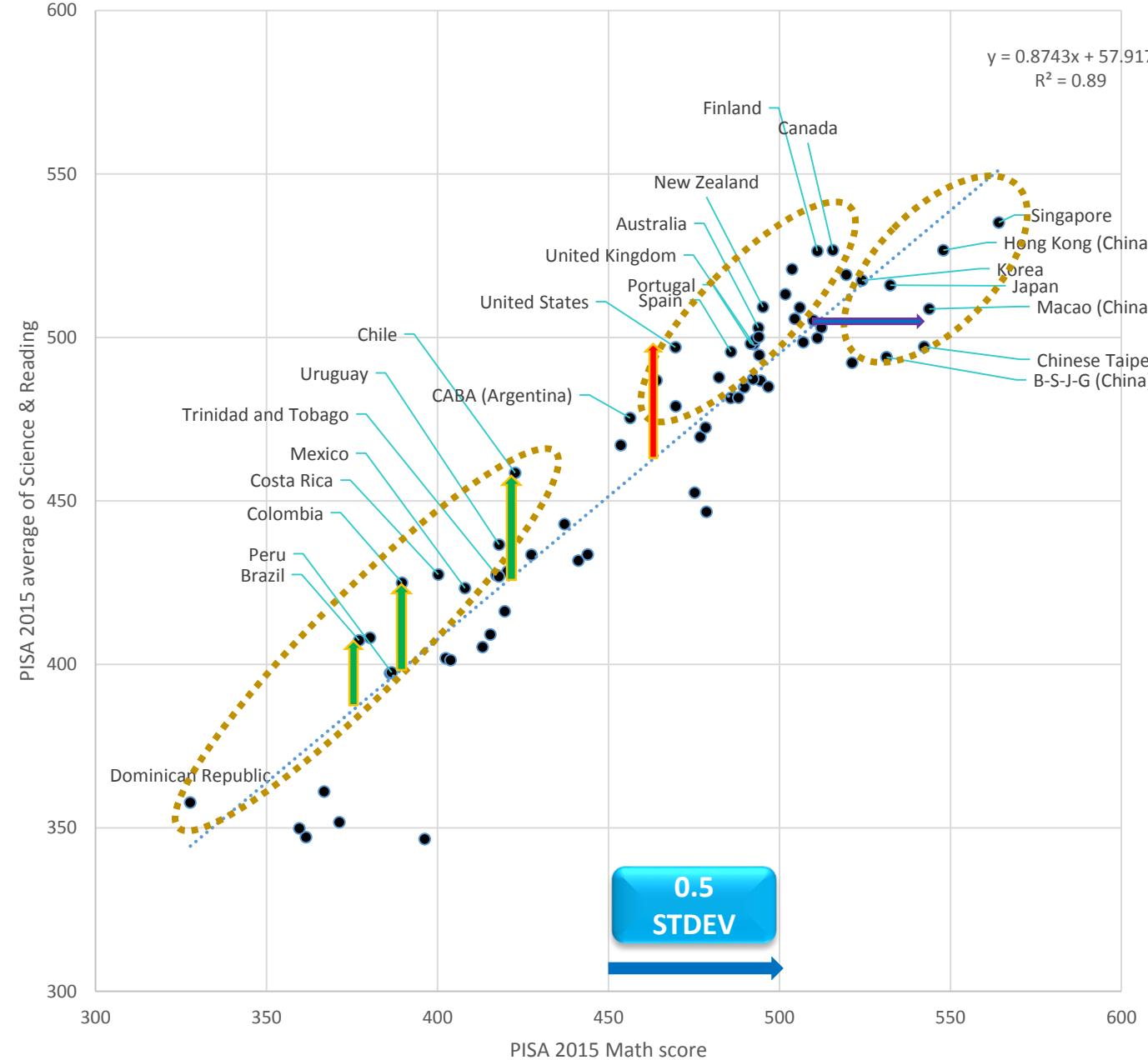


Source: OECD, PISA 2015 Database, Tables I.2.4a, I.2.6, I.2.7, I.4.4a and I.5.4a.

Correlations between **PISA 2015 Math vs. the average of Reading & Science**



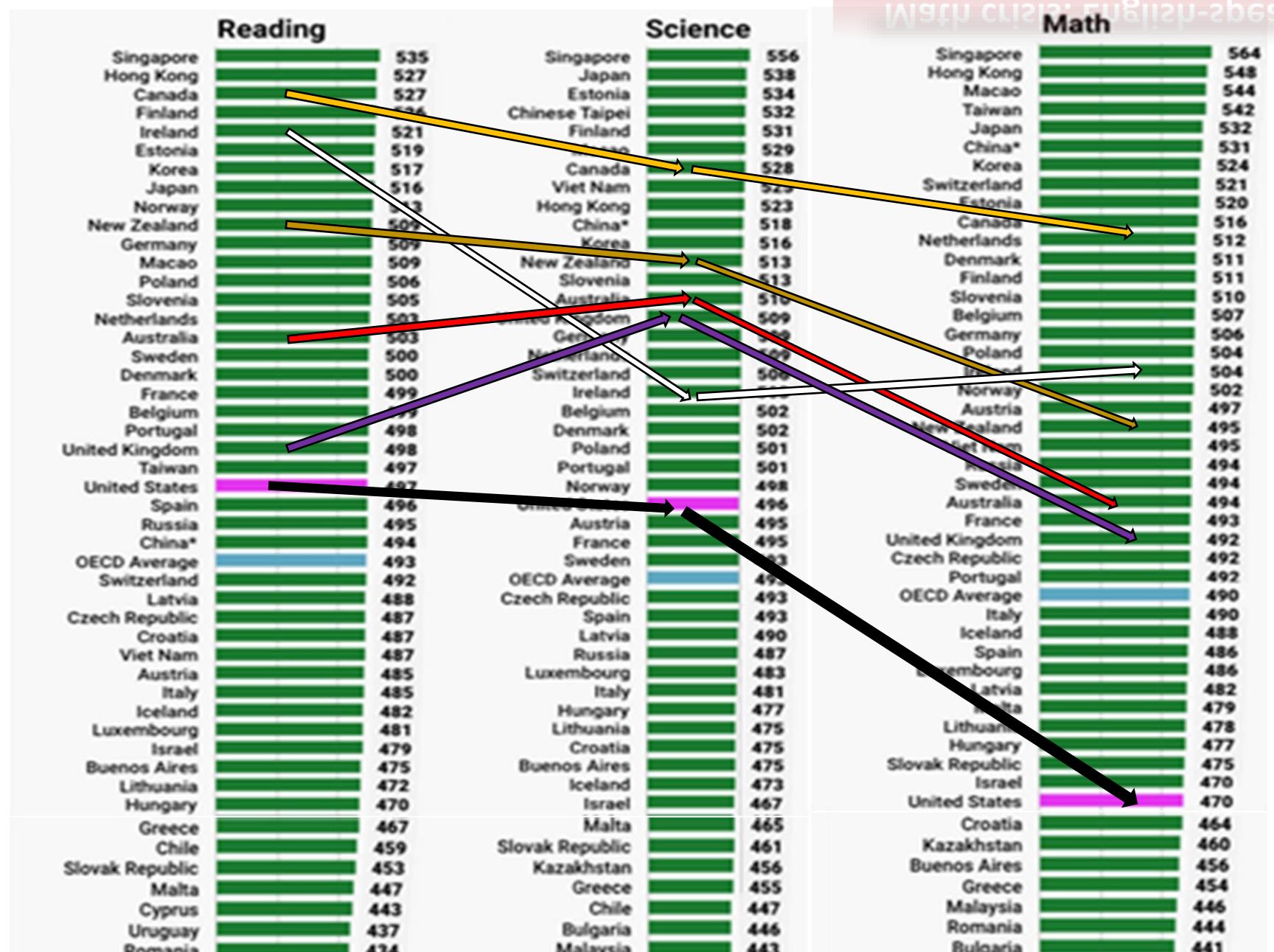
Correlations and dominance between PISA 2015 Math vs. Reading in
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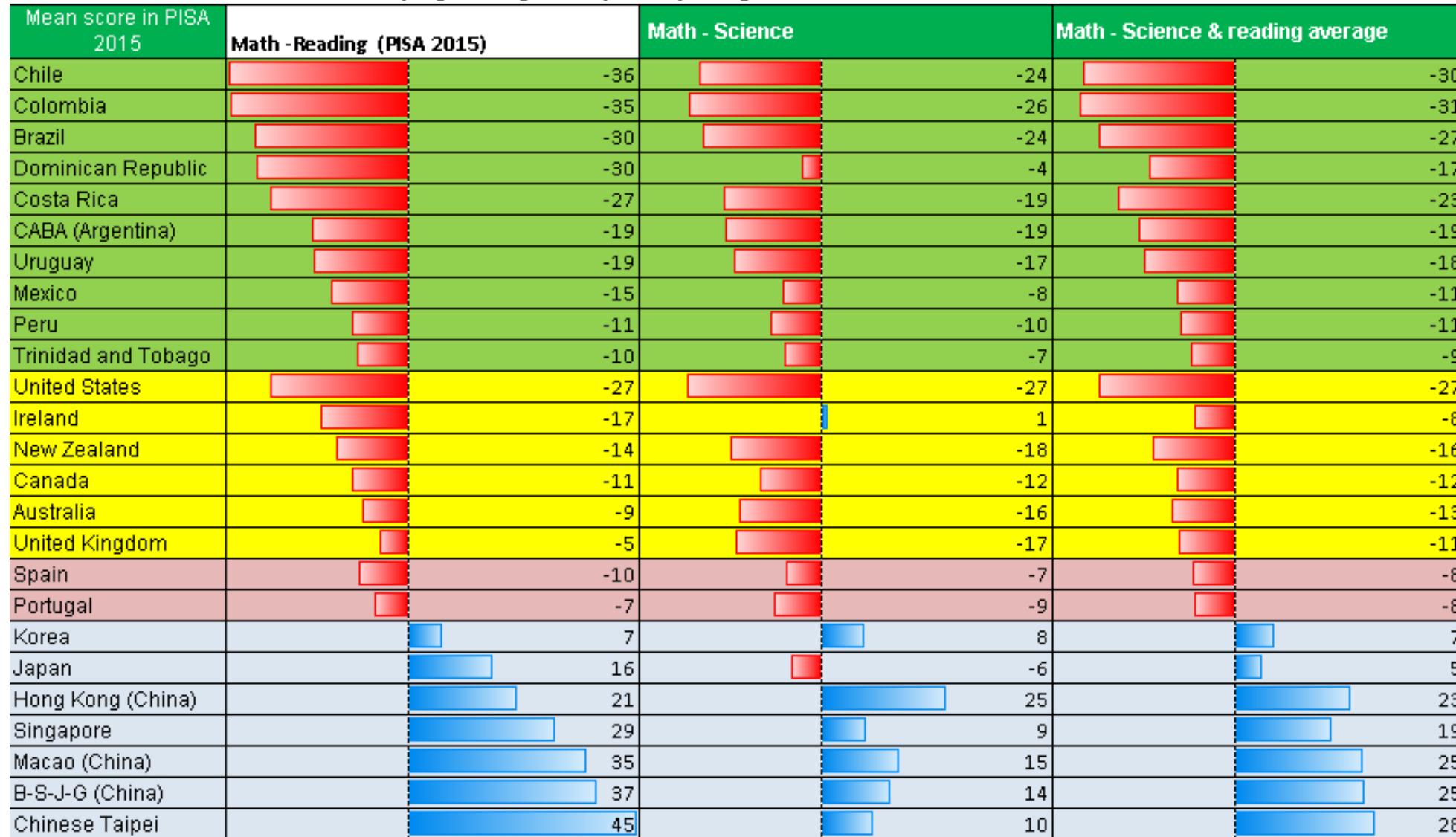
2015 PISA AVERAGE SCORES

Math crisis: English-speaking countries



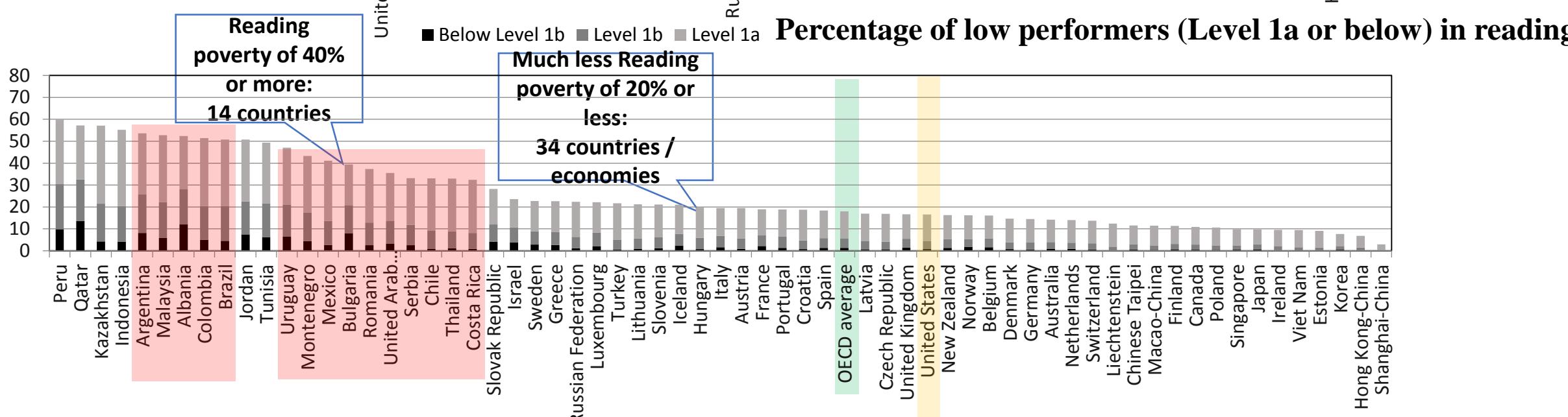
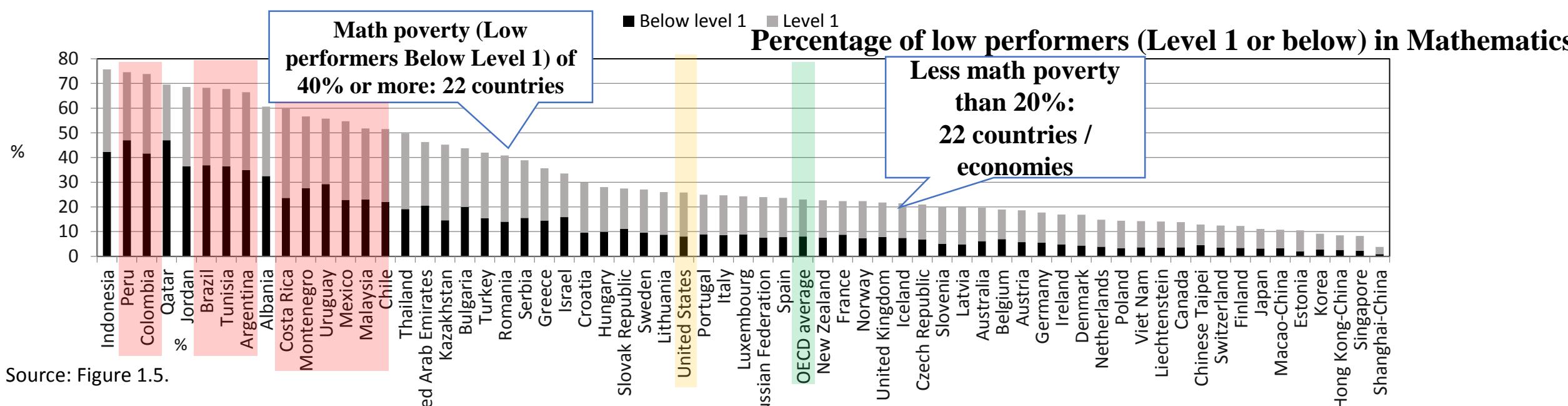
2) All developed English speaking countries and most of the Latin American countries have the stronger reading scores than math scores by large margins.

PISA 2015: Math dominance vs. others' by regions: English or Spanish speaking countries vs. the North-Eastern Asia



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In PISA (2012), the **shares of math poverty (low performers)** are much higher than that of Reading poverty



In the following regressions, you have to be aware that the typical correlation or growth coefficients of GDP per capita vs. the Mean school years is about $R^2 \sim 0.25$.

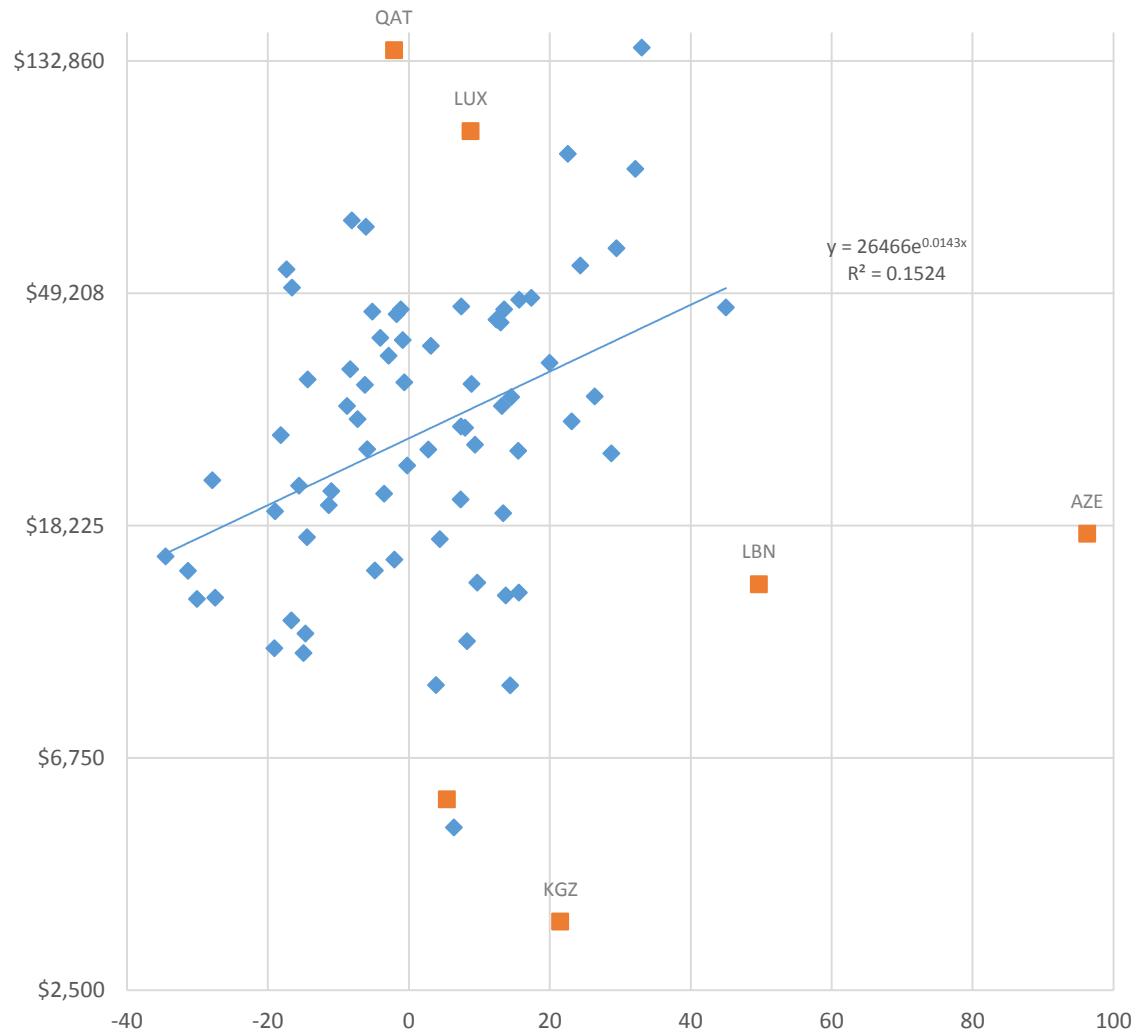
For instance, according to Hanushek & Woessmann's regressions about the linear correlation between these 2 factors without including cognitive skills at all, the growth coefficient is about 0.35 and the $R^2 \sim 0.25$ (meaning that the mean school year alone can explain only about 25% of the GDP per capita growths (at least based on their regression based on 50 countries between 1960-2000)).

Keeping this in mind that the PISA math – reading score difference against the GDP per capita based on PPP leads to about similar magnitude of R^2 when about 3-5 outliers are taken out.

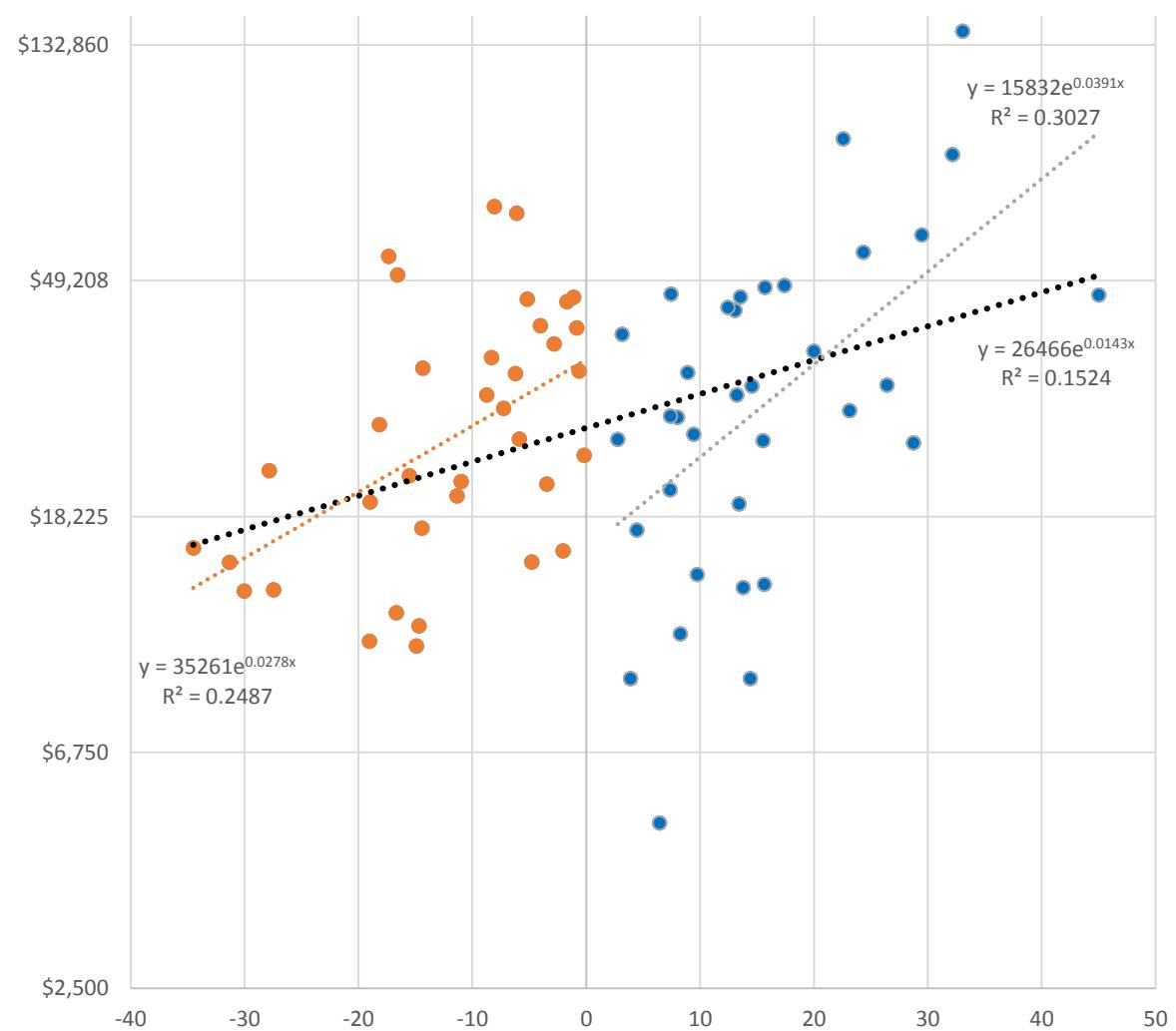
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Math overall average of PISA math 2000-2015 impacts on GDP per capita

PISA MATH – READING'S OVERALL SCORE (2000-2015)
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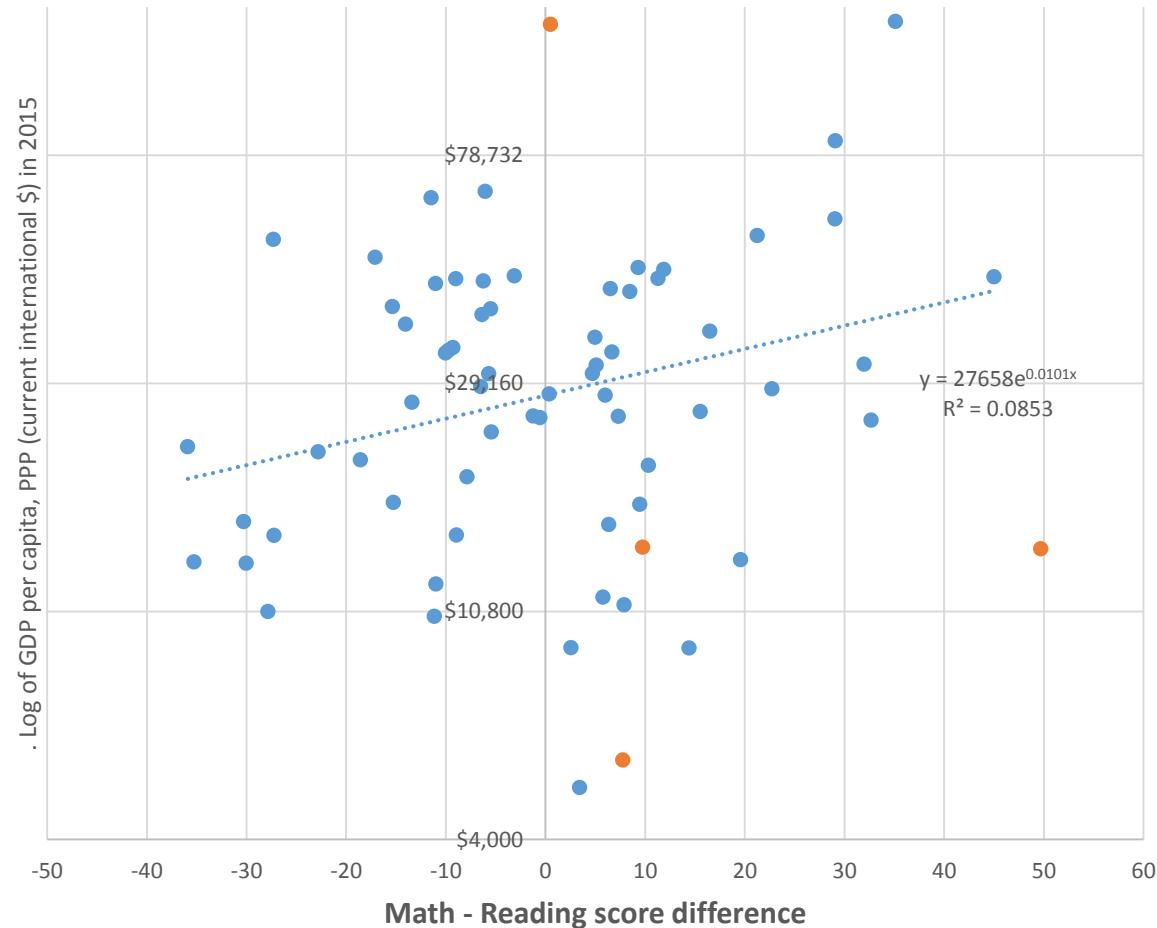
PISA math - Reading overall scores (2000-2015) vs. log of GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$) 2015 after removing 6 outliers (out of the 77 total countries)



**After eliminating typically 3, 4, or 6 outliers out of
about 50-70 participating nations over the last 12
years (2003-2015 PISA math and reading)**

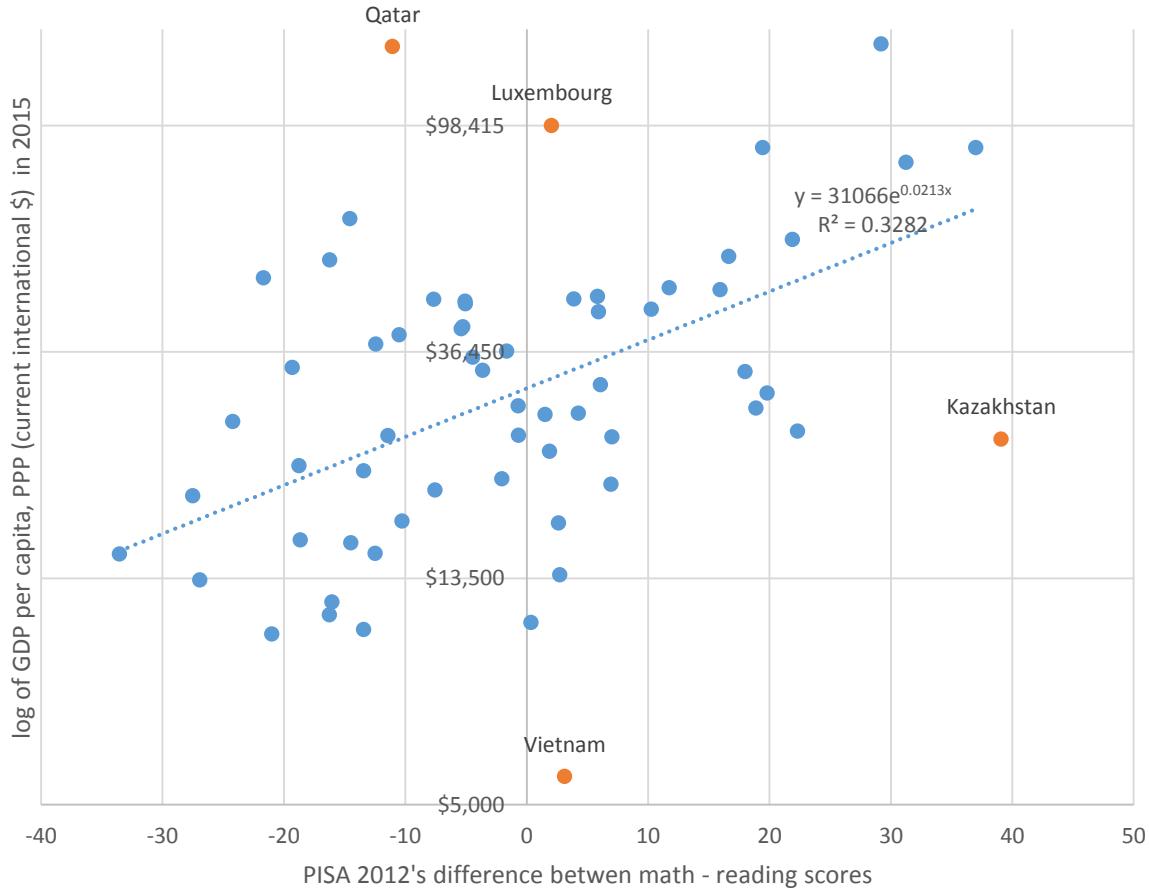
Time lag in 0 years
No significant changes ☹

PISA 2015 difference of Math - Reading vs. Log of GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$) in 2015 after excluding 5 outliers



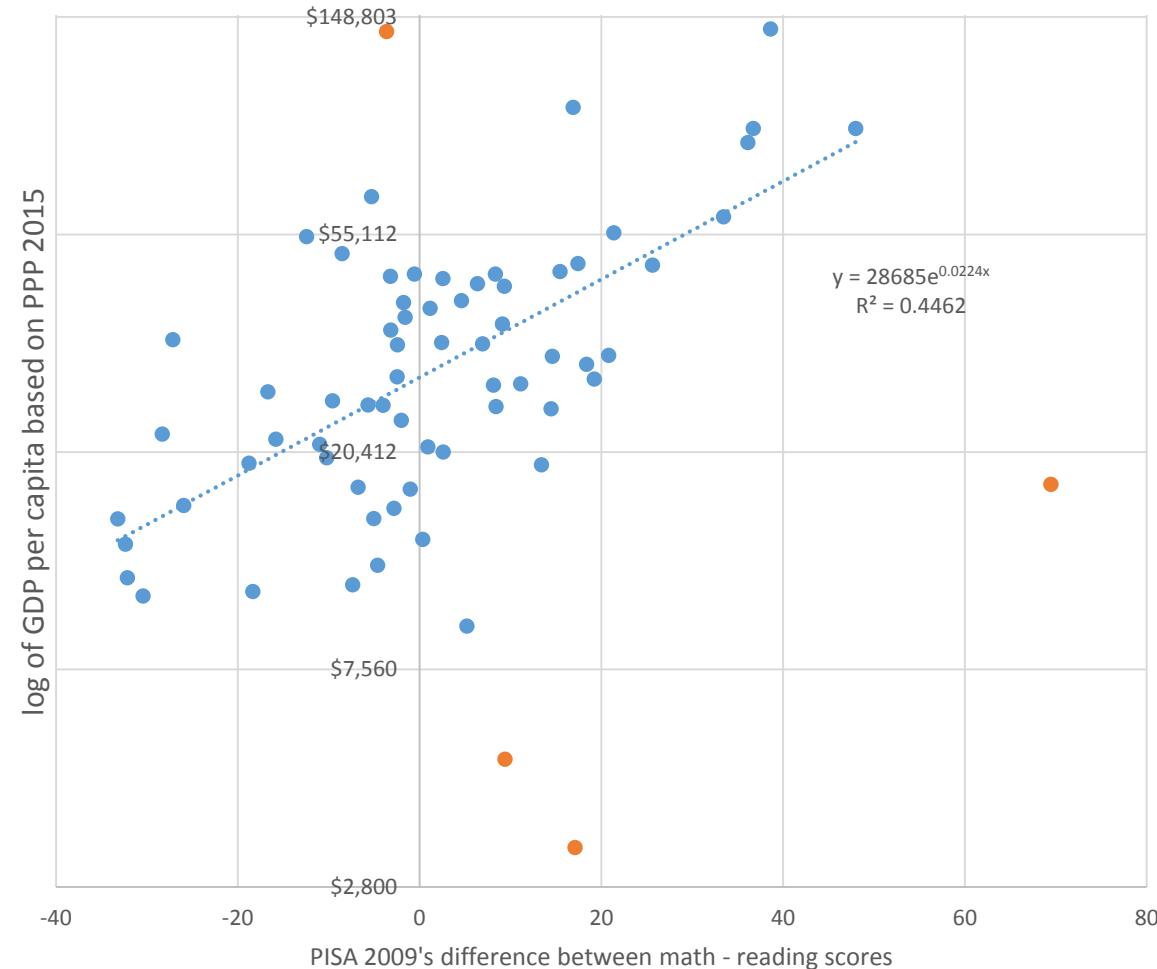
Time lag in 3 years

PISA 2012's difference between math - readingscores vs. log of GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$) in 2015 **after 4 outliers excluded out of the 59 countries**



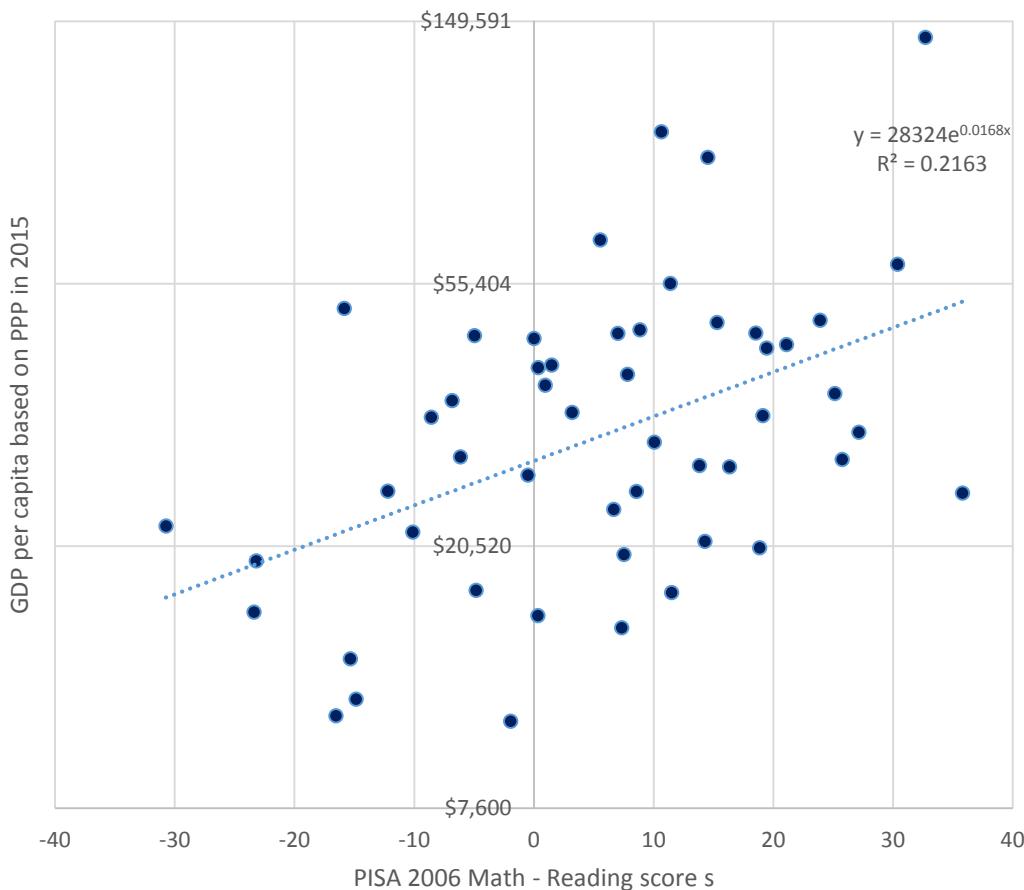
Time lag in 6 years

PISA 2009's difference between math - reading scores vs. log of GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$) in 2015, after removing 4 outliers

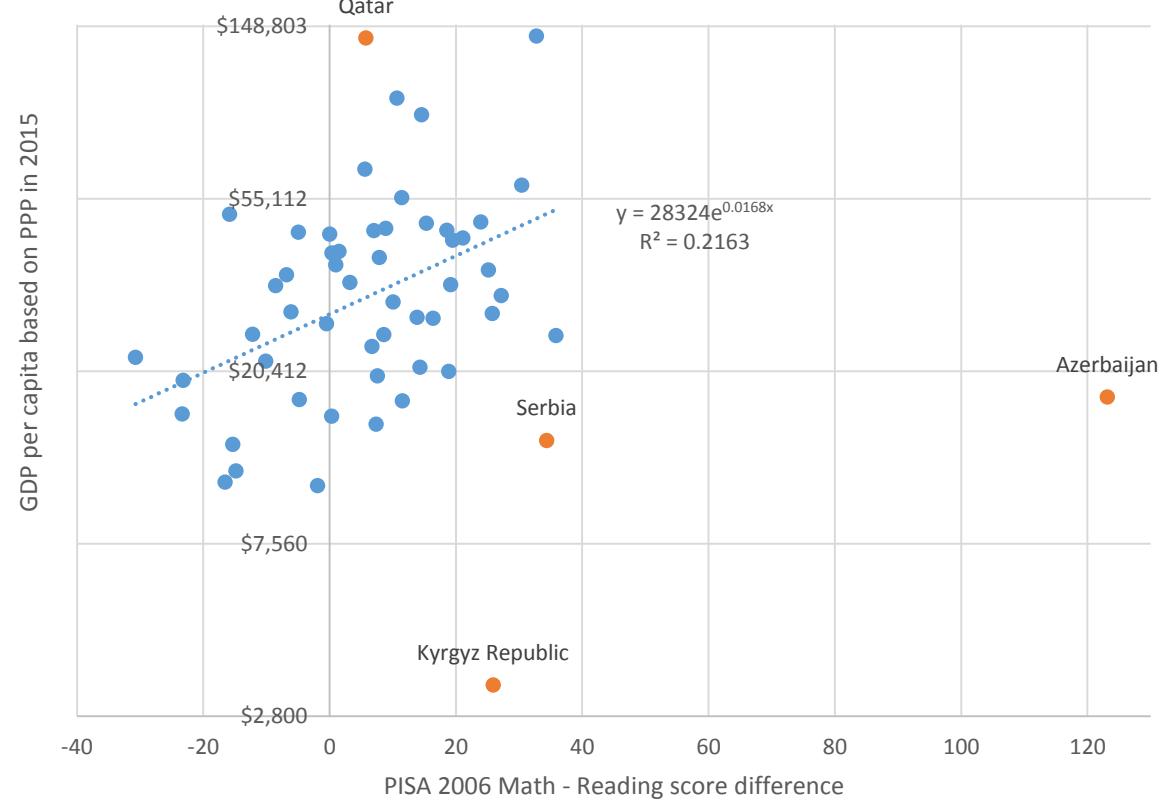


Time lag in 9 years

PISA 2006 difference between the math - Reading vs. GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$) in 2015 after removing 4 outliers



PISA 2006 difference between the math - Reading vs. GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$) in 2015 after removing 3 outliers



Time lag in 12 years with the district GDP per capita without 3 outliers in 2015

PISA 2003'S DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MATH - READING
VS. LOG OF GDP PER CAPITA, PPP (CURRENT
INTERNATIONAL \$) IN 2015, EXCLUDING 3 OUTLIERS



Key conclusions

Solutions: USL (Unified Super Learning), starting with MMU1 (Mini Mini USL1 as a series of pilot studies to convince all to end the math poverty rapidly)

**MMU1 (Mini Mini USL1,
Sep-Oct 2016)**

**USL original pilot studies
(Oct 2013, Jan-Feb 2014)**

By Dongchan Lee

**Far beyond the efficiencies of the best
math apps, the best math average nations**

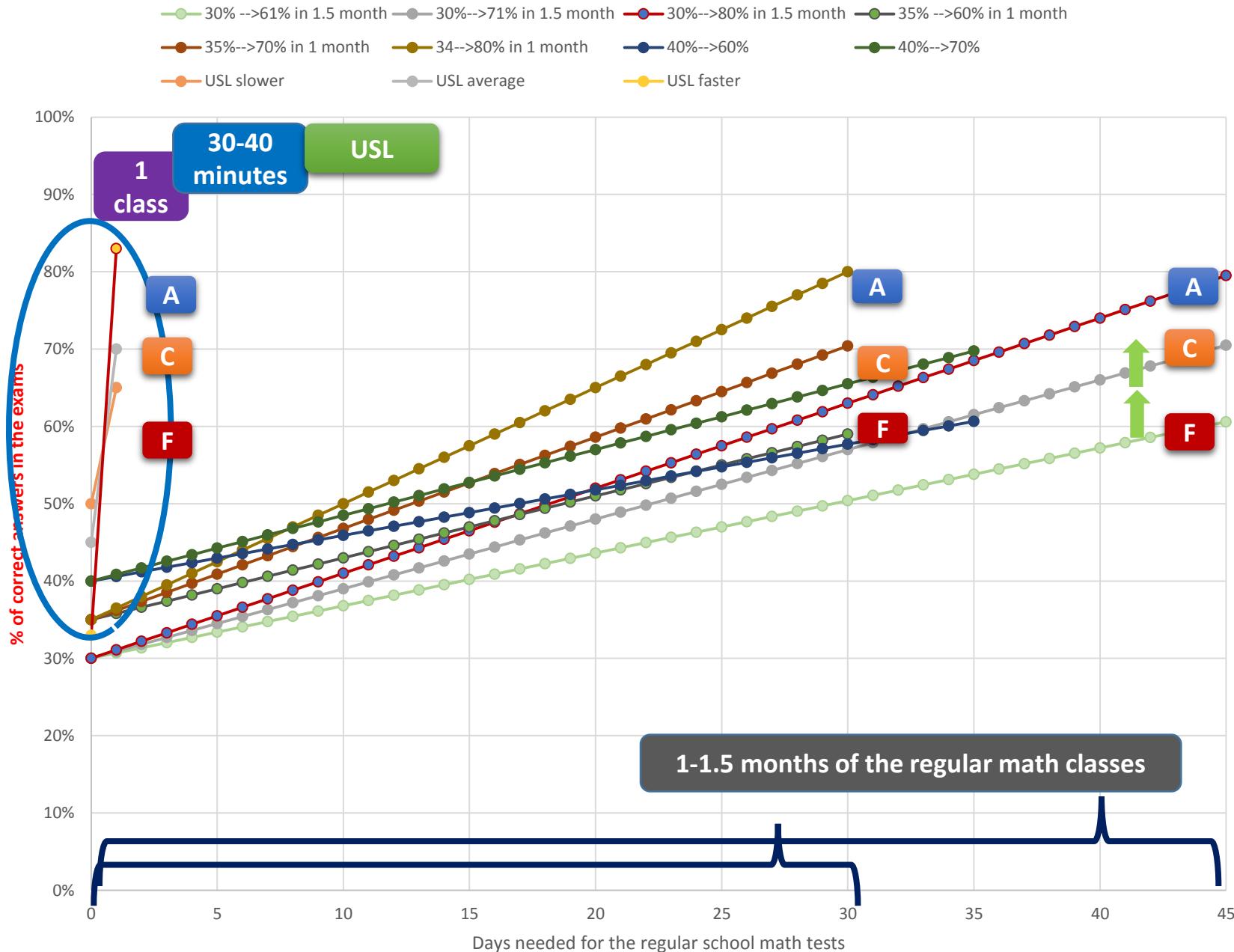
**The best way to end the global math poverty
in 2-5 years**

**The best way to end the global poverty
in 10-15 years, not just extreme poverty in 50-100 years**

10-70x time compressions for earning the math (from the USL pilot studies)

Evidences

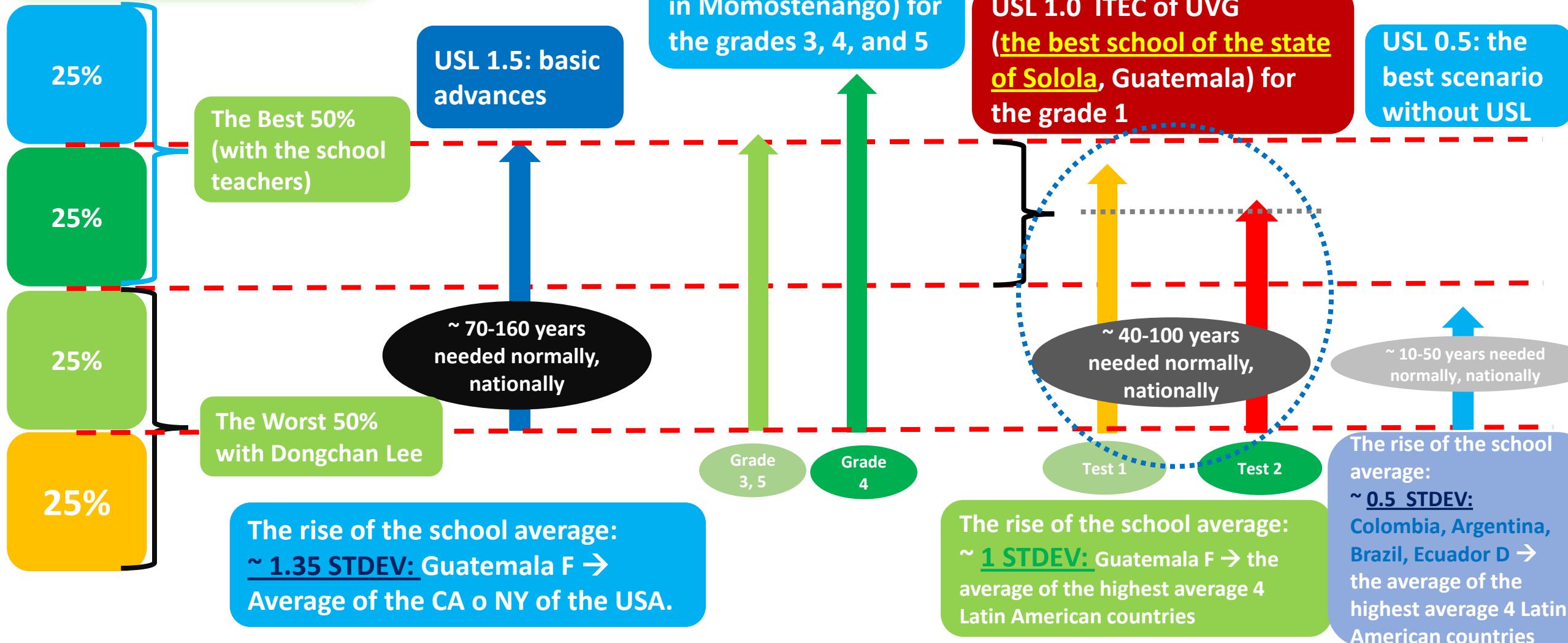
% of score gains per x days: Learning speed comparisons: the typical USL pilot study results (10-50x faster than usual) vs. the typical school math gains



Rule of thumb for MMU1:
very rapid rise of the worst
math students to the best
half students (Pilot
studies' summary)

MMU1 (Mini Mini USL1) from 2 good private schools with Dongchan Lee

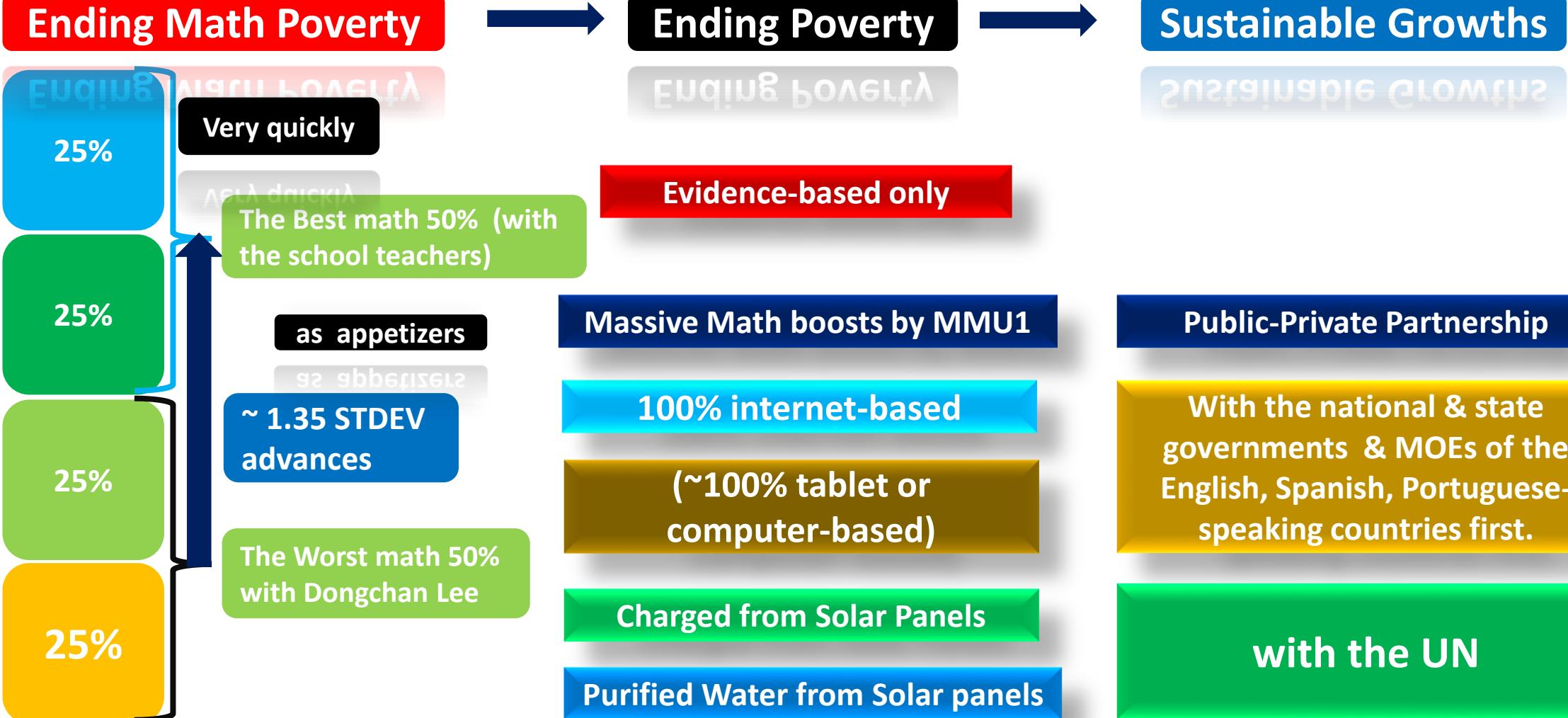
Still using only ~ 4-8% of the original
original USL capacity of 2014



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