

# The future of education in support of an unknown future

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# The future will always surprise us

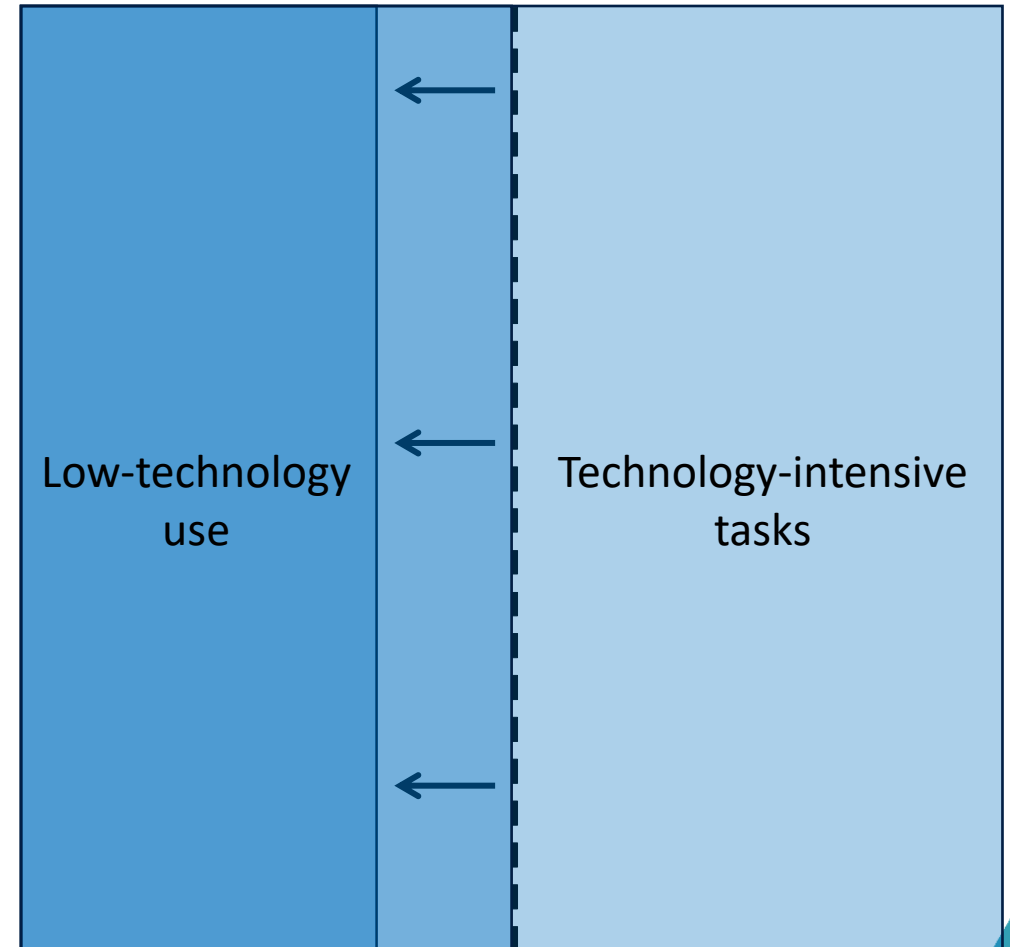
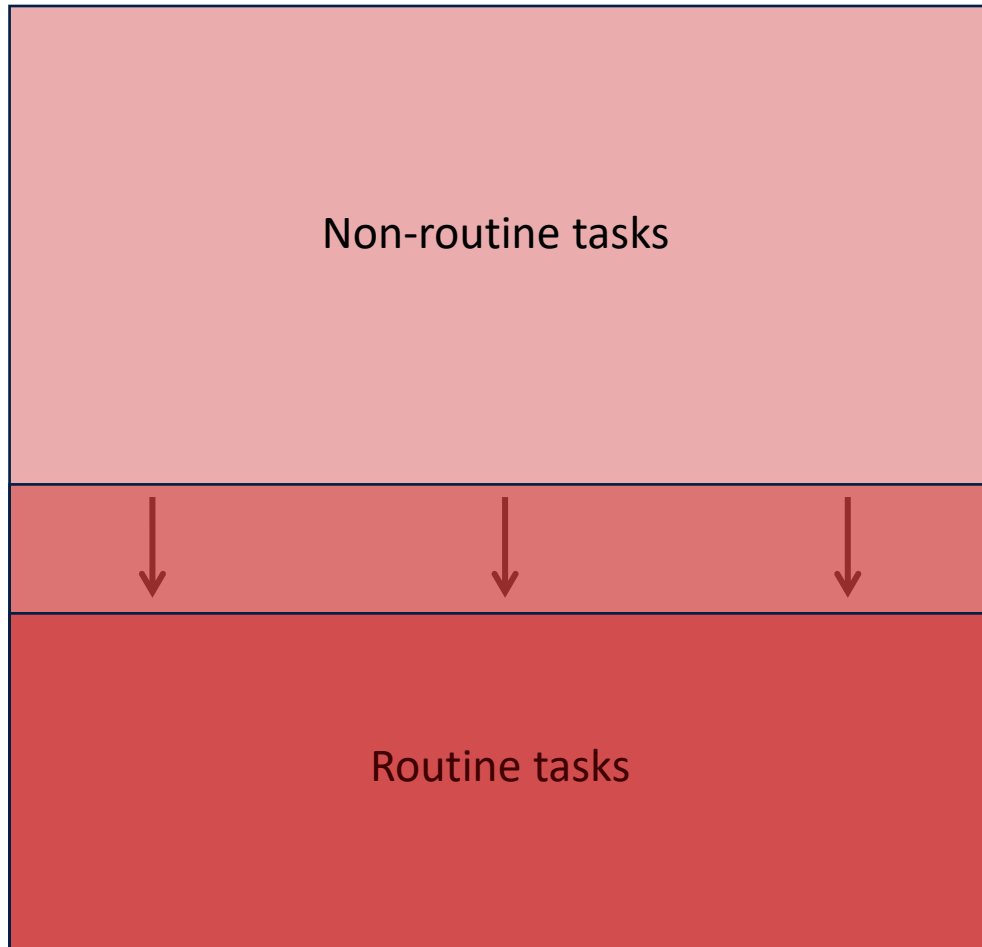
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Uncertainty

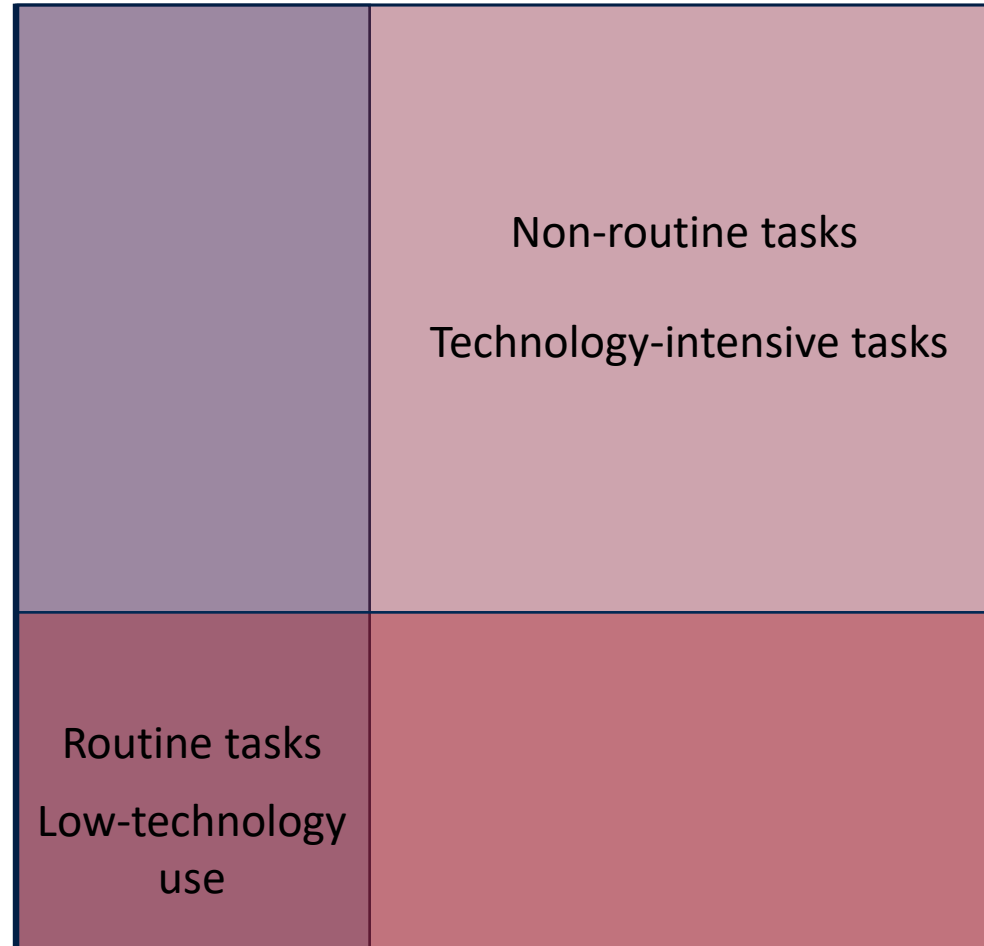


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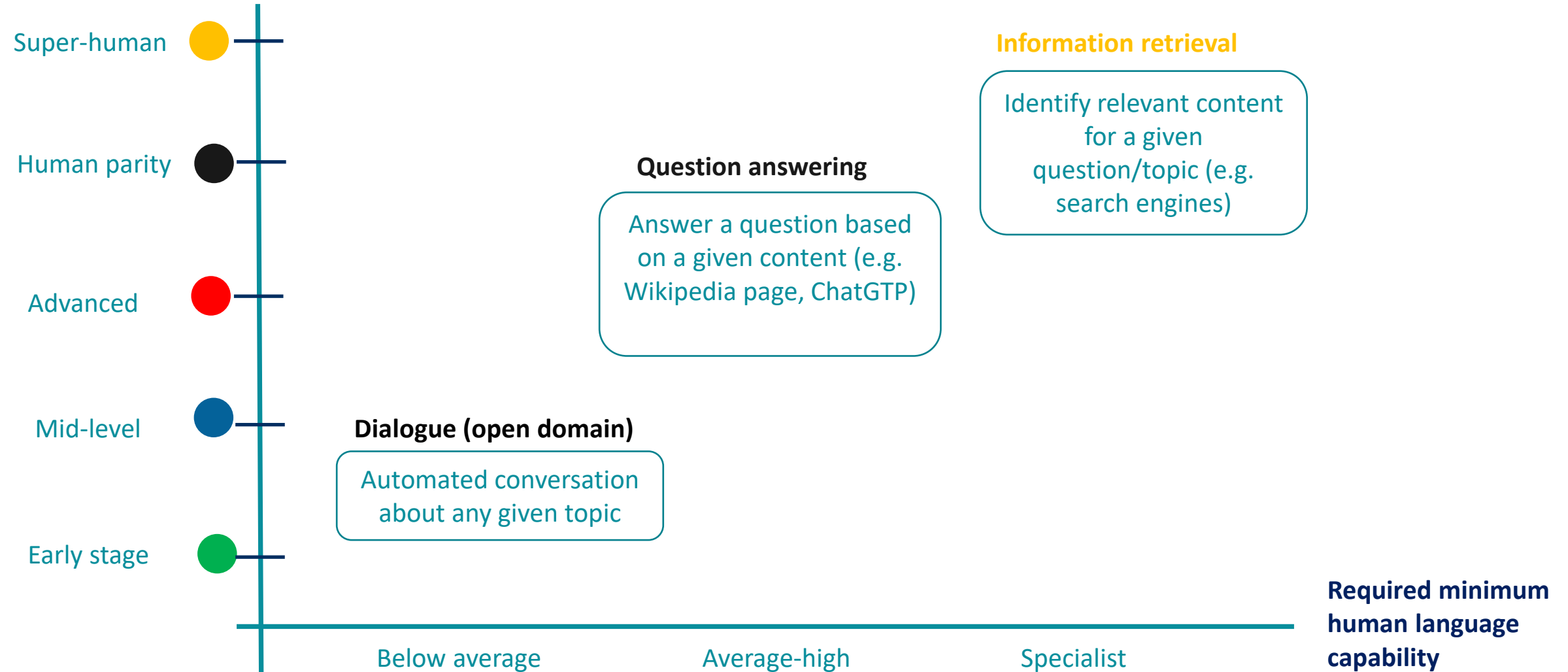


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# AI versus humans – benchmarks

## State of the art Natural Language Processing performance





# AI still has many limitations, but will improve

## Near-term

### Tracability

- Trace and identify sources,
- Improve citations

### Accuracy

- Incorporate fact-checking





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## Mid-term

### Interpretation

- Understanding semantic of queries
- More natural writing style

#### Long-term

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→ Avoids bias from training data is filtered

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→ Go beyond the synthesis of training data



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### Long-term

#### Reduced bias

- Avoid that bias in training data is inherited

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- Go beyond the synthesis of training data

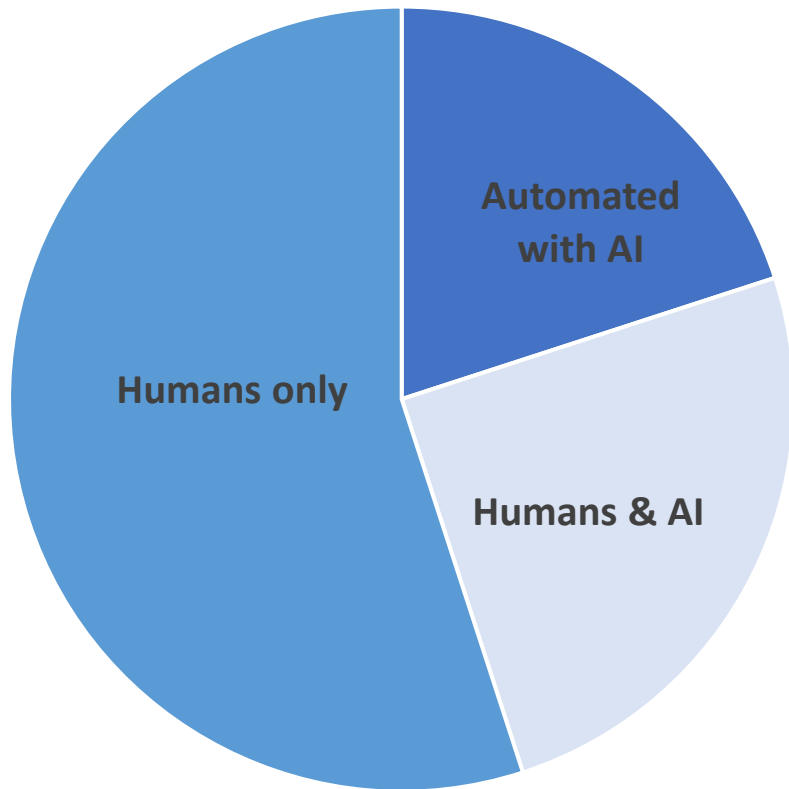




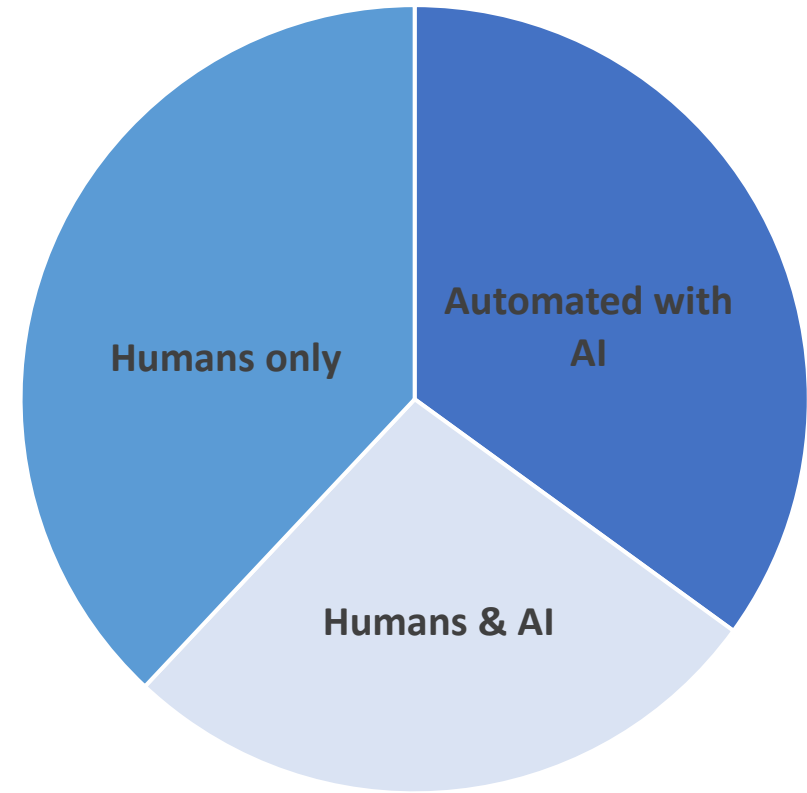
# Human tasks are shifting

With many human tasks now automated with AI

Distribution of types of tasks



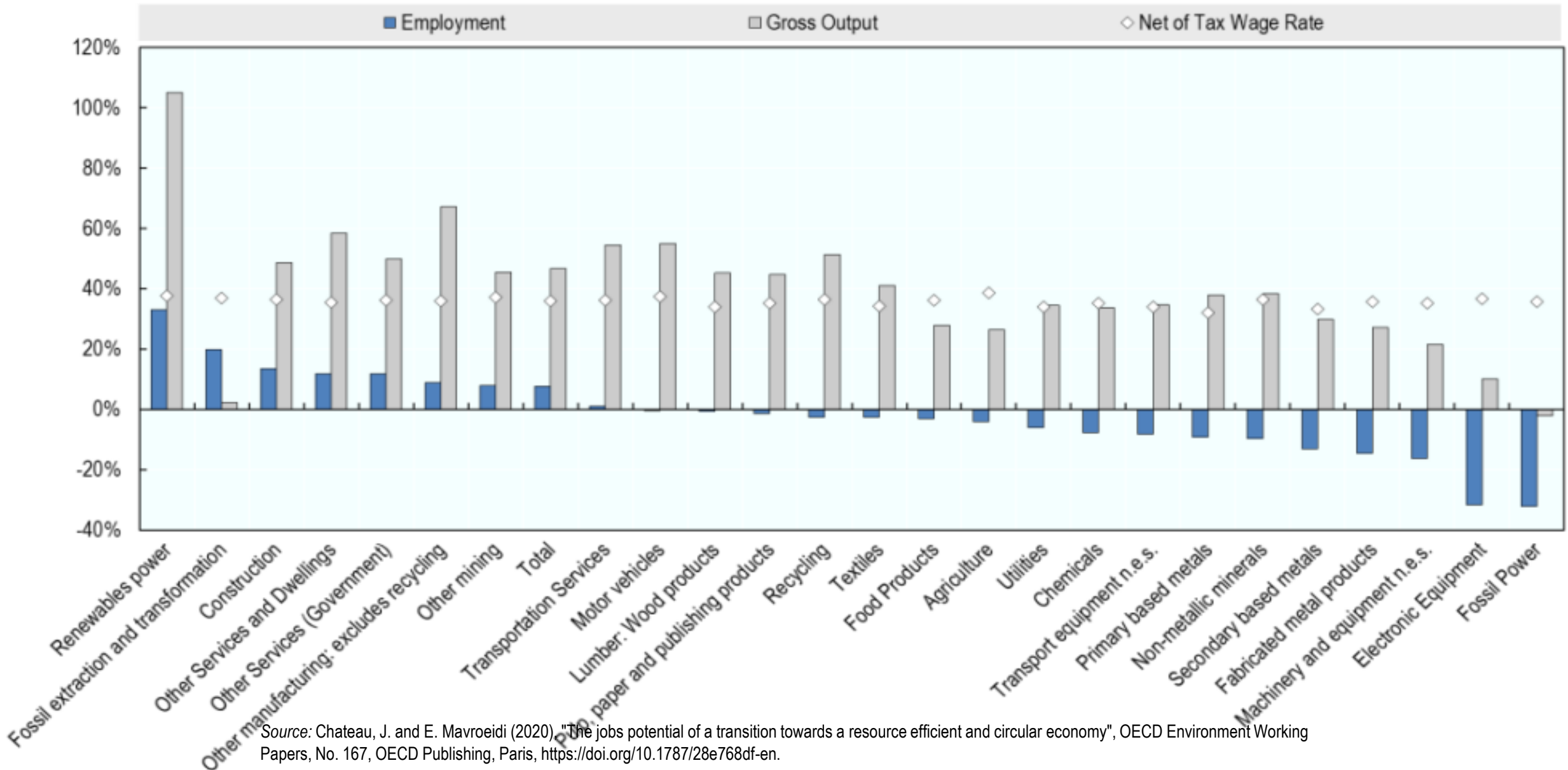
Distribution of types of tasks  
**with new AI capabilities**





# The green transition will impact certain sectors more than others

Projected changes in sectoral composition of employment and output following a policy-driven transition towards a more resource-efficient and circular economy (2040 baseline projection relative to 2017 values)



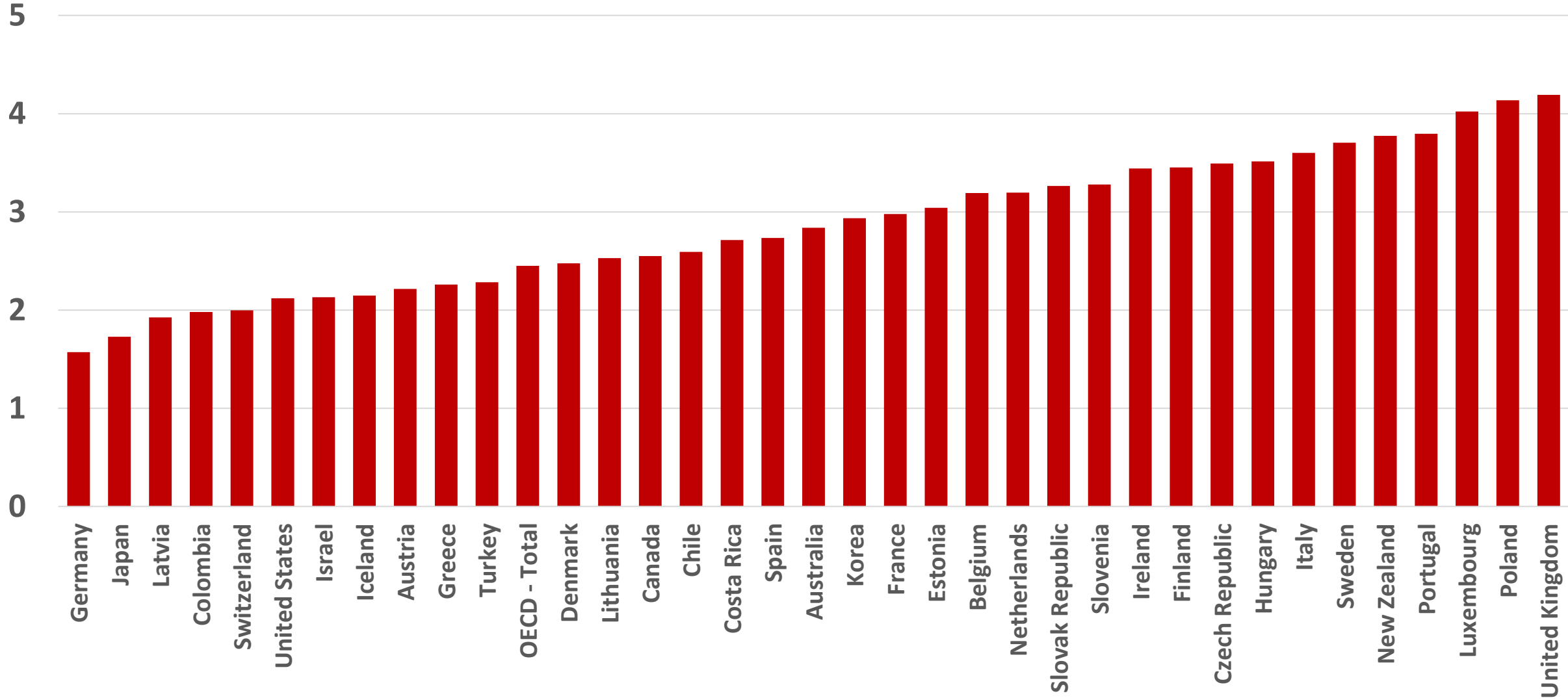
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# Young people are at a disadvantage in the competition for work

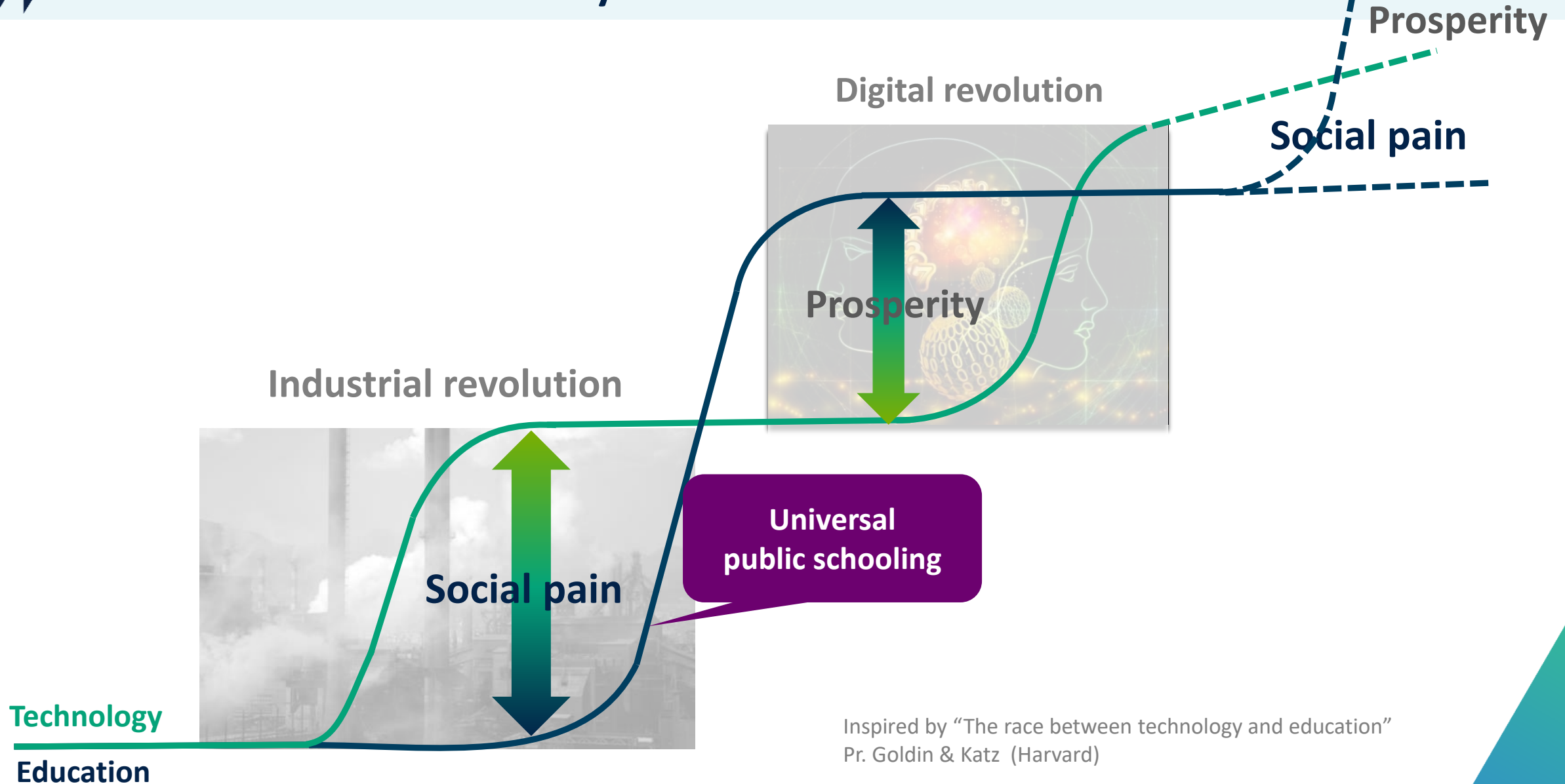
Greater  
disadvantage  
(ratio)

Ratio of Youth to Adult Unemployment, 2020. OECD countries.





Education won the race with **technology** throughout history, but there is no automaticity it will do so in the future



Digital revolution

Prosperity

Social pain

Prosperity

Industrial revolution

Social pain

Universal public schooling

Technology

Education

Inspired by "The race between technology and education"  
Pr. Goldin & Katz (Harvard)



## What does it mean for education?

- Education should offer new ways of seeing, sensing and interpreting the world, in ways that reconcile competing beliefs and values, re-build meaning in people's lives and restore well-being.
- Education should provide opportunity and fulfilment for everyone, respecting and nurturing a broader range of strengths, including dispositions for caring and creativity.
- Education should equip people to design and establish the next set of economic, societal and organisational models.



# Skills, attitudes and values are now integrated in many countries' curricula

## Skills, attitudes and values for 2030 in curricula





## PISA participants

Around **690,000** 15-year-old students in **81 countries and economies** took PISA 2022

**PISA Newcomers:** El Salvador, Jamaica, Mongolia, the Palestinian Authority and Uzbekistan





## PISA outcomes

**Academic performance**

**Psychological well-being**

**Agency and engagement**

**Resilience**

**Engagement with school**

**Quality of relationship & community vitality**

**School-leisure balance**

**Material and cultural well-being**

**Openness to diversity**





## PISA outcomes

Academic performance refers to the knowledge and cognitive skills students have acquired throughout their education and the extent to which they can use what they have learnt to solve real-life problems.

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## PISA outcomes

Psychological wellbeing refers to the extent to which students experience positive emotions, are satisfied with their life and believe their life has meaning and purpose.

Academic performance

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## PISA outcomes

The agency and engagement dimension looks at whether students have the **ability and willingness to positively influence their own lives and the world around them, by setting goals, reflecting on their roles and responsibilities and acting responsibly to improve themselves and bring about positive change.**

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## PISA outcomes

**The resilience dimension considers students' beliefs in their ability to withstand stressful and difficult situations, their confidence in themselves and their autonomy as learners**

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## PISA outcomes

Engagement with school refers to the extent to which students assign value to their time at school, put effort in their studies so to achieve good results, and help their teachers create a productive learning environment.

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## PISA outcomes

The quality of relationships and community vitality dimension captures both the quantity and the quality of students' social networks. It reflects the extent to which students feel accepted and appreciated by their peers, and whether they perceive support and care from their parents and their teachers.

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## PISA outcomes

**Study-life balance means putting enough time into academic work while also taking time to enjoy the other parts of one's life, including social, sporting and cultural opportunities.**

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## PISA outcomes

Material and cultural wellbeing considers whether students enjoy living conditions that are sufficient for their cognitive and emotional development, as well as their access to a home environment that provides opportunities for cultural development.

Academic performance

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## PISA outcomes

Openness to diversity refers to students' capacity to establish deep and respectful connections with people from different cultural backgrounds, being aware and open to different perspectives and willing to learn other people's language, habits and conventions.

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# PISA 2022: Hong Kong (China)

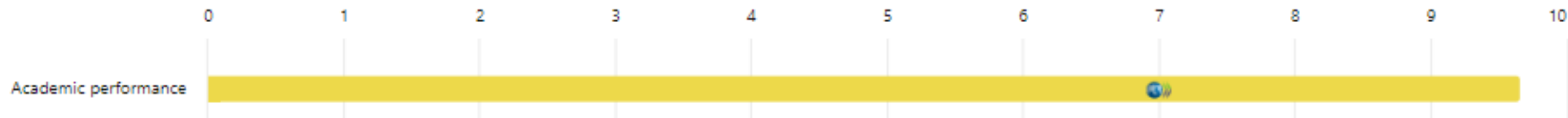
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### PISA happy life topics

Hong Kong (China)



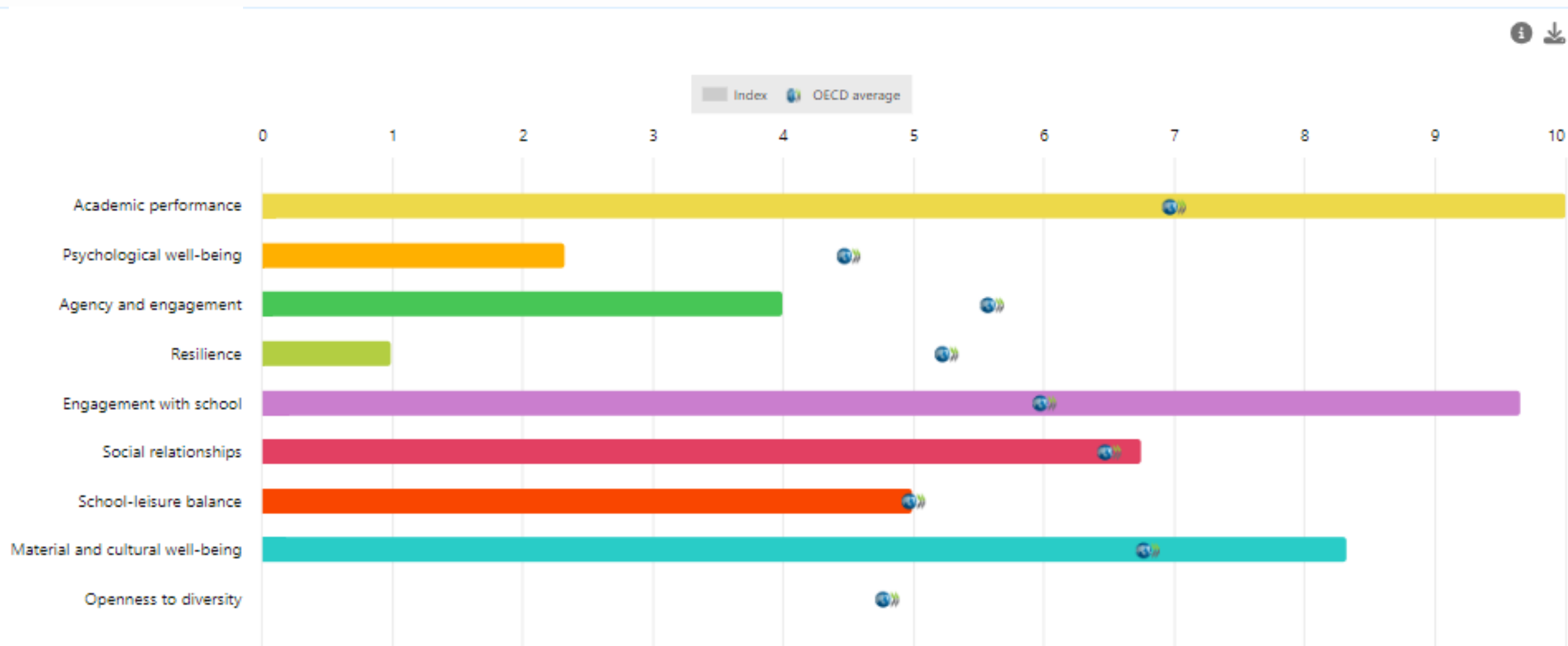
Index OECD average





# PISA 2022: Japan

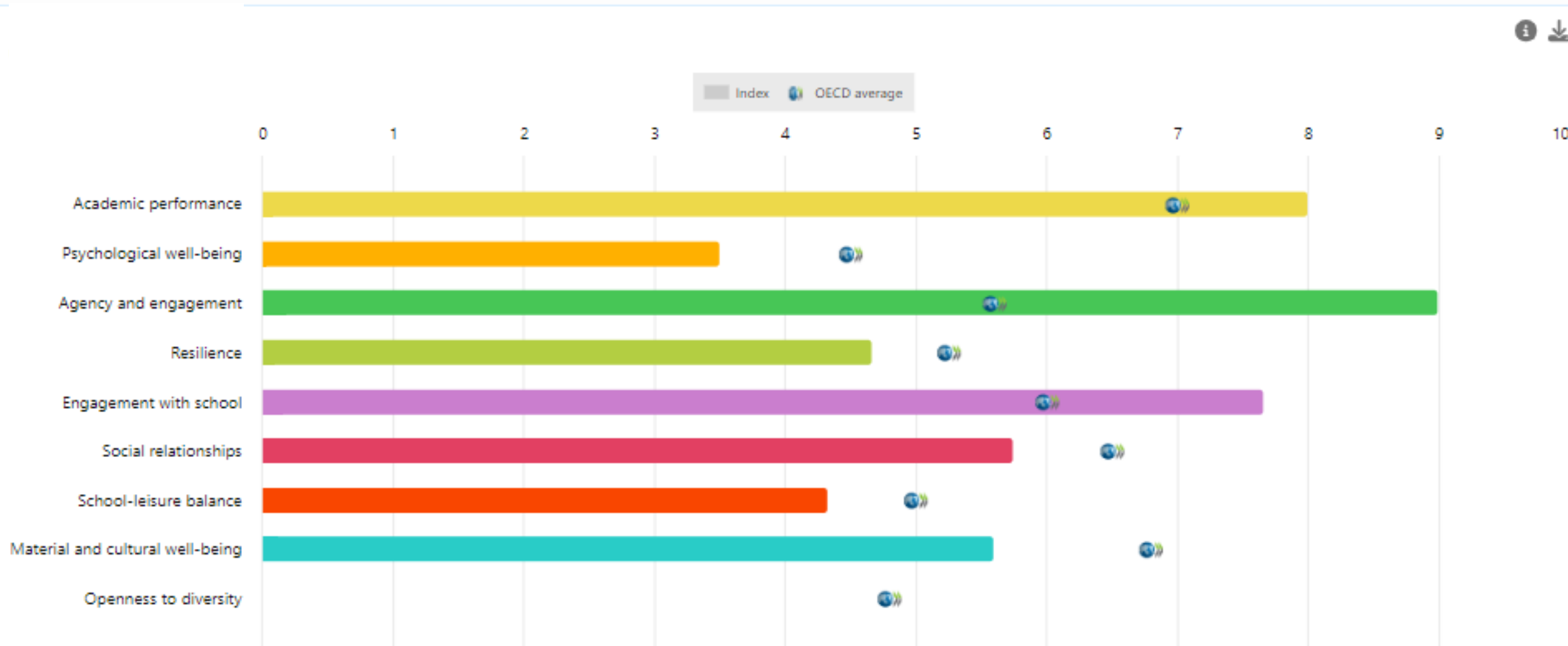
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# PISA 2022: United States

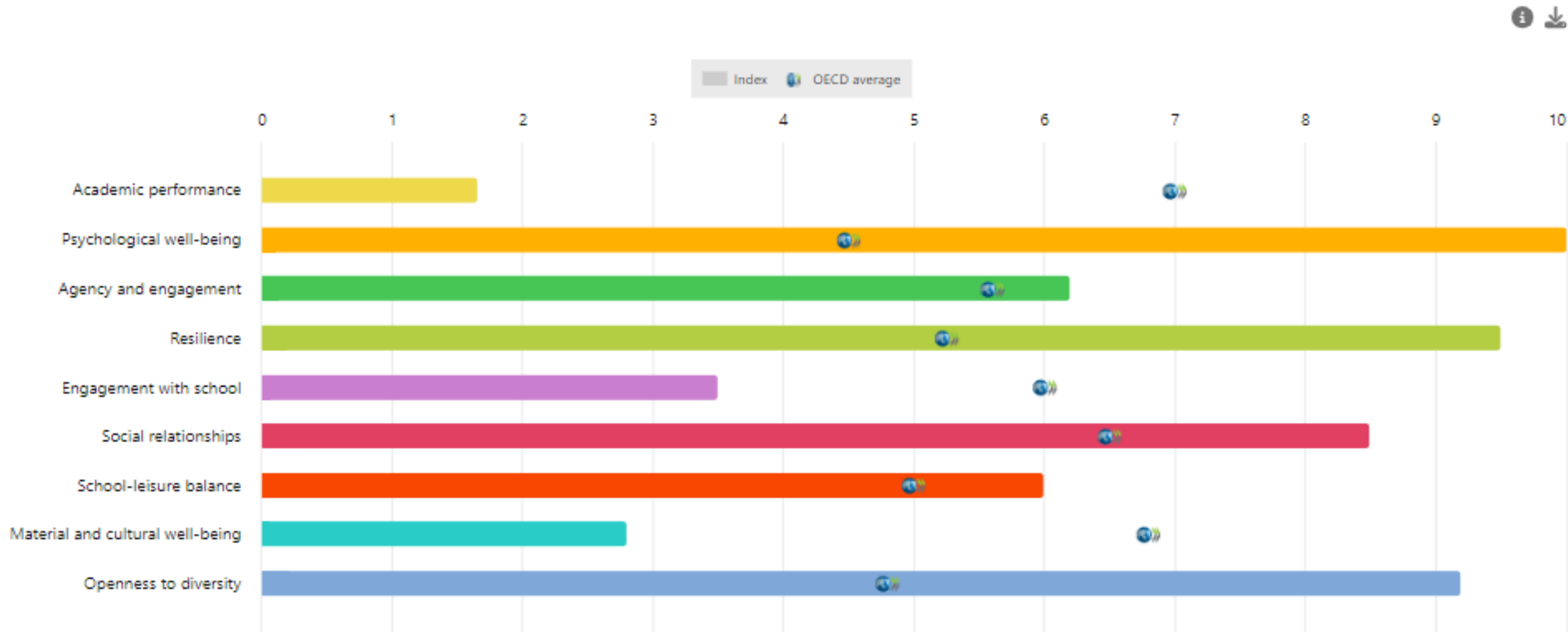
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# PISA 2022: Albania

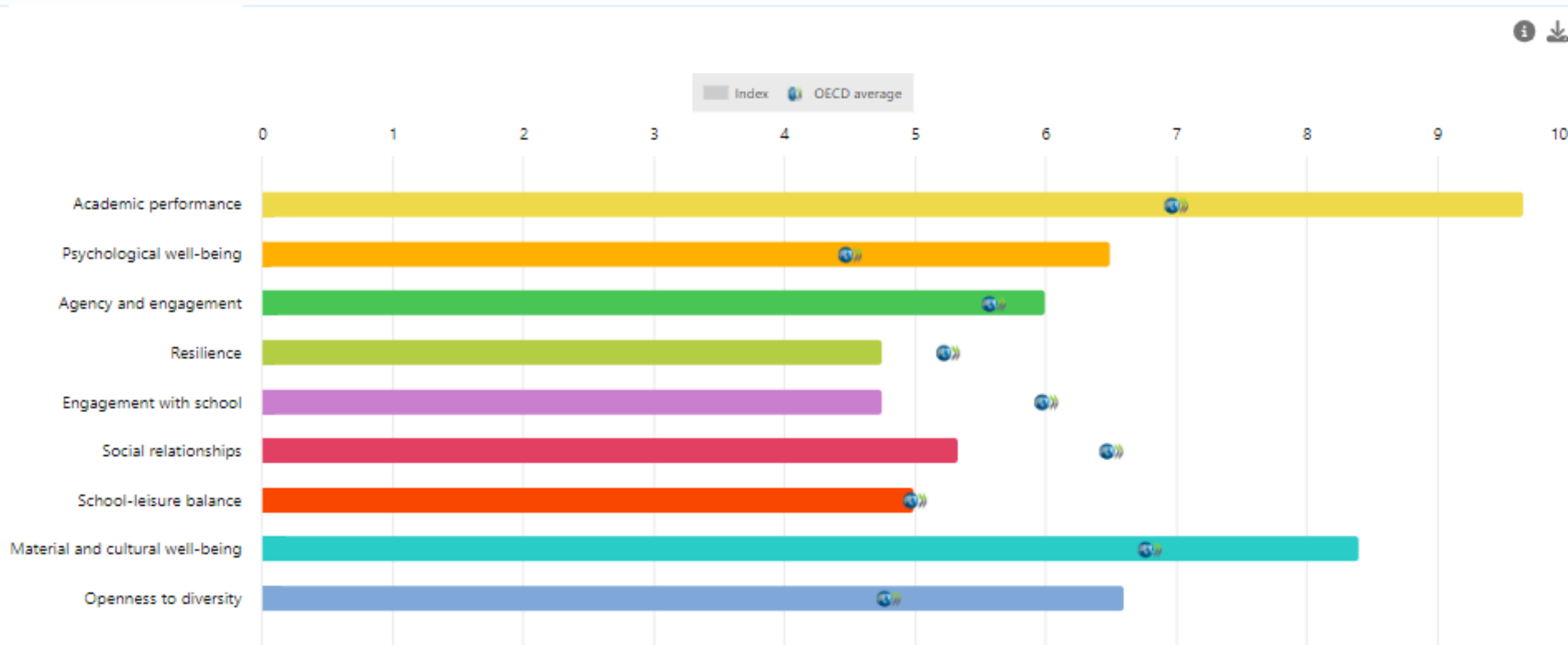
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# PISA 2022: Canada

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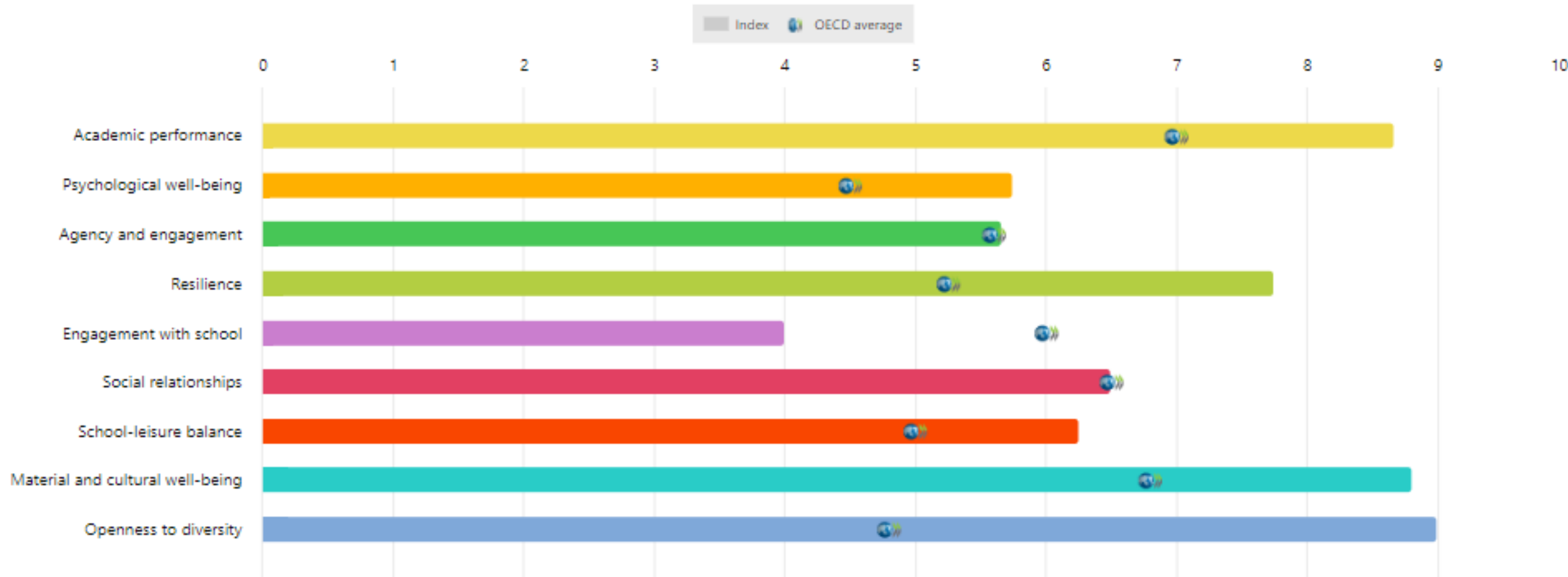


# PISA 2022: Finland

## What are Finland's strengths and areas for improvement

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Finland



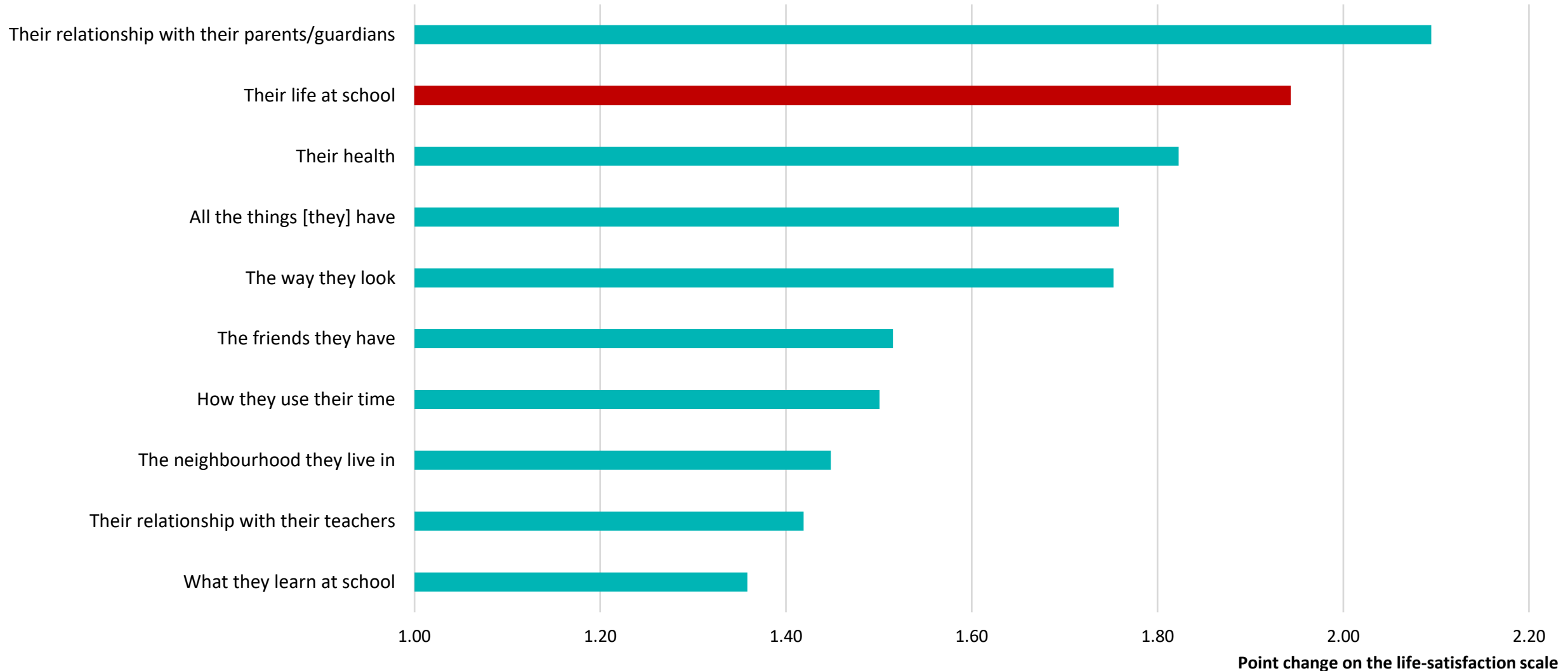


# Life satisfaction and satisfaction with different aspects of life

Figure II.1.7

## Average of countries/economies with available data

*Change in life satisfaction when students reported that they are satisfied or totally satisfied with the following:*



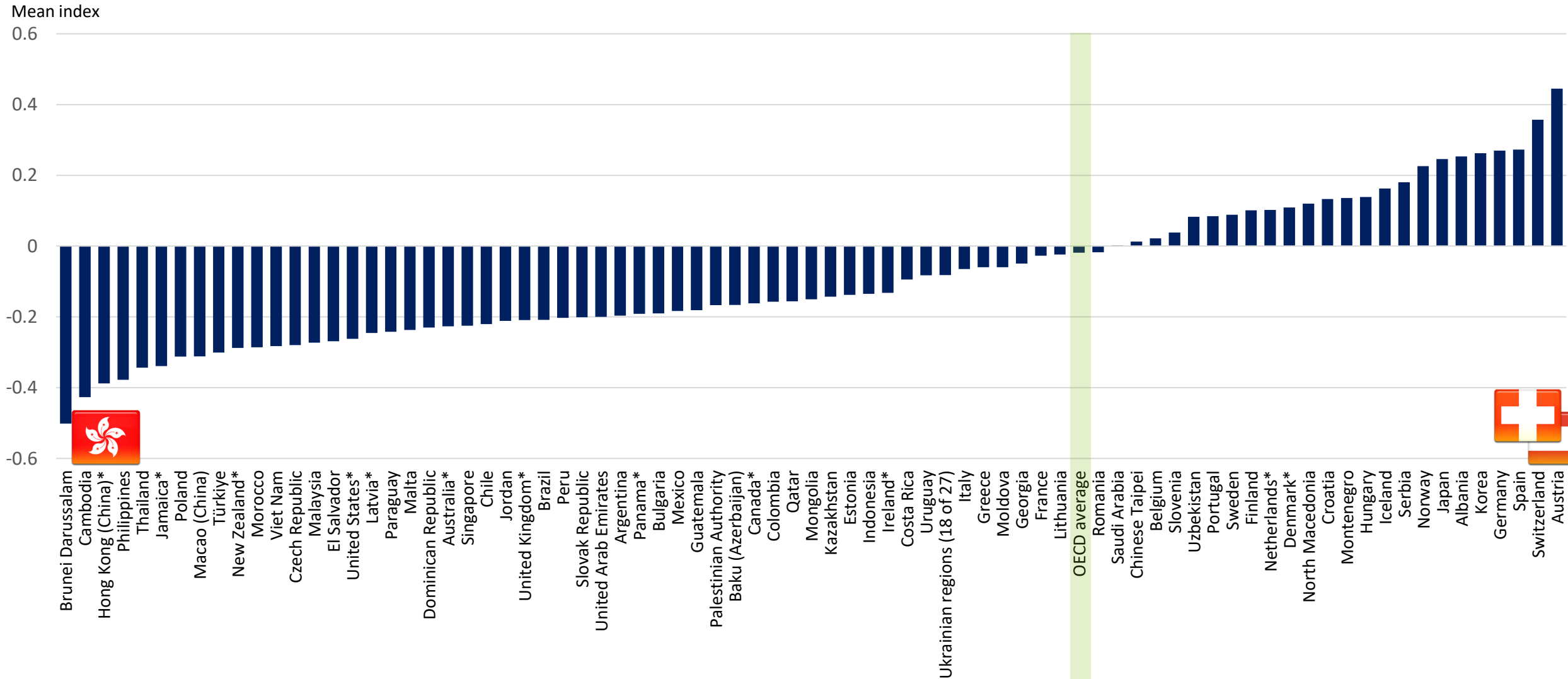




# Students' sense of belonging at school, across all countries and economies

Table II.B1.1.1

Based on students' reports



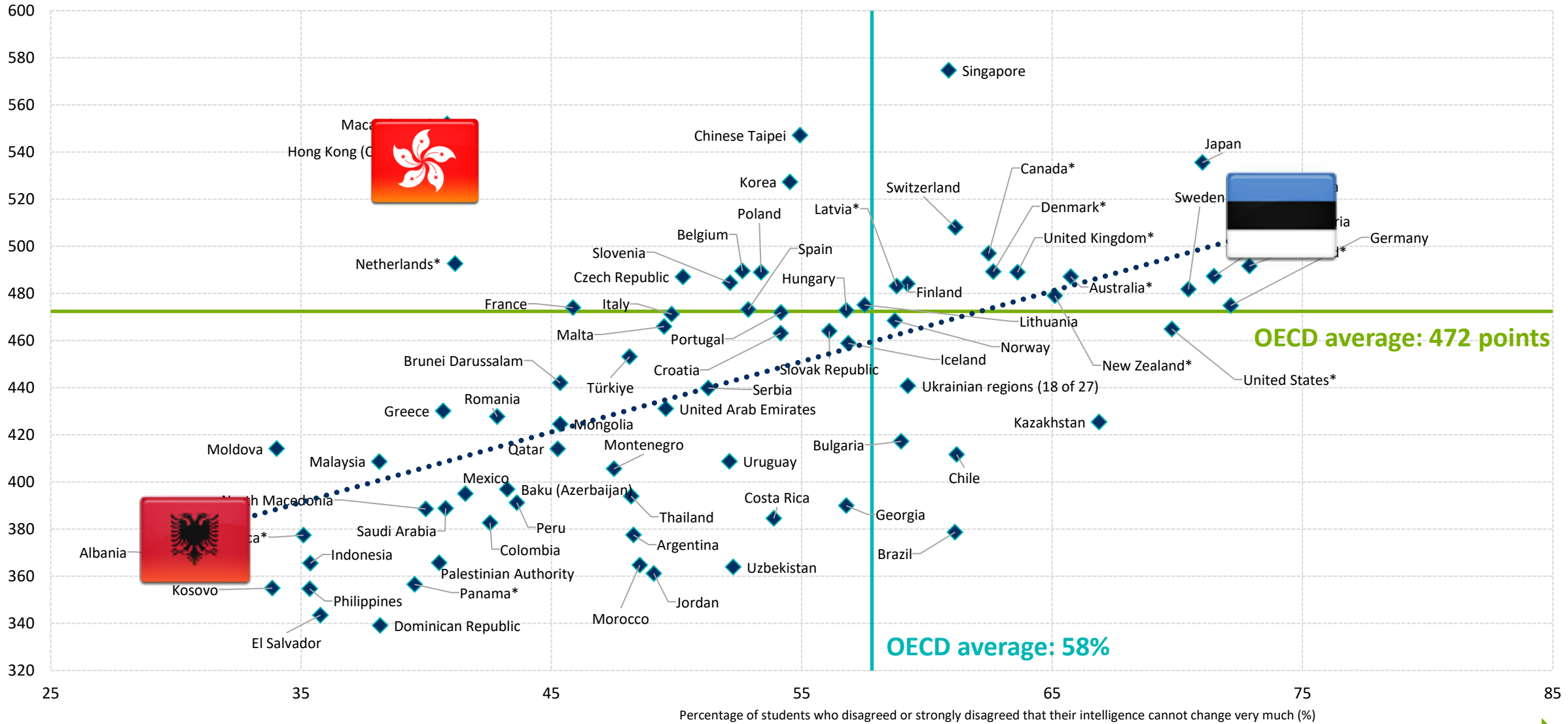


# Growth mindset and mathematics performance

Table I.B1.2.1 &  
Table I.B1.2.16

Higher score

Mean score in mathematics

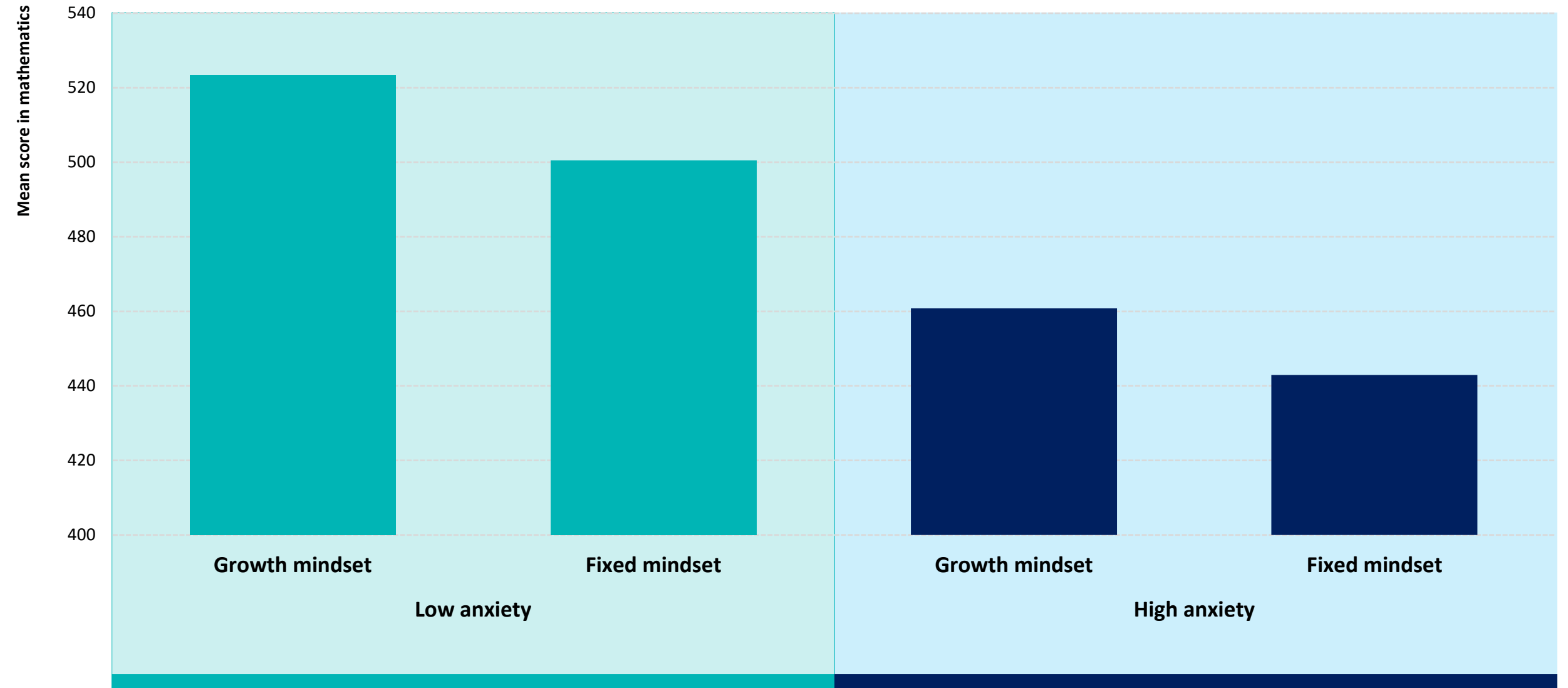


More students holding a growth mindset



# Mathematics performance and anxiety in mathematics among students with fixed and growth mindsets

Figure I.2.2

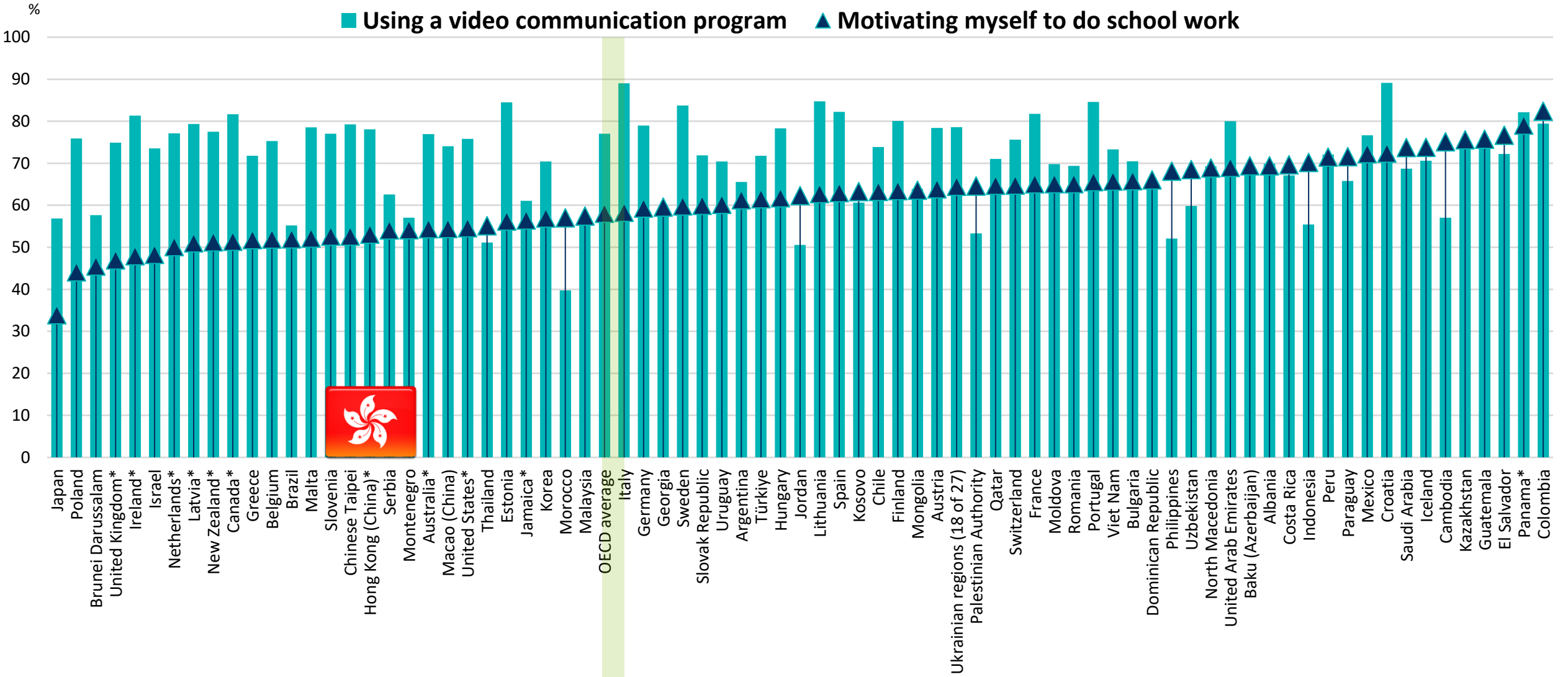




# Students' confidence in self-directed learning

Figure II.2.5

Percentage of students who reported feeling confident/very confident in taking the following actions if their school building closes again in the future



# Using resources effectively

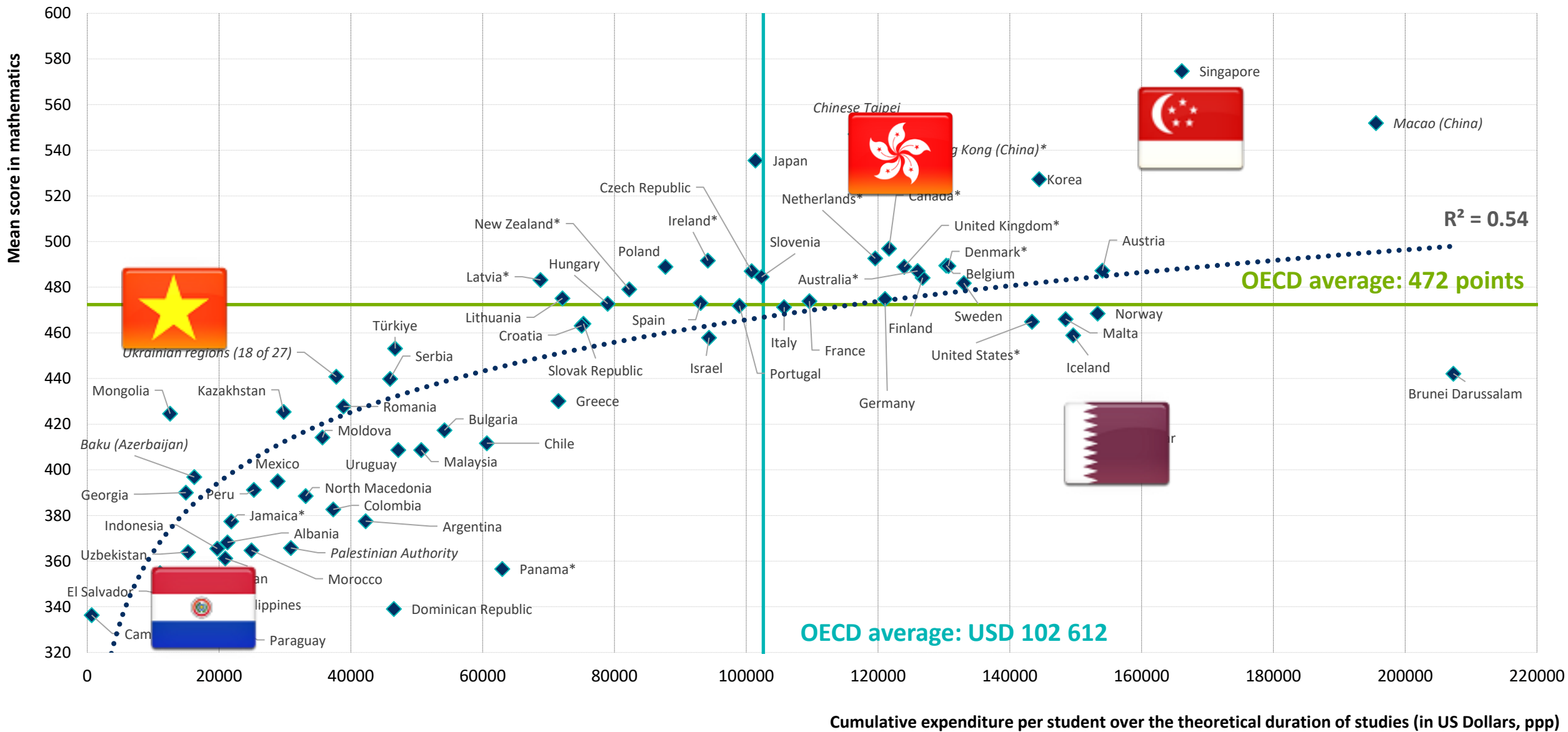
Money matters up to a point





# Money is necessary but not sufficient

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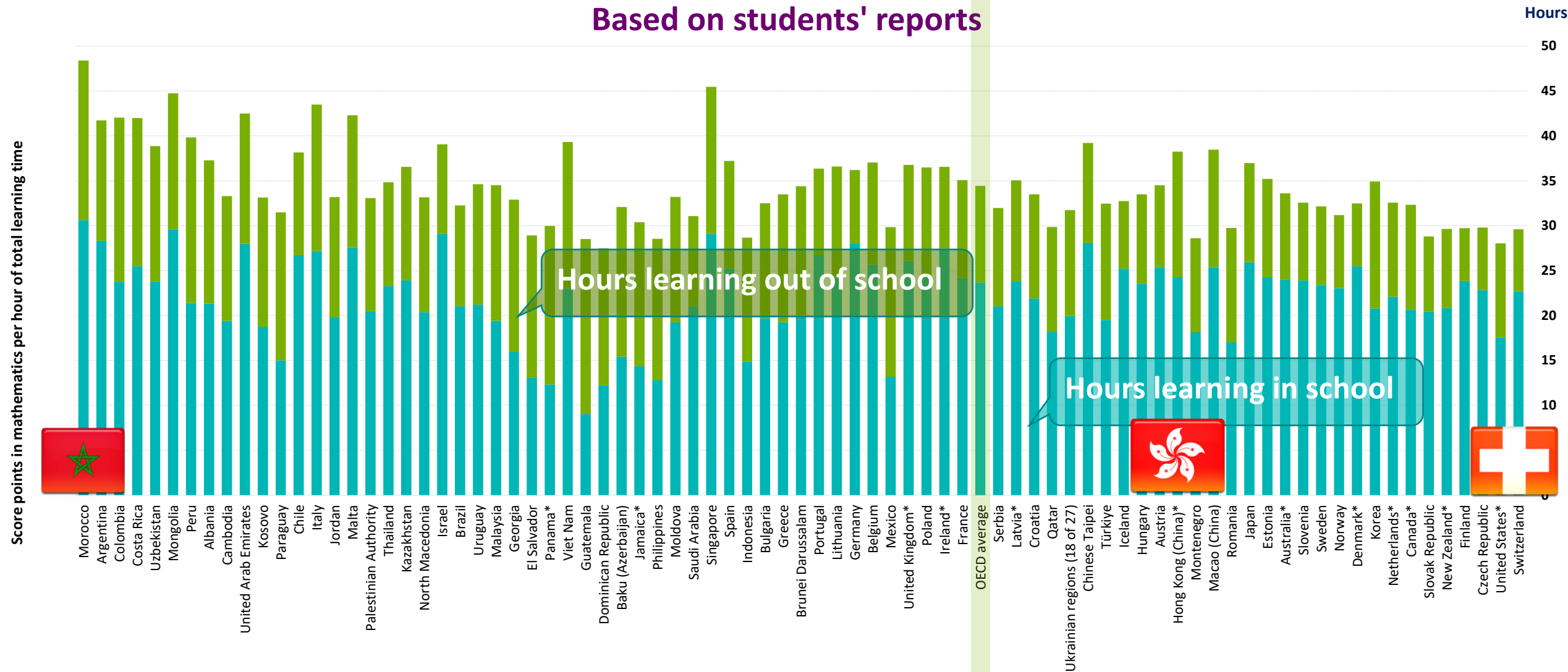




# Learning time ≠ learning outcomes

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Based on students' reports

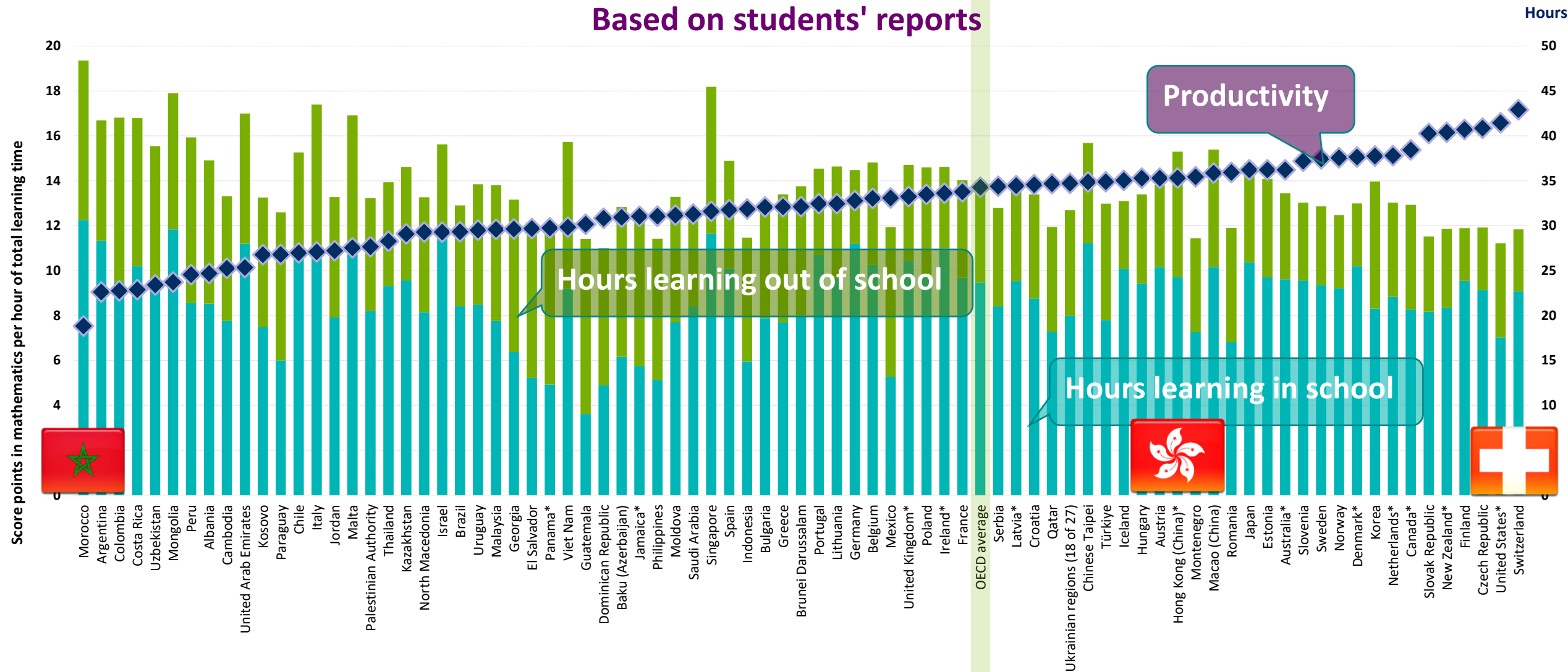




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# Revolutionising learning?

Unlocking the potential of the digital world

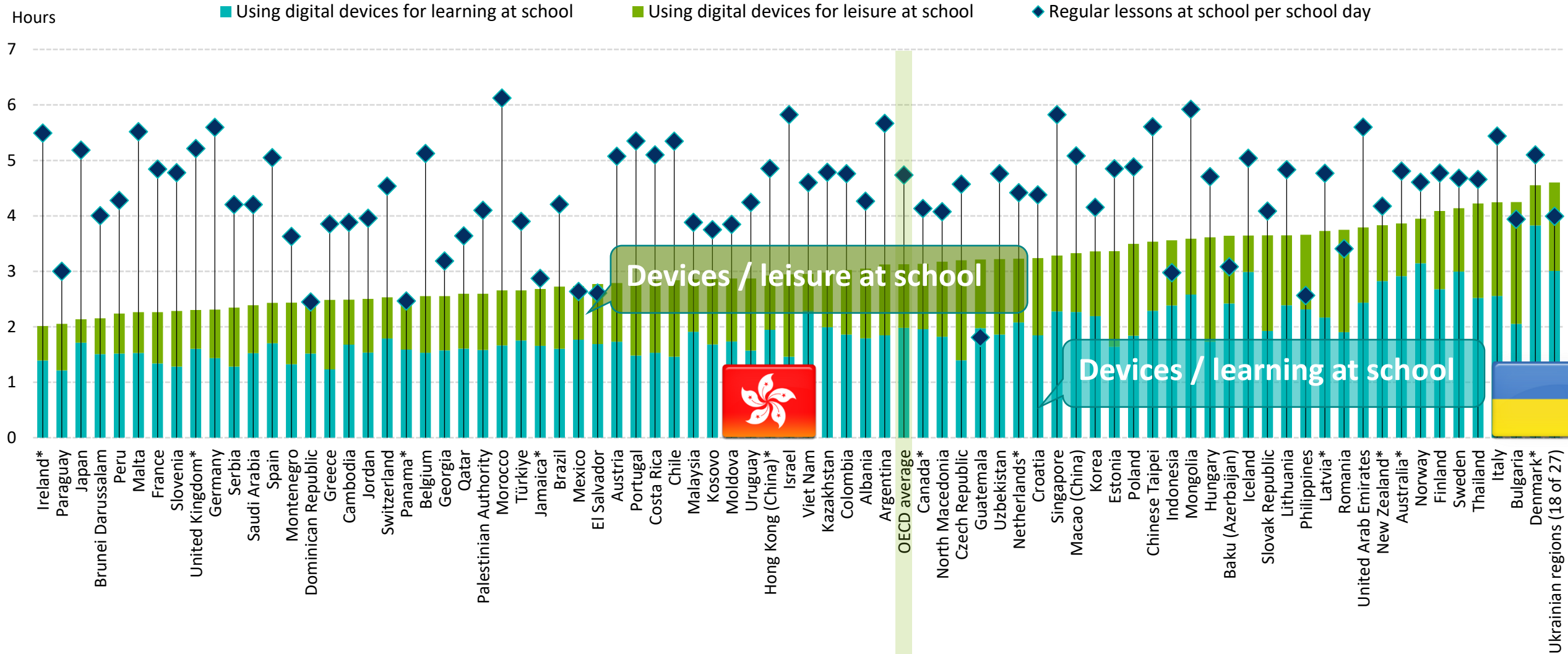




# Time spent at school in regular lessons and on digital devices

Figure II.5.15

## Time spent per day by students (in hours)

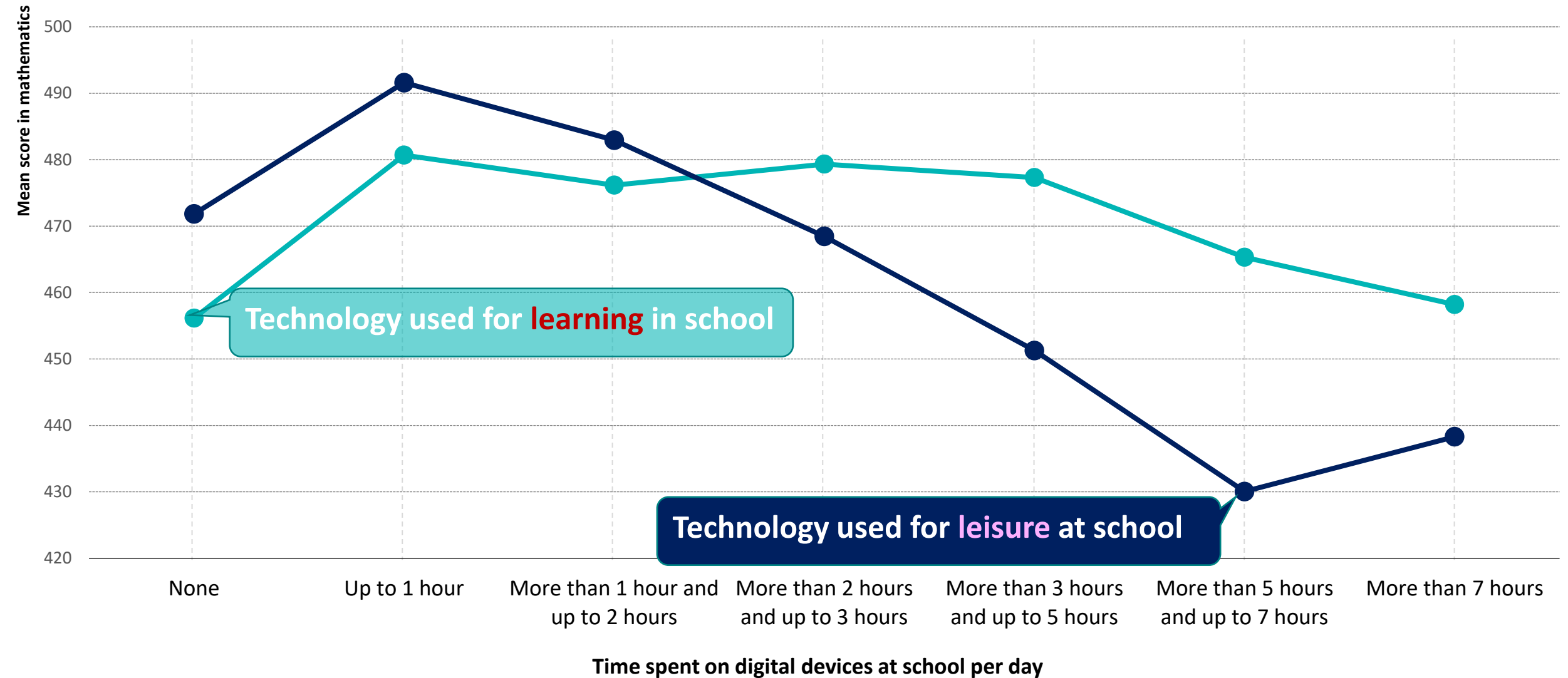




# Time spent on digital devices at school and mathematics performance

Figure II.5.14

Based on students' reports; OECD average

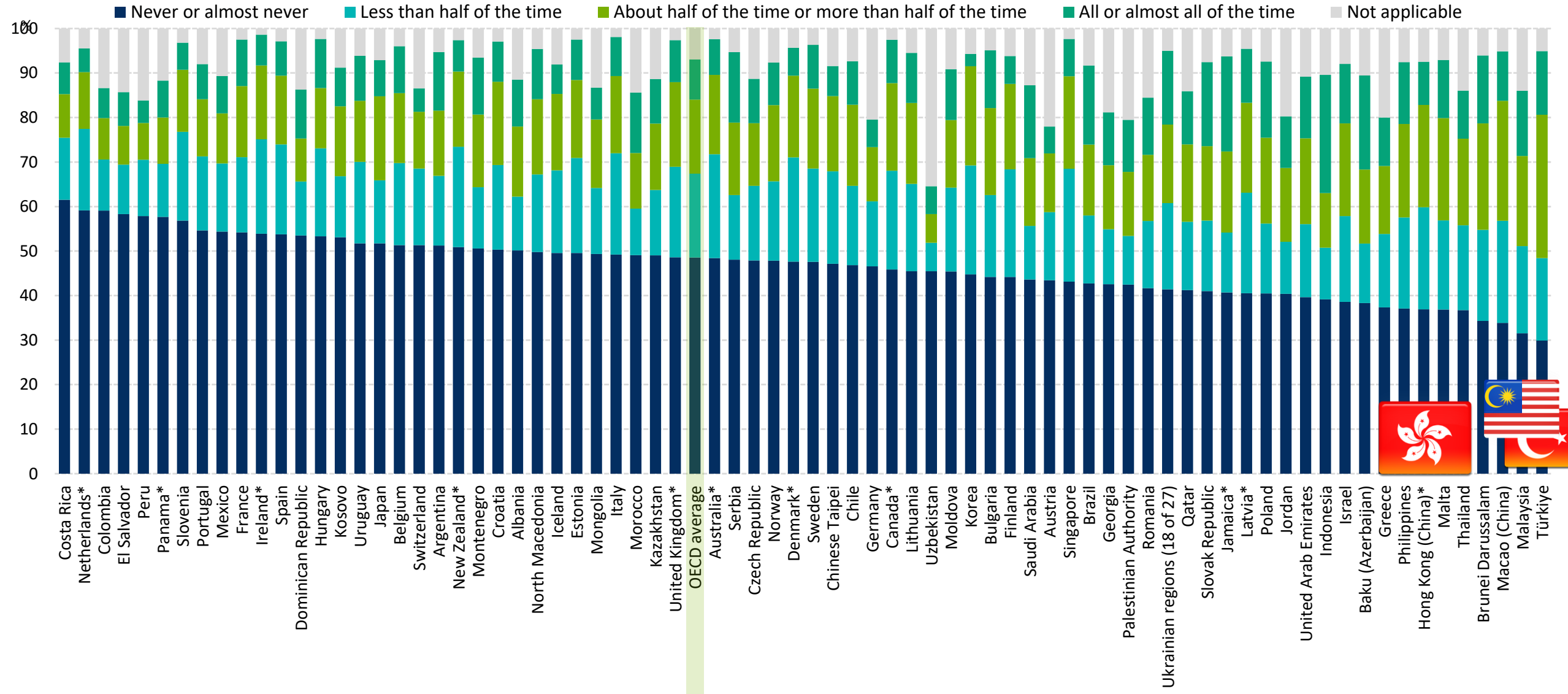




# Feeling nervous/anxious when digital devices are not near

Figure II.5.16

Based on students' reports



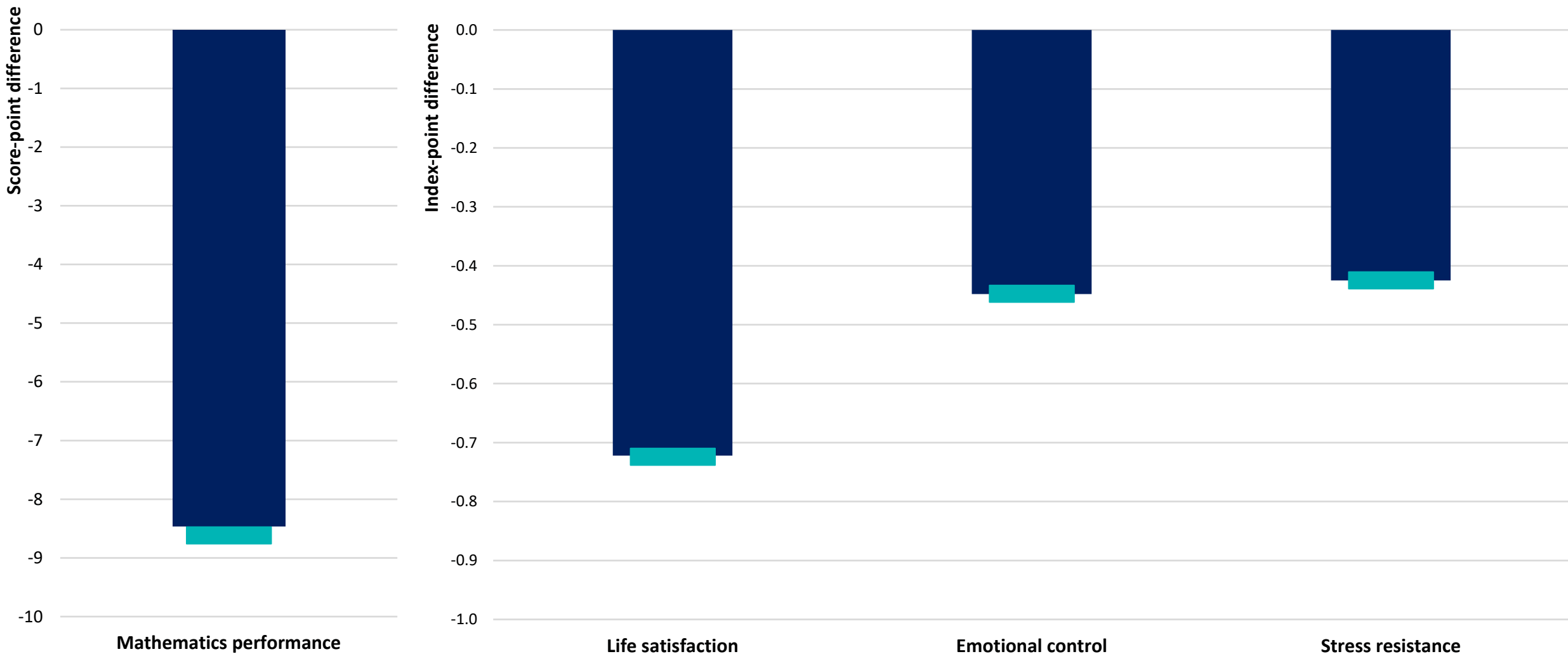


# Outcomes of feeling nervous/anxious when digital devices are not near

Figure II.5.17

Based on students' reports; OECD average

■ Before accounting for students' and schools' socio-economic profile<sup>1</sup> — After accounting for students' and schools' socio-economic profile

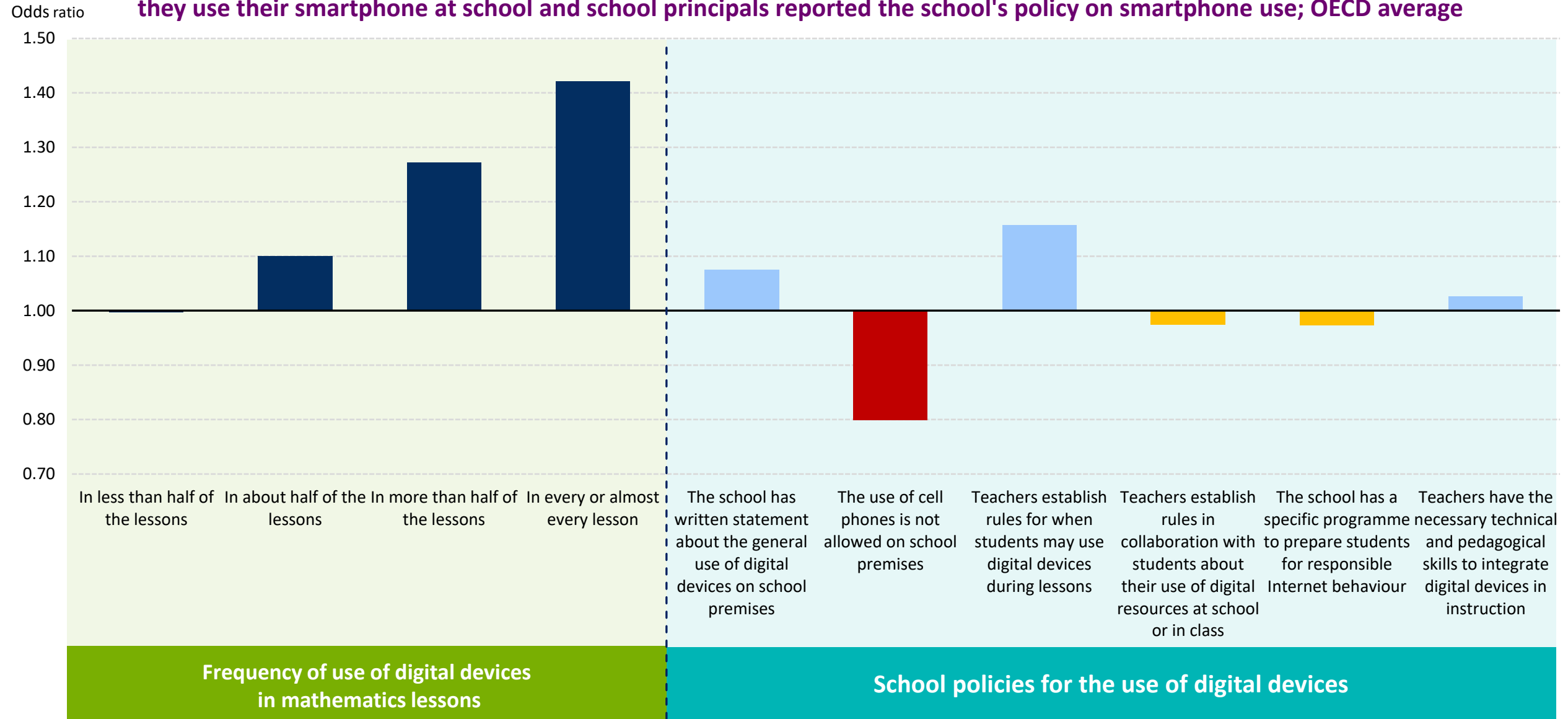




# Digital devices, distraction and school policies

Figure II.5.9

Change in the likelihood of students becoming distracted by using digital devices in mathematics lessons when students reported that they use their smartphone at school and school principals reported the school's policy on smartphone use; OECD average



# Teachers and teaching

Are some students being let down?

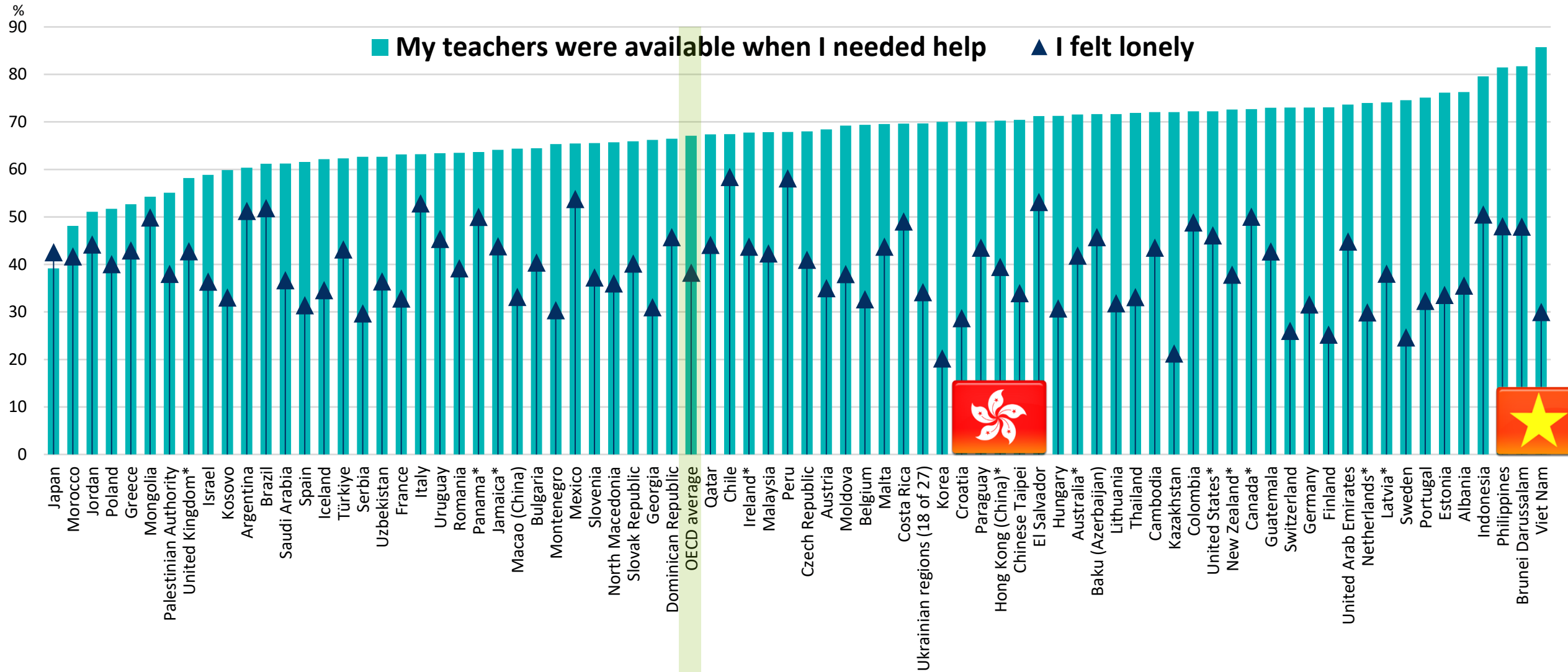




# Teacher support

Figure II.2.10

Percentage of students who agreed or strongly agreed with the following statements about the time when their school building was closed because of COVID-19; based on students' reports







# Students learn best from teachers they love

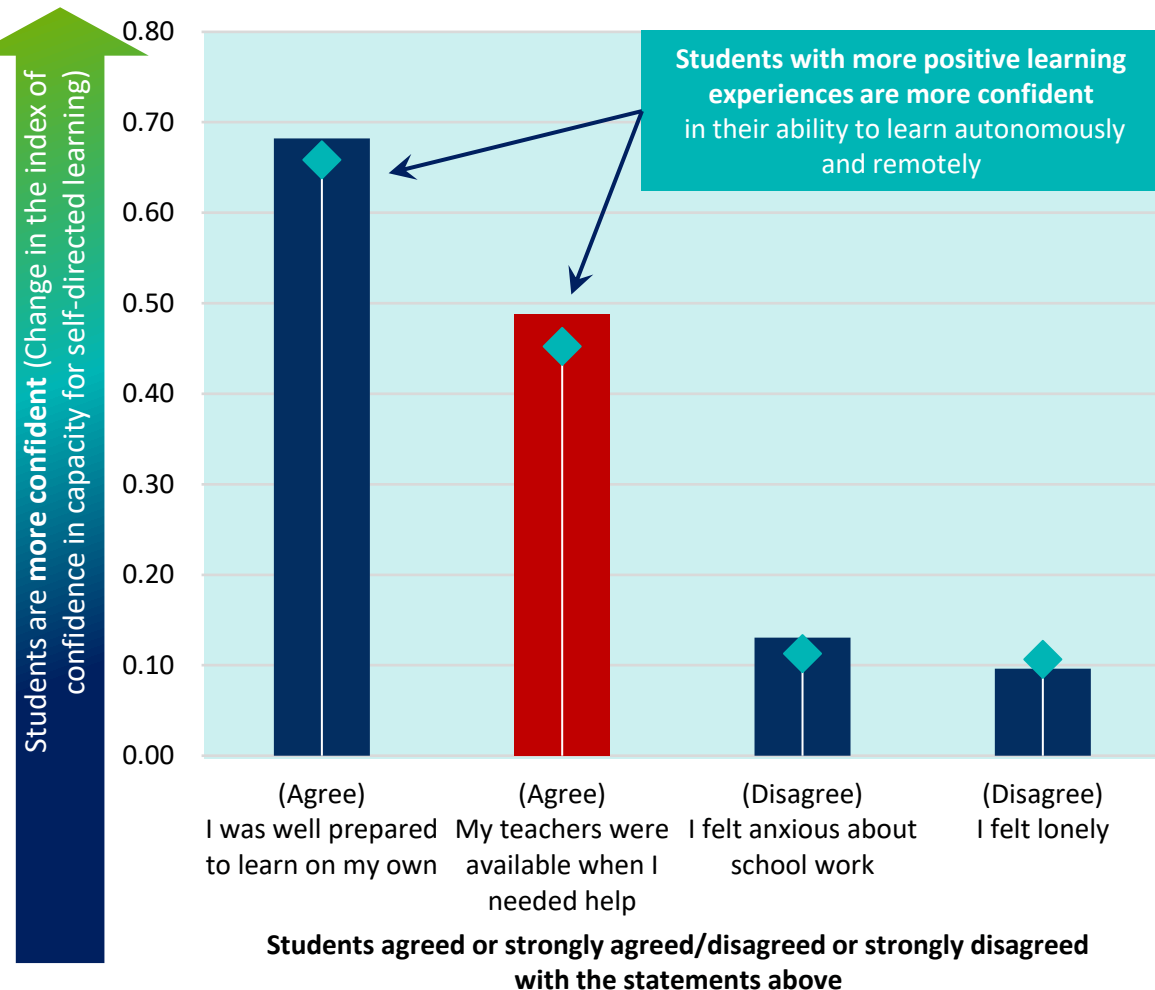
## Remote learning, mathematics performance and confidence in self-directed learning

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Change in the index of confidence in students' capacity for self-directed learning/in mathematics performance, when students agreed or disagreed with the following statements about the time when their school building was closed because of COVID-19; OECD average

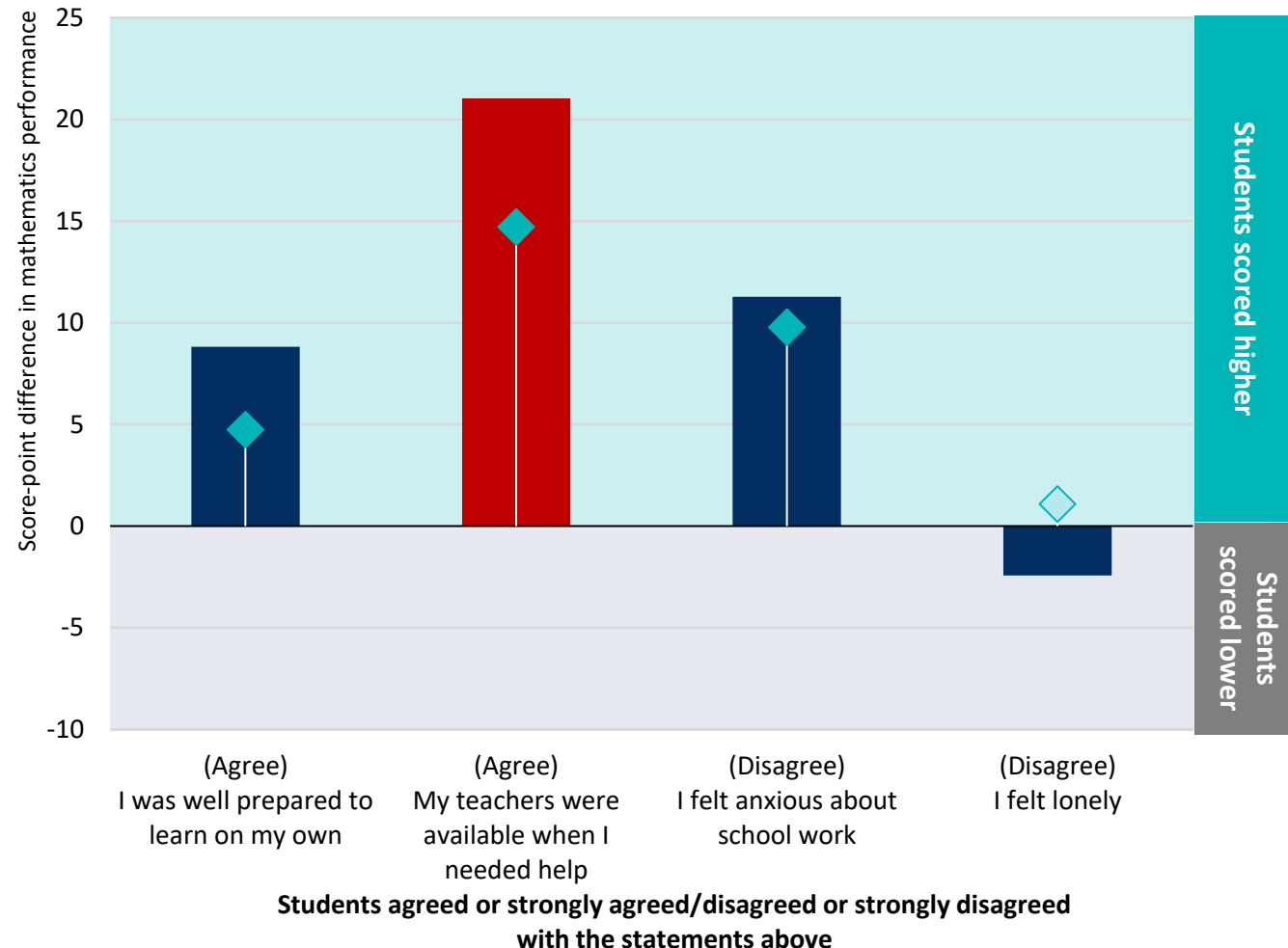
■ Before accounting

◆ After accounting for students' and schools' socio-economic profile, and mathematics performance



■ Before accounting

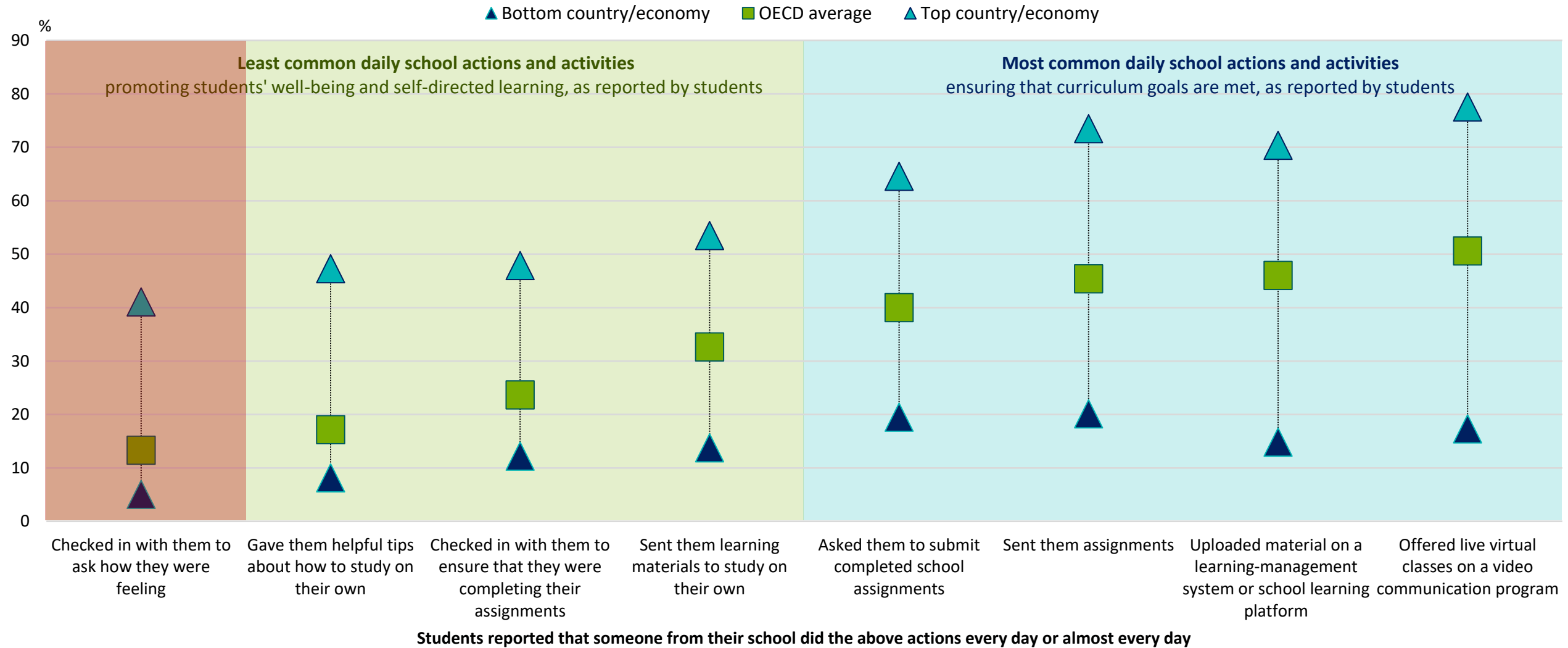
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# School actions and activities to maintain learning and well-being

Figure II.2.16

Percentage of students who reported that someone from their school did the following actions every day daily when their school building was closed because of COVID-19; OECD average



# Skills beyond school

You cannot be what you cannot see





# Implications for education and training

Increased demand for skills means education systems have to respond

Education systems need to deliver:

- Higher skills levels for more people in **initial education and training**
- Opportunities to **upskill and reskill** throughout life



Front-loaded learning to lifelong learning



Multiple pathways



Combining work & study

Responding to priority skills needs (as well as core competencies)

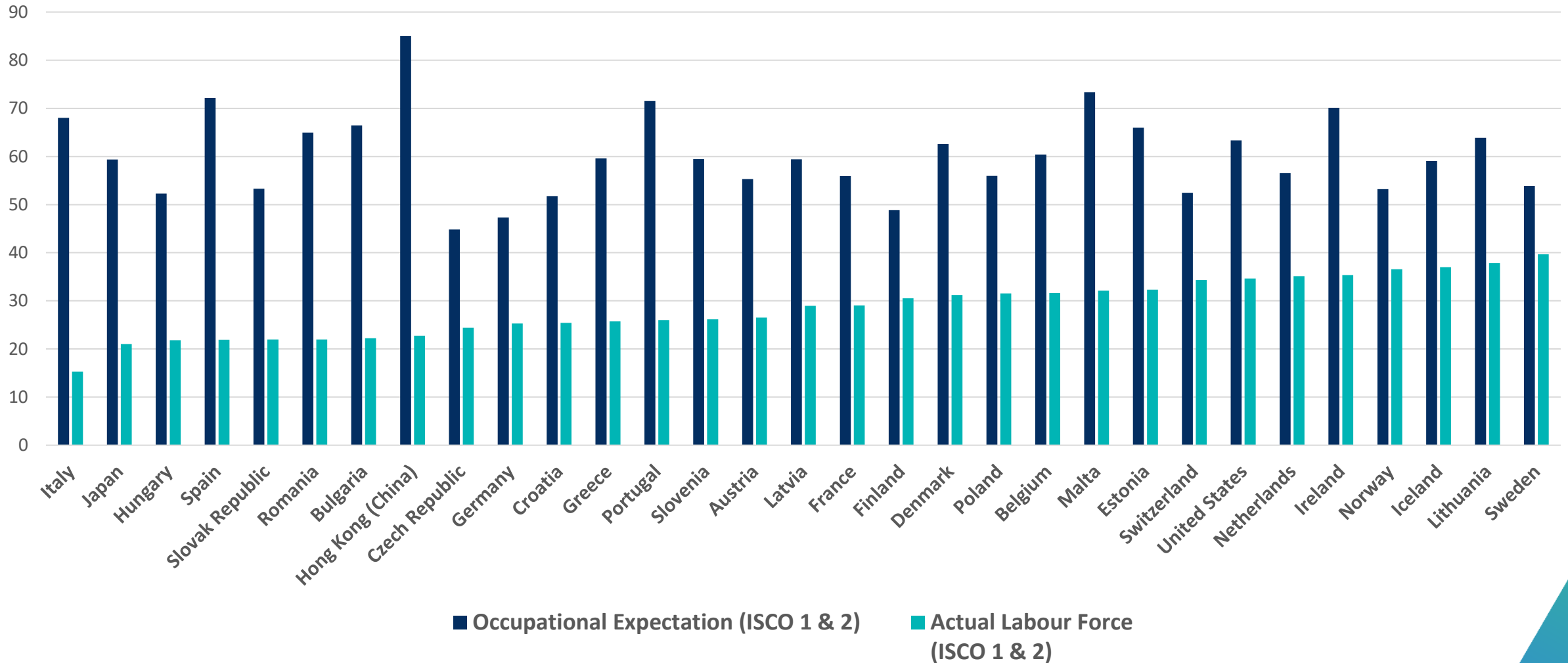


Motivating & incentivising individuals



# Teenage career expectations bear little relation to actual labour market demand

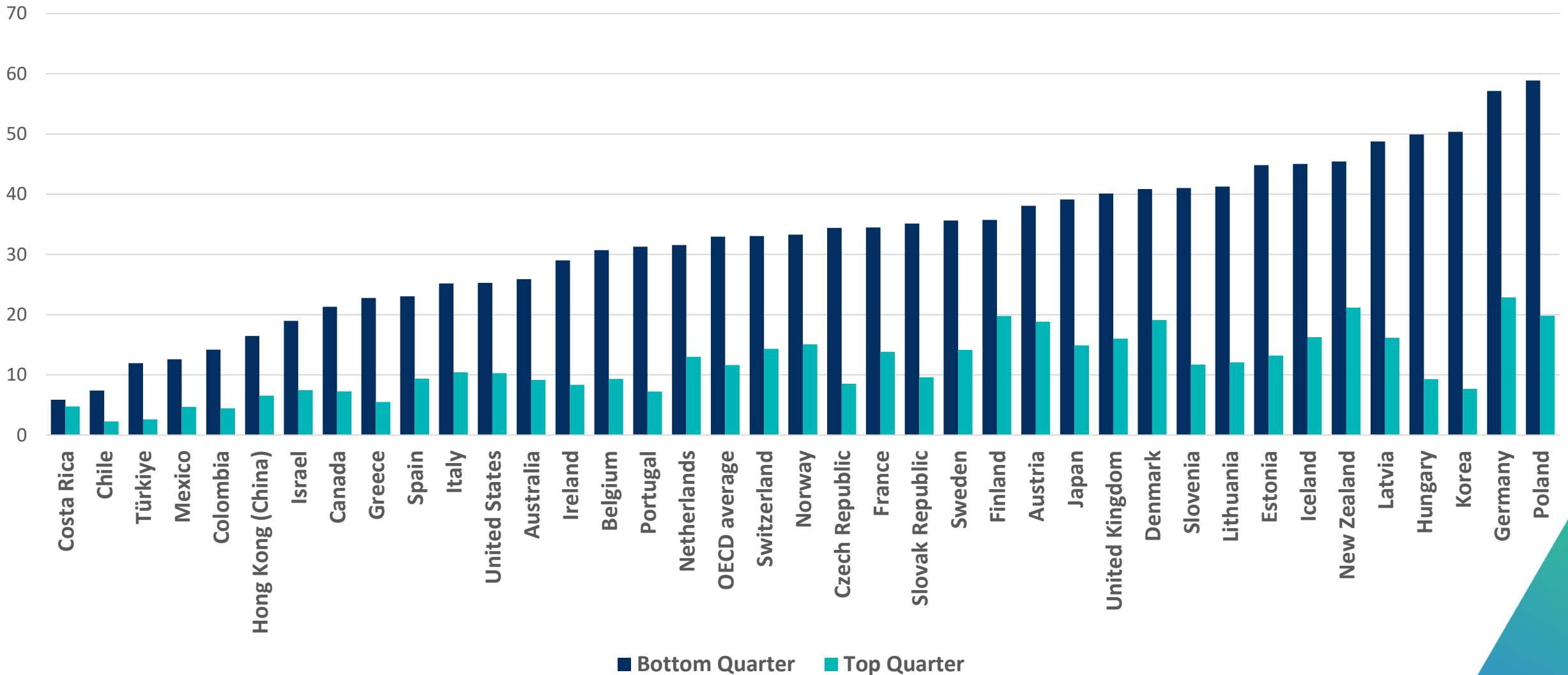
Percentage of young people who expect an occupation in ISCO Major Groups 1 or 2 at age 30 vs. actual labour force distribution of country (Eurostat 2023 and ILO, 2020, 2023). PISA 2022.





# Many disadvantaged students expect to work in jobs that require tertiary education – but do not plan on pursuing it (PISA)

Percentage of students whose education and career expectations are not aligned. PISA 2022.

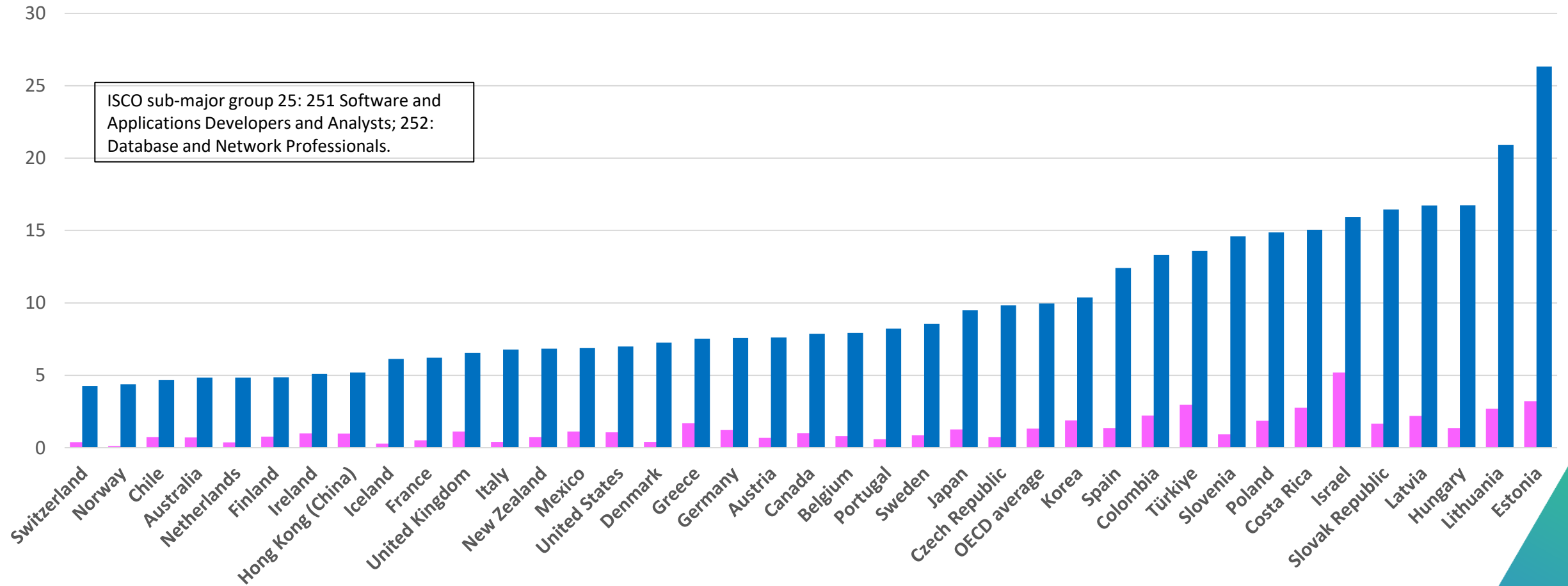




# Student interest in IT careers remains severely gendered (PISA)

Percentage of students who expect a career in ICT. By gender. PISA 2022.

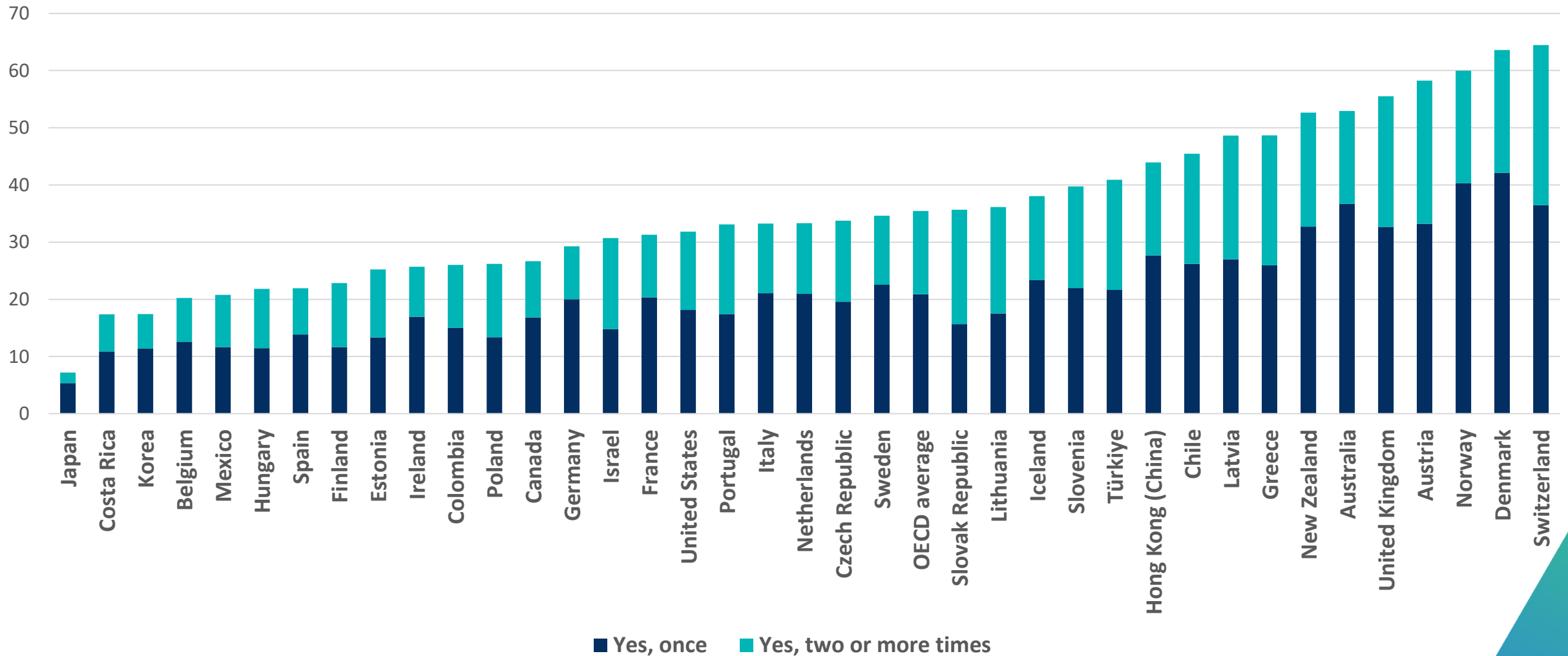
Girls Boys





# Too few students are engaging with employers and people in work

Percentage of young people who attended a job fair. PISA 2022.







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### PISA Country notes

