

Total natural resources rents (% of GDP)

 $Note: Data \ for countries \ marked \ in \ red \ have \ been \ substituted \ by \ student \ performance \ in \ the \ TIMSS \ 2007 \ assessment \ of \ 8th \ grade \ mathematics.$

The correlation between the PISA mathematics score and the TIMSS 2007 Grade 8 mathematics score across 28 countries that participated both PISA and TIMSS is 0.90

The linear transformation of data from TIMSS was based on the formula: PISA estimate = 0.8221 * TIMSS score + 65.77

The correlation between the share of national resource rents in GDP and performance on PISA is -0.433 and statistically significant at the 99.9% confidence level

 $The correlation \ remains \ statistically \ significant \ at the \ 99.7\% \ confidence \ level \ even \ after \ accounting for \ differences \ in \ national \ income.$

 $The \ relationship\ also\ holds\ when\ excluding\ countries\ in\ which\ more\ than\ 10\%\ of\ GDP\ is\ accounted\ for\ by\ national\ resource\ rents.$