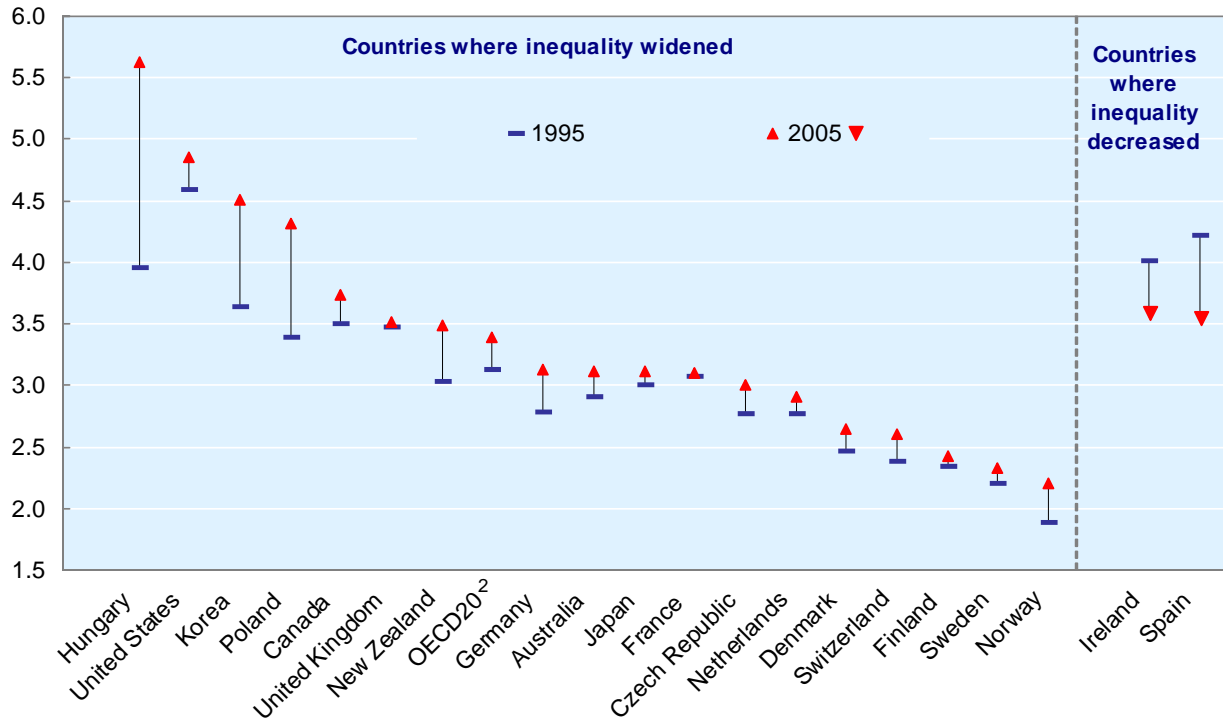


Earnings inequality has tended to widen

Ratio of the 90th to 10th percentile earnings¹



Note: The figure shows that in all countries except Ireland and Spain, the earnings of the 10% best-paid workers increased more than the earnings of the 10% least-paid workers, over the 1995-2005 period (i.e. earnings inequality widened).

1. Full-year, full-time workers. The data shown are consistent over time, but not entirely comparable across countries owing to differences in pay reporting periods and coverage of workers.
 2. Unweighted average of countries shown in the figure.
- Source: OECD database on Earnings Distribution.