Average difference in PISA scores between 15-year-old disadvantaged and advantaged students

PISA score: 540

This difference in scores is equal to 3 years of schooling

PISA score: 452
On average
48% of disadvantaged students
attend disadvantaged schools
When disadvantaged students attend advantaged schools, they achieve higher PISA scores when tested at age 15, equal to 2.5 years of schooling.
11% of students from disadvantaged backgrounds perform as well as the best-performing students in their own country.
Disparities in performance related to socio-economic status develop early and widen throughout students’ lives.

- **10-year-olds** (TIMSS 1995): Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
- **15-year-olds** (PISA 2000): Programme for International Student Assessment
- **25-29 year-olds** (PIAAC): Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies

Increasing socio-economic disparity.