

# **THE ECONOMICS OF IMPROVED BRAZILIAN SCHOOLS**

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# UN Sustainable Development Goals



# Development = Growth



# Growth = Skills



# Conclusions

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**2. Value of school improvement is enormous**

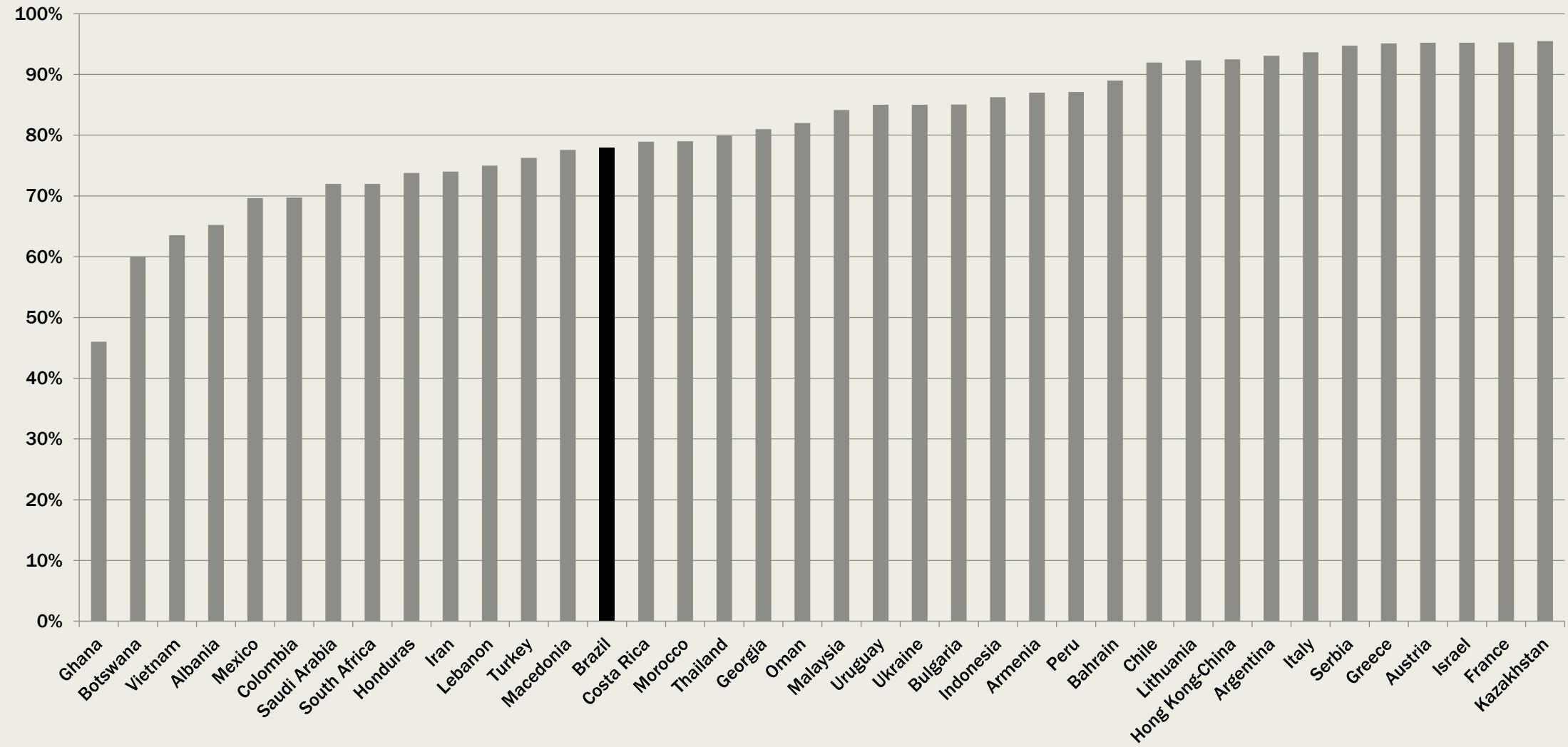
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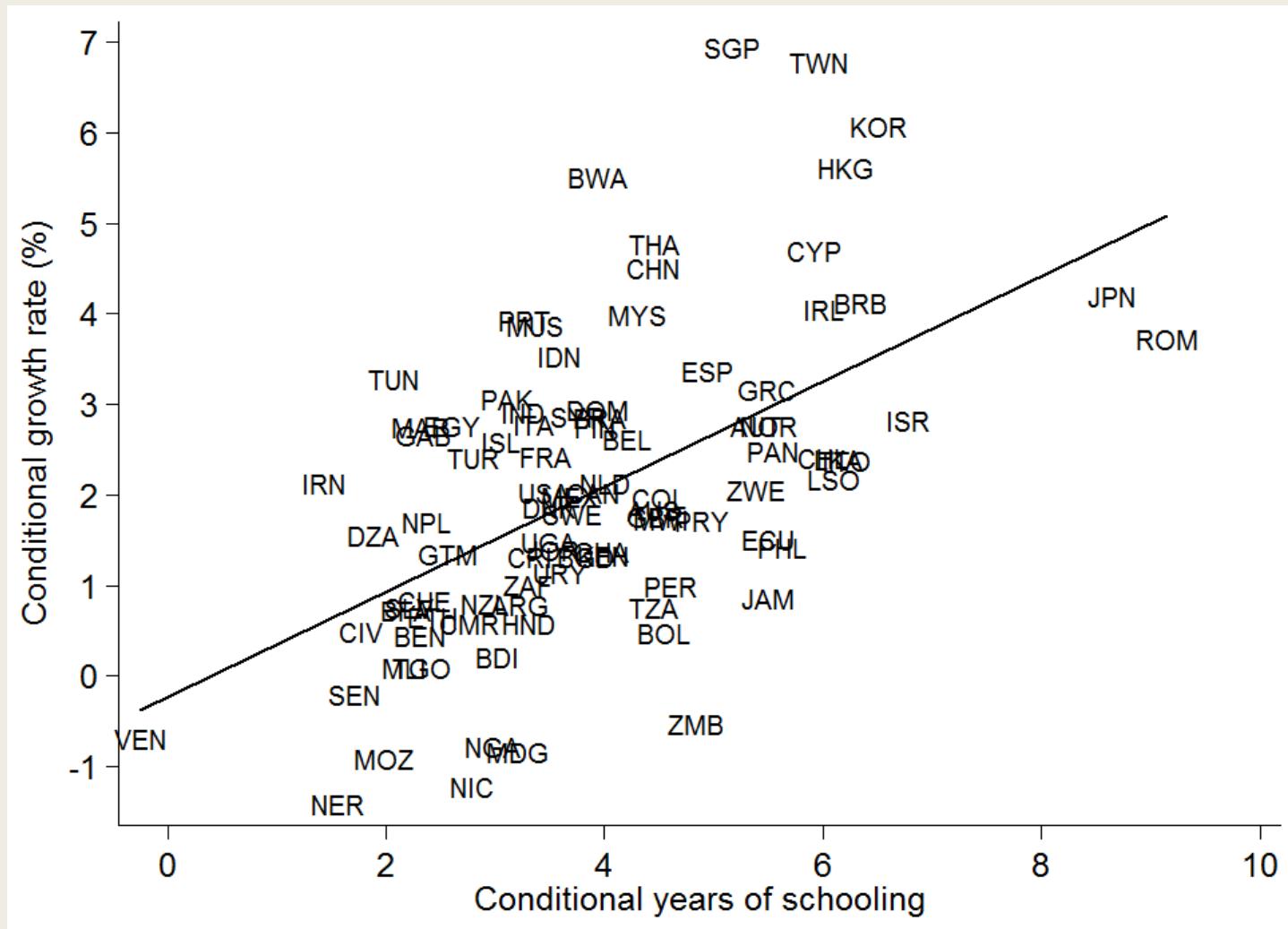
# KNOWLEDGE CAPITAL

Education and the Economics of Growth

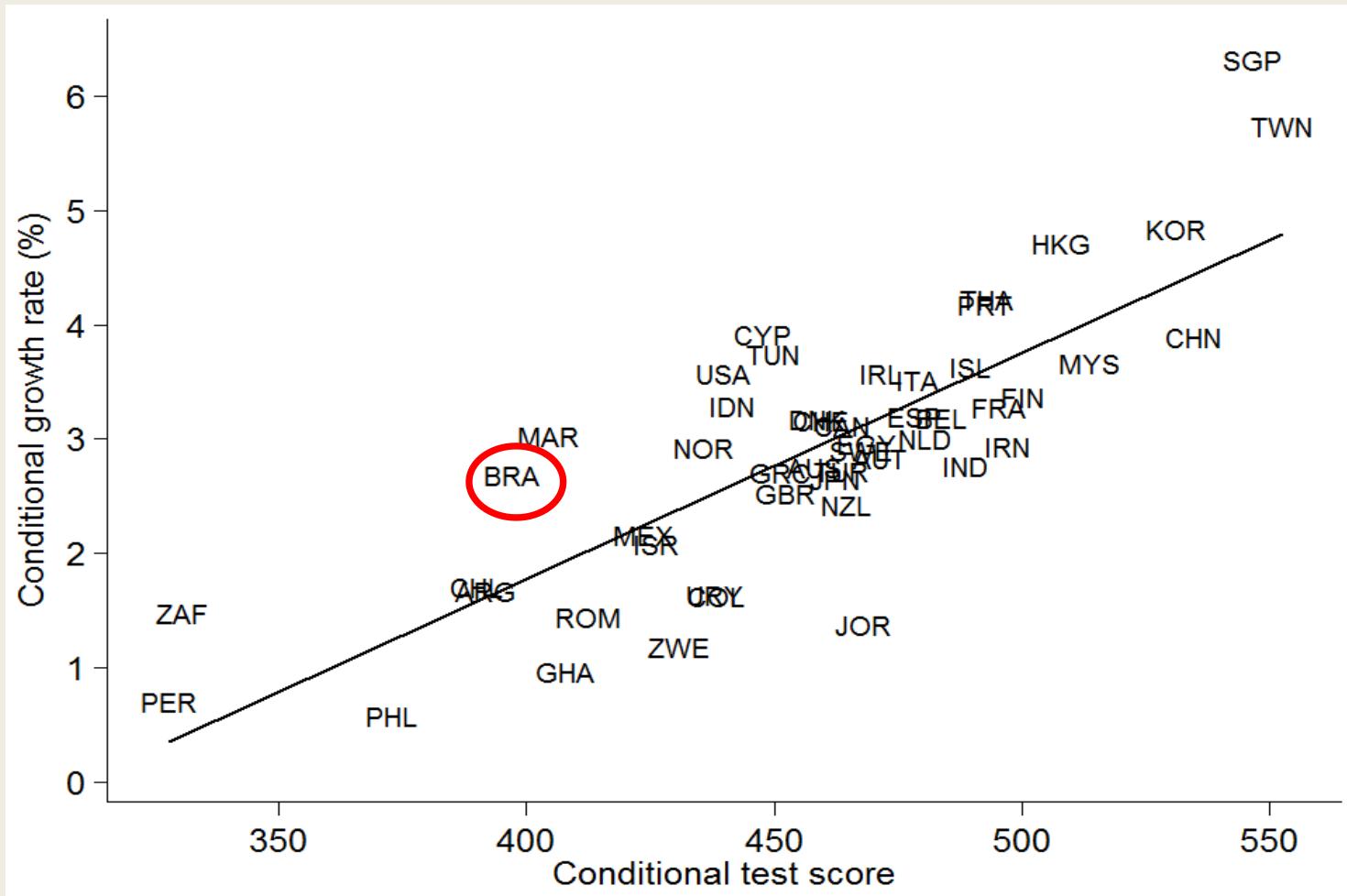
# Secondary School Enrollment Rates, 2012



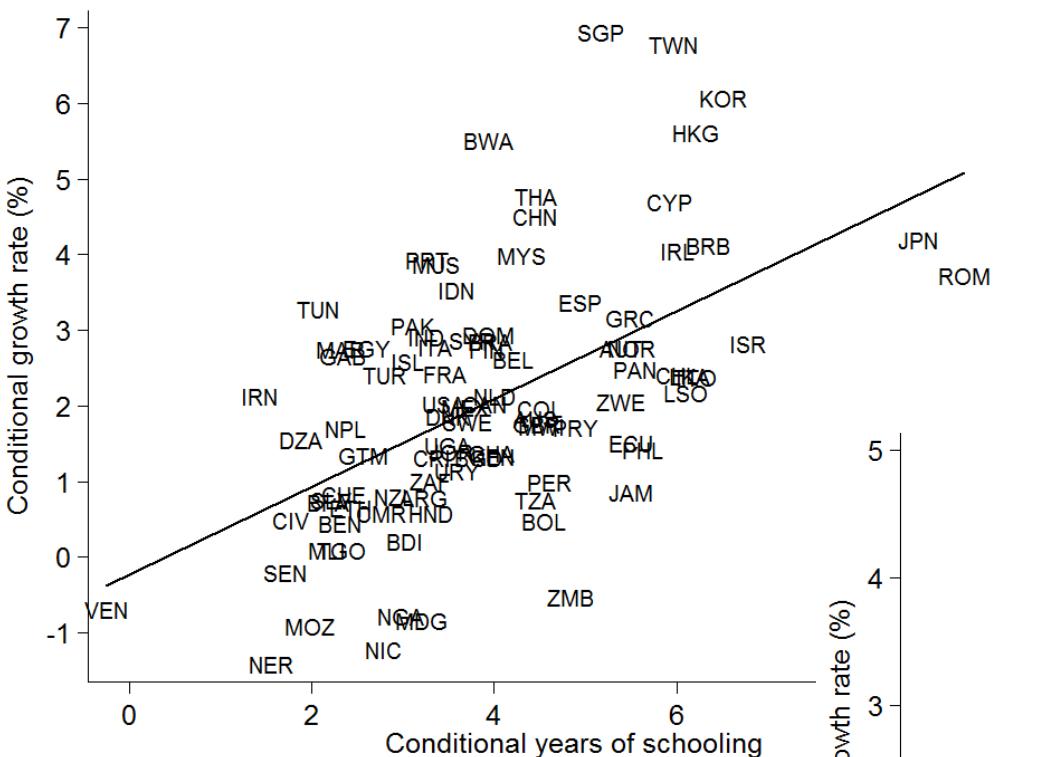
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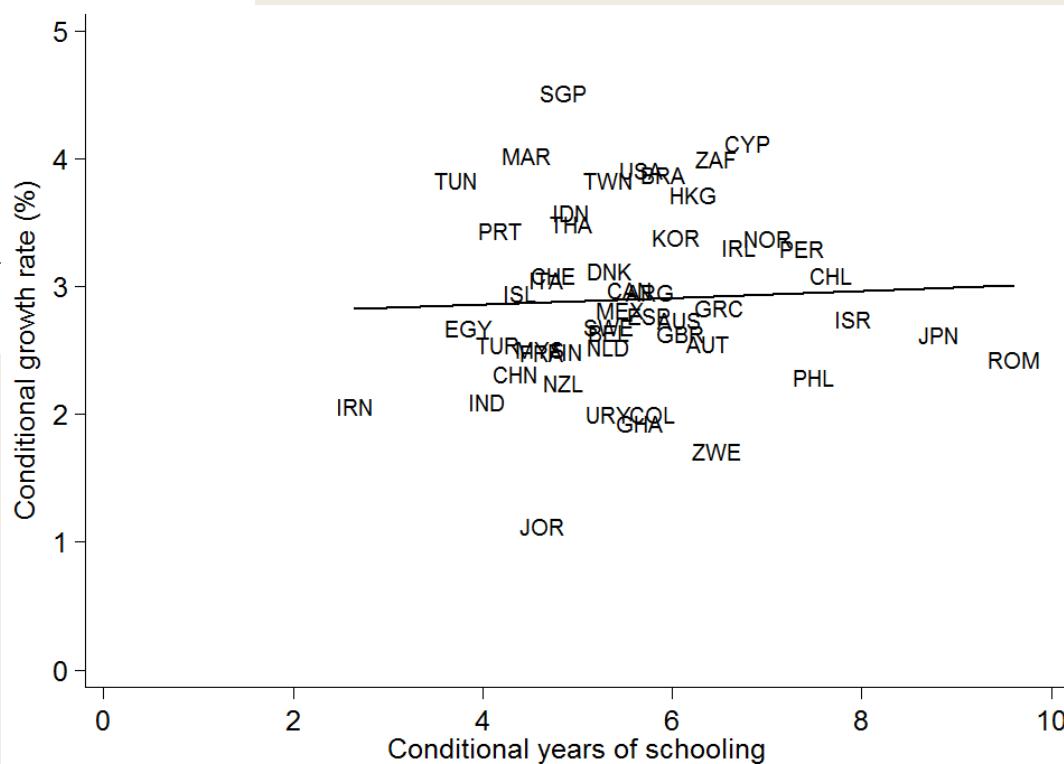
# Knowledge Capital and Economic Growth, 1960-2000



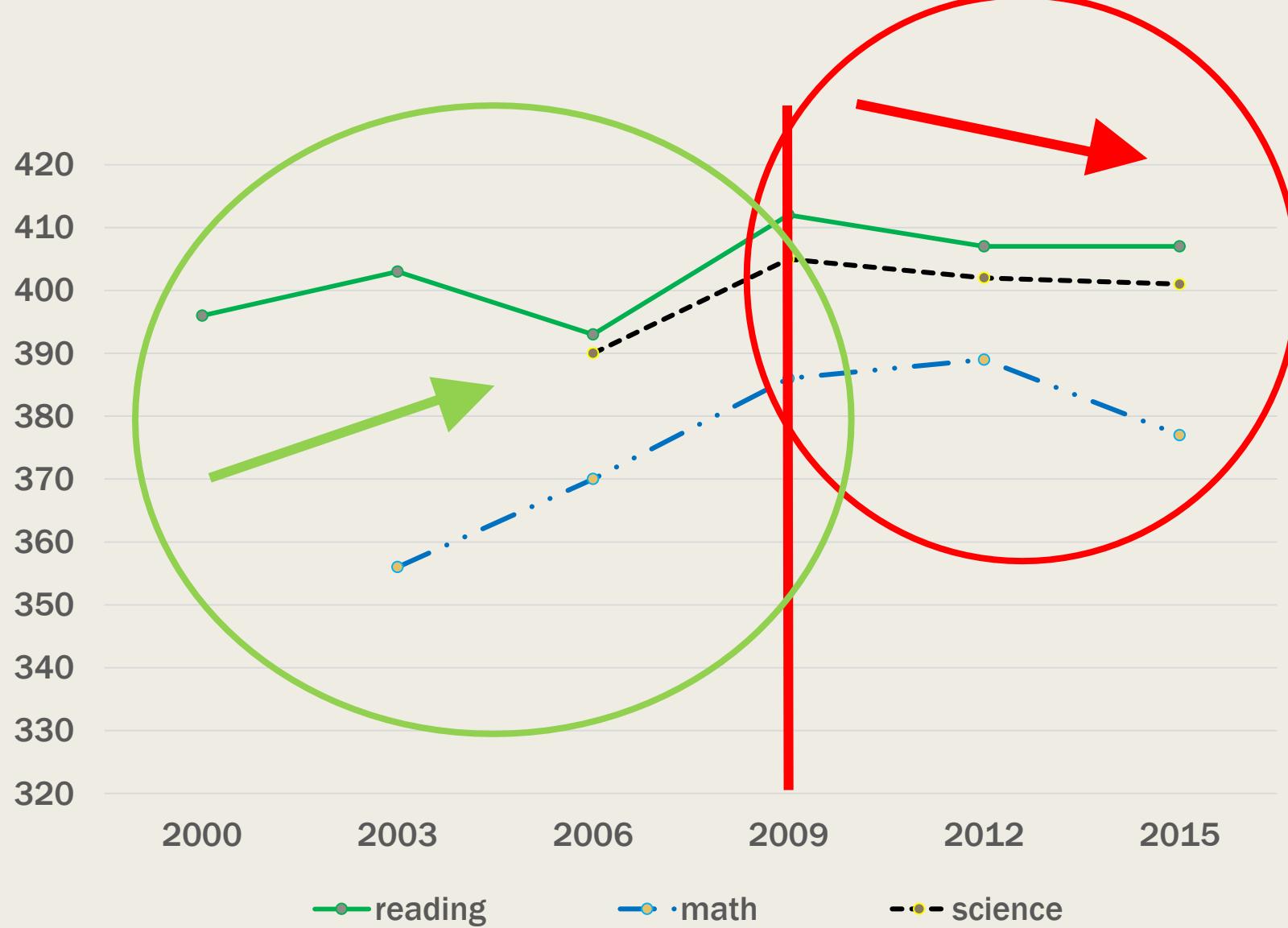
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With test-score control



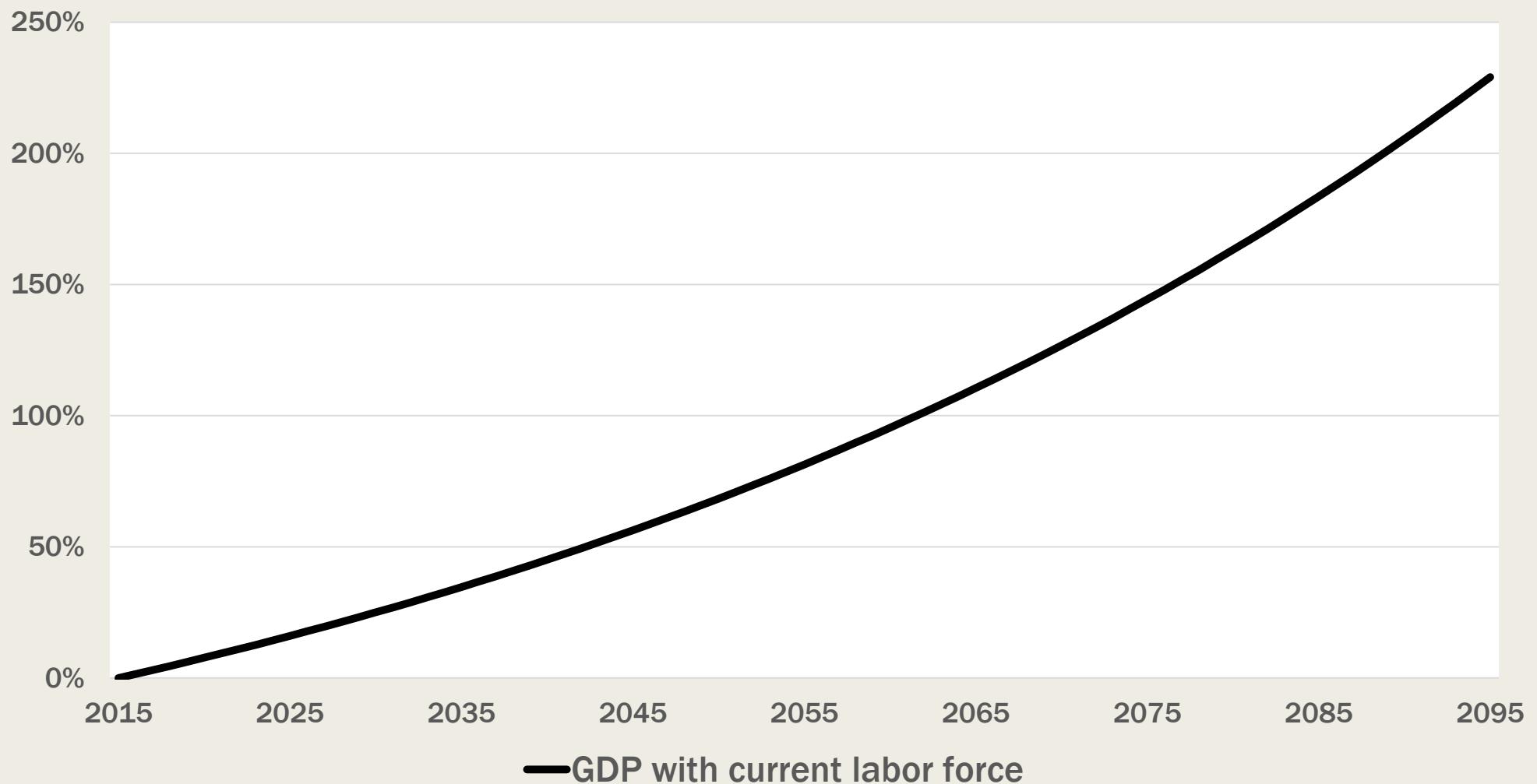
# PISA in Brazil



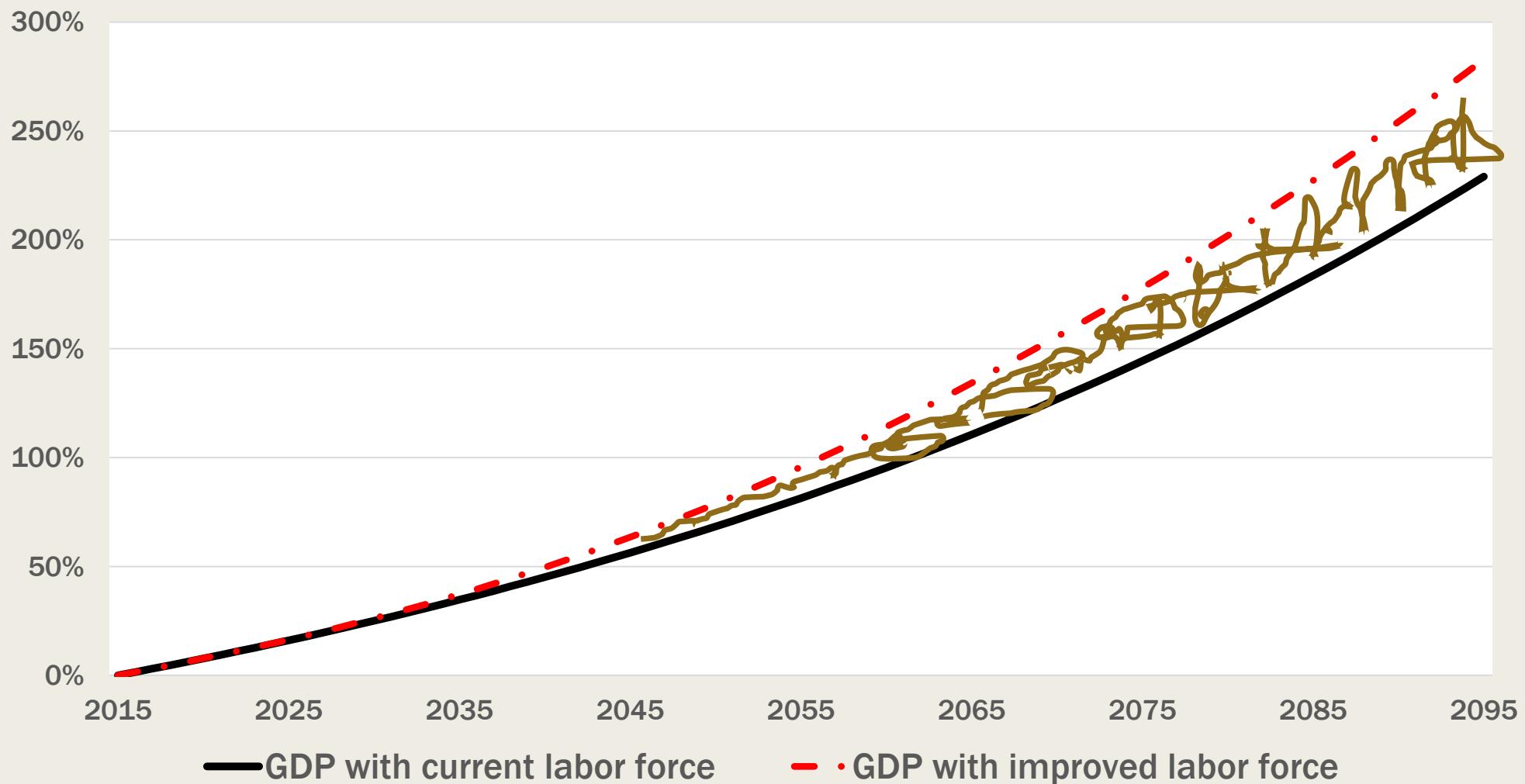
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# THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF EDUCATIONAL REFORM

# Gains from Added Growth



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# Value of Improvement for Brazil

- Two projections

1. *Reaching Mexican school quality (current students)*
2. *Universal Basic Skills*

# PISA 2015 – Math + Science



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# Value of Improvement – 1

- Brazil moves to quality level of Mexico



- Present value of **260% of GDP [USD 4 256 billion]**
- Average **5.6% higher GDP/pop**
- **11% higher paychecks** for all workers every year

# **Value of Improvement - 2**

## **Universal Basic Skills**

- Enrollment rate: 78%
- Below 420 (Level 2): 64%
  
- Enrollment rate: 100%
- Below 420 (Level 2): 0%

# Universal Basic Skills

% Added GDP

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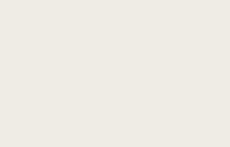
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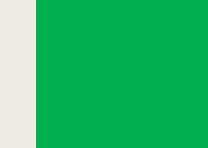
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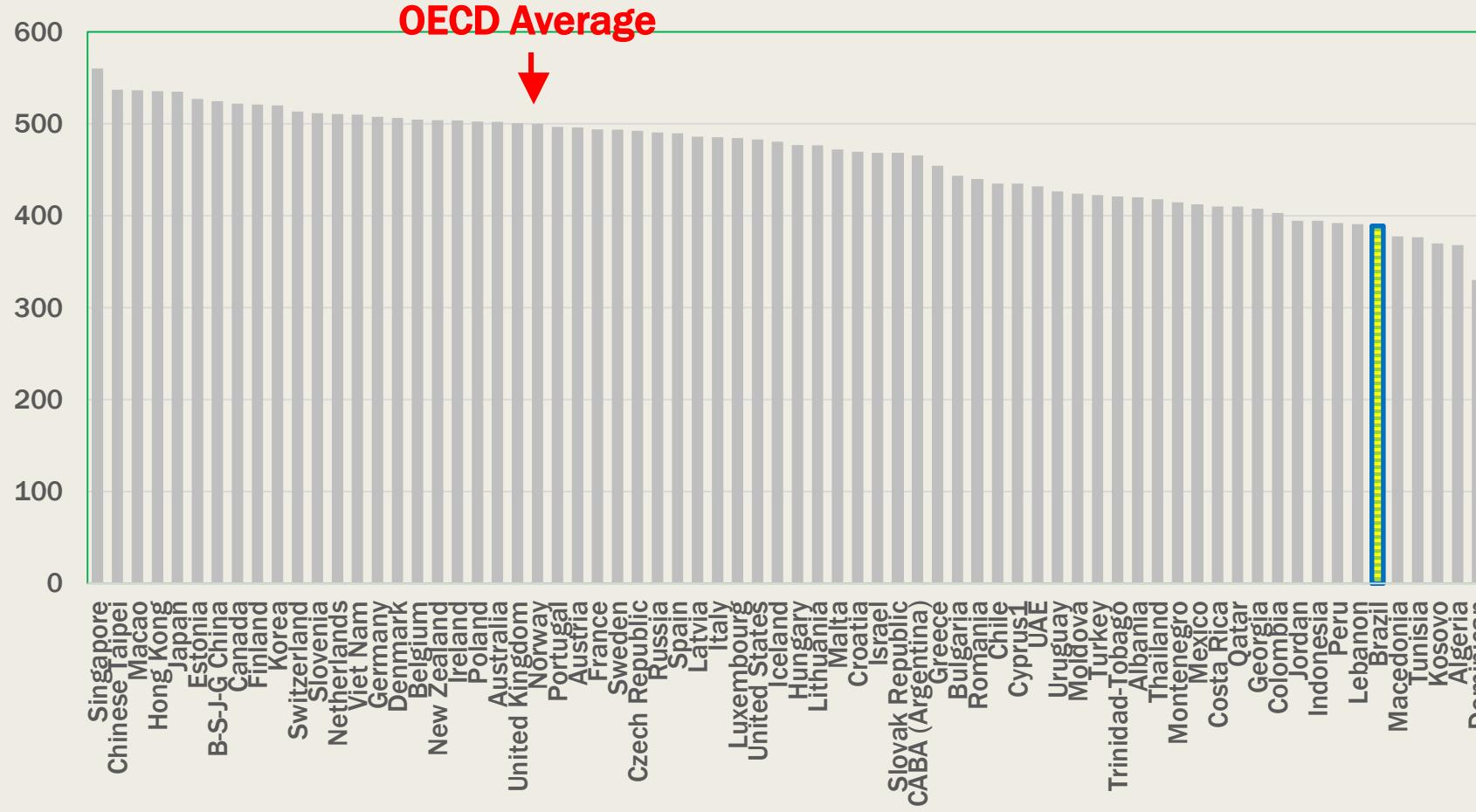
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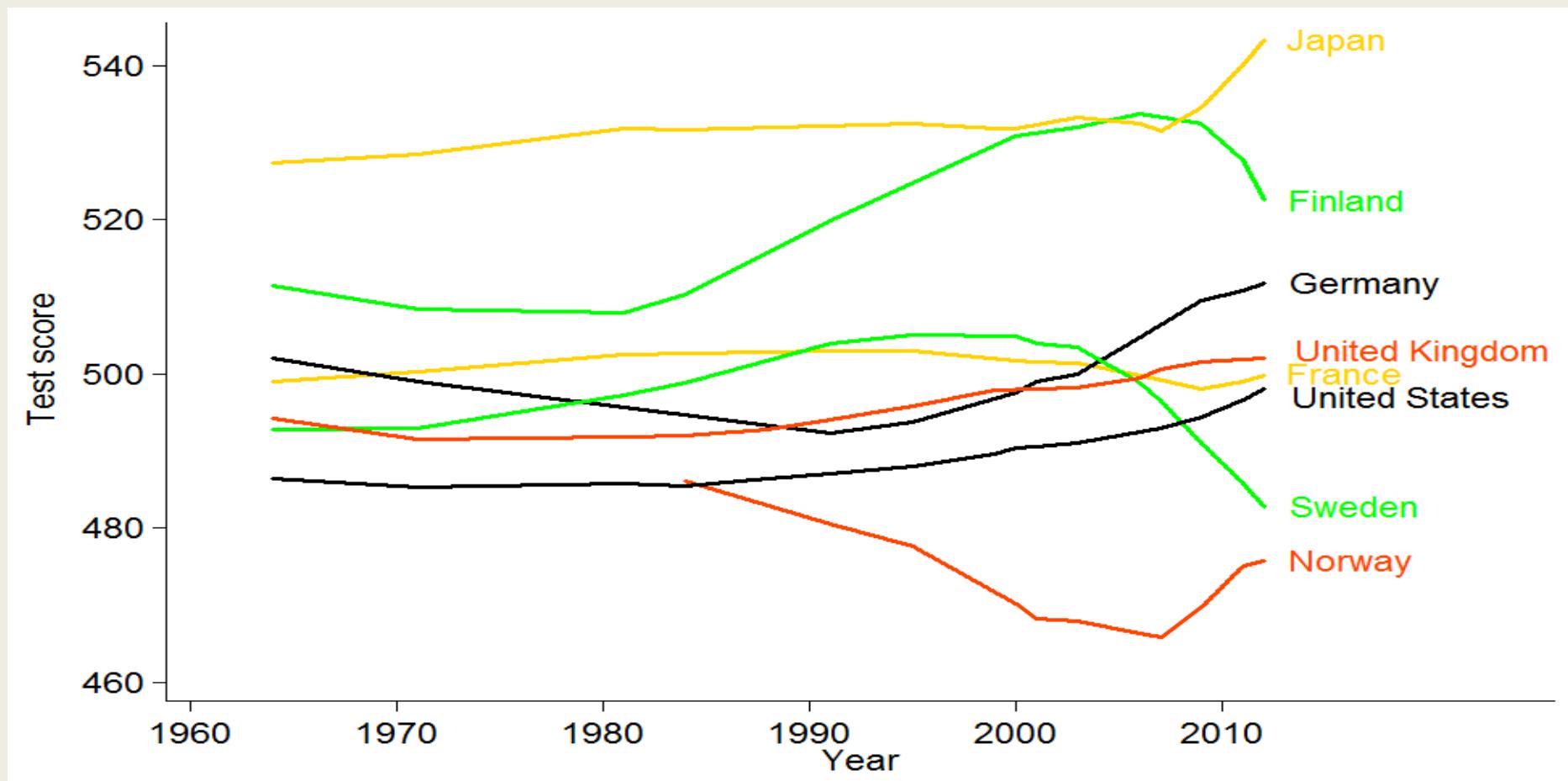
- Enrollment rate: 78%
  - Below 420 (Level 2): 64%
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- Present value of **751% of GDP [USD 23 841 billion]**
  - Average **16.1% higher GDP/pop**
  - **32% higher paychecks** for all workers every year

# PISA 2015 – Math + Science

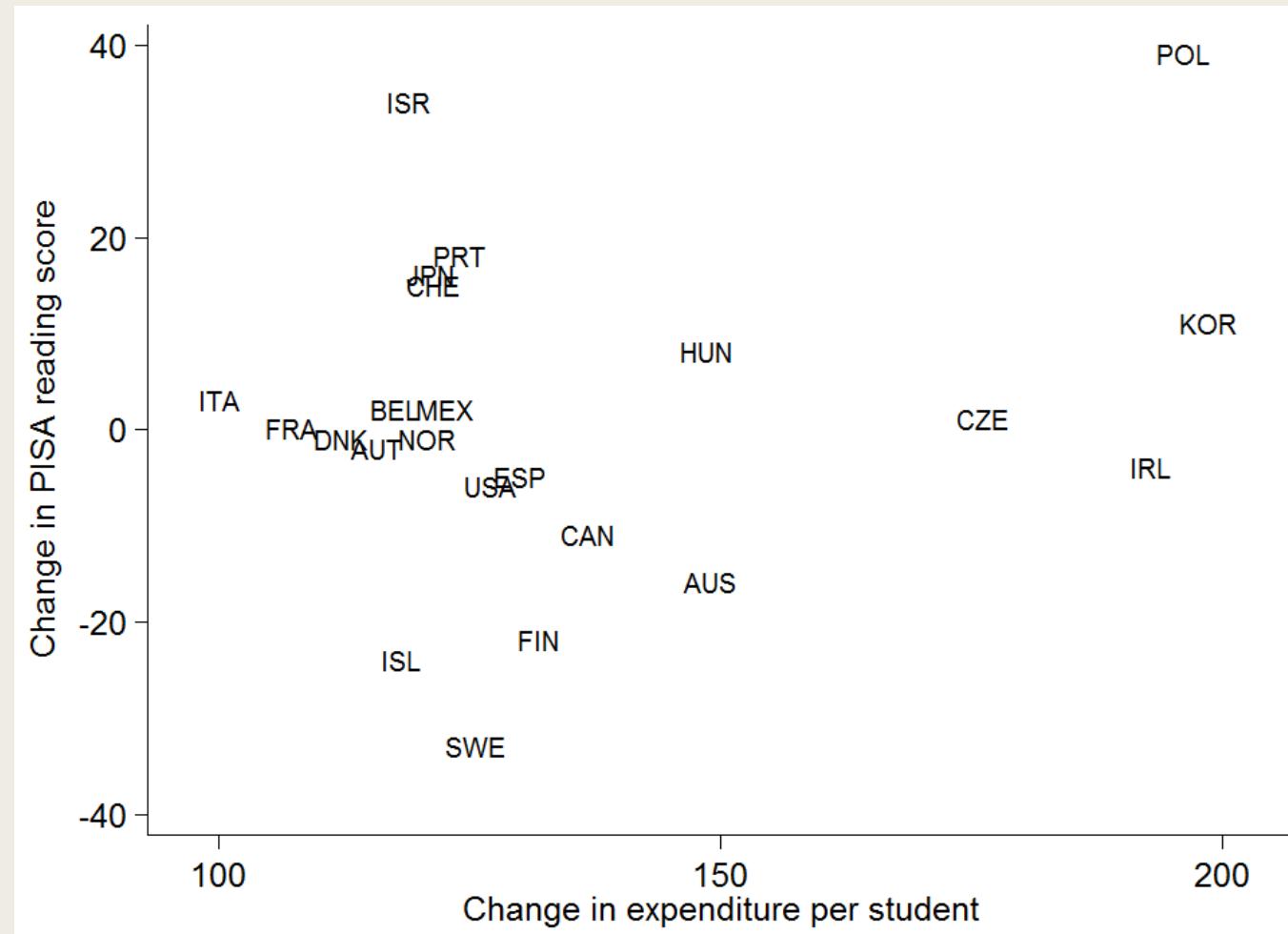


# IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE CAPITAL

# Long-Run Test Score Trends in Selected Countries, 1964-2012



# Changes in Educational Spending and in Achievement across Countries



# What Can Be Done?

- 1. Improve teacher quality**
  - 2. Improve teacher quality**
  - 3. Improve teacher quality**
- \*and administrator quality

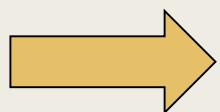
# A Contract for Success

- Incentives are key issue
- Finance contracts with education
  - *Funding follows performance*
- Provides leverage for school authorities
- Emphasizes efficiency in schools

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