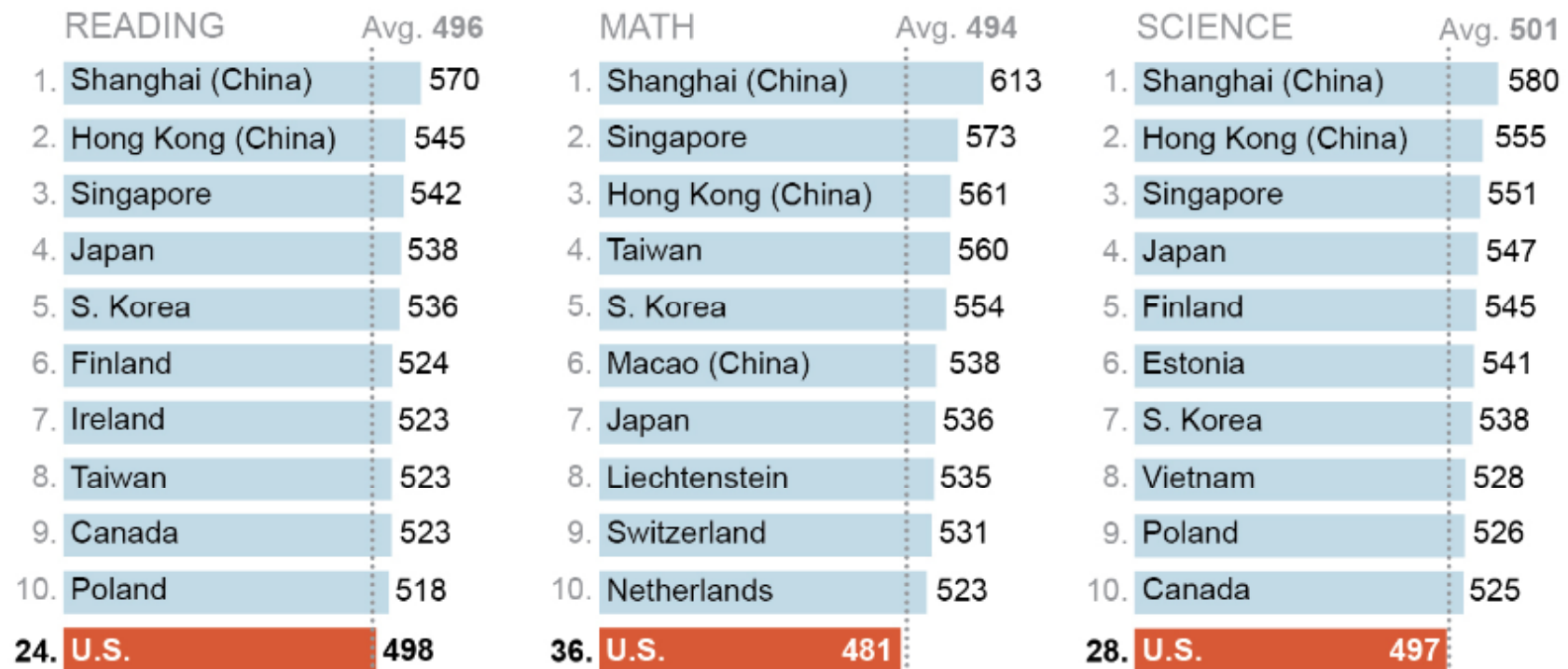


# U.S. students lag behind international peers

In tests of reading, math and science, U.S. 15-year-olds were outperformed by many of their counterparts in Asia and Europe — in some cases placing below the international average.



NOTE: Scores were on a 1,000-point scale.

SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

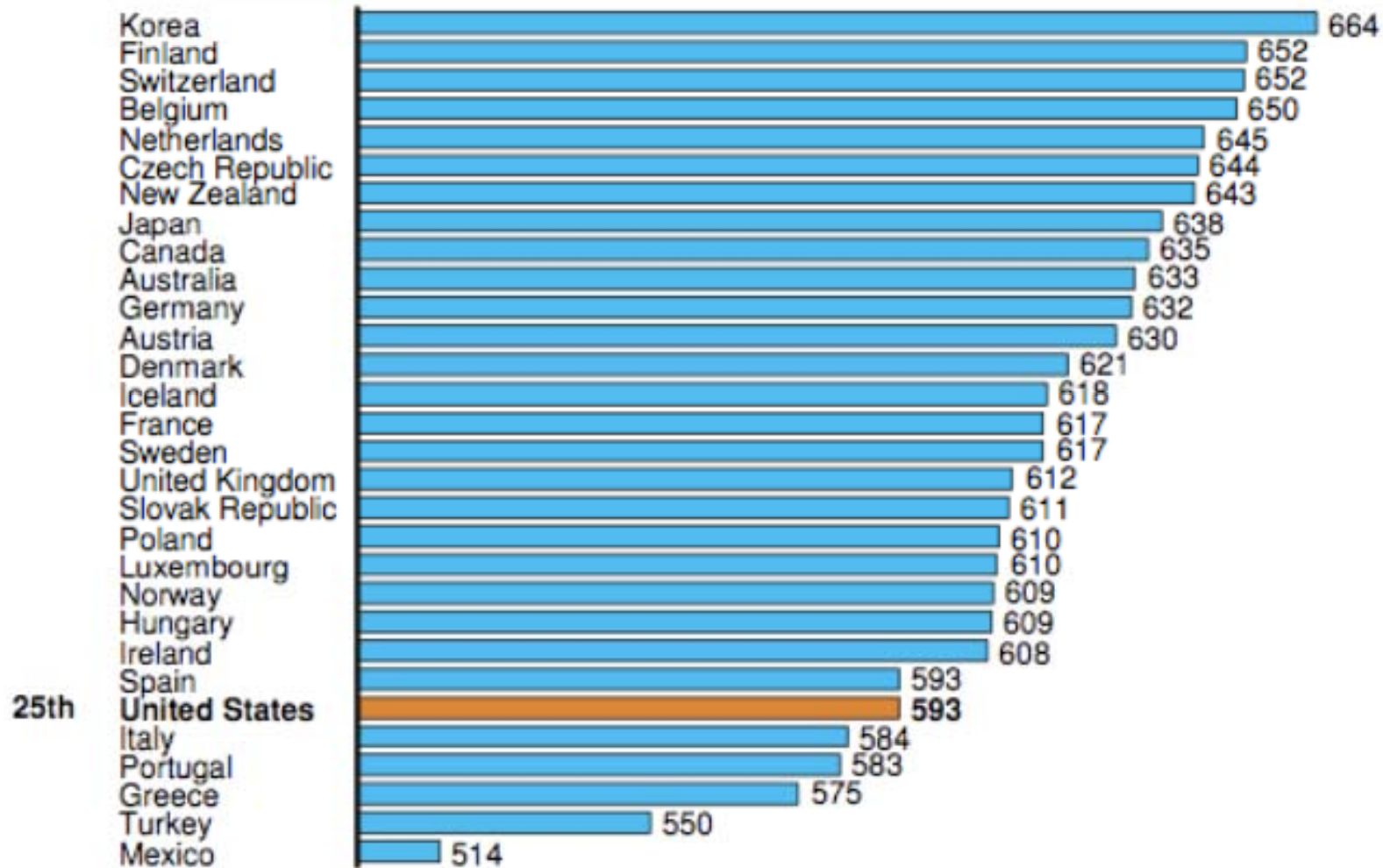
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## GLOBAL EDUCATION LEAGUE TABLE

Overall Rank*	Country/Economy	Mathematics Score	Reading Score	Science Score
1st	Shanghai (China)	613	570	580
2nd	Singapore	573	542	551
3rd	Hong Kong	561	545	555
4th	Taiwan	560	523	523
5th	South Korea	554	536	538
12th	Finland	519	524	545
26th	United Kingdom	494	499	514
36th	United States	481	498	497
61st	Jordan	386	399	409
62nd	Colombia	376	403	399
63rd	Qatar	376	388	384
64th	Indonesia	375	396	382
65th	Peru	368	384	373

### Average PISA math score of top students (15-year-olds) in 2006

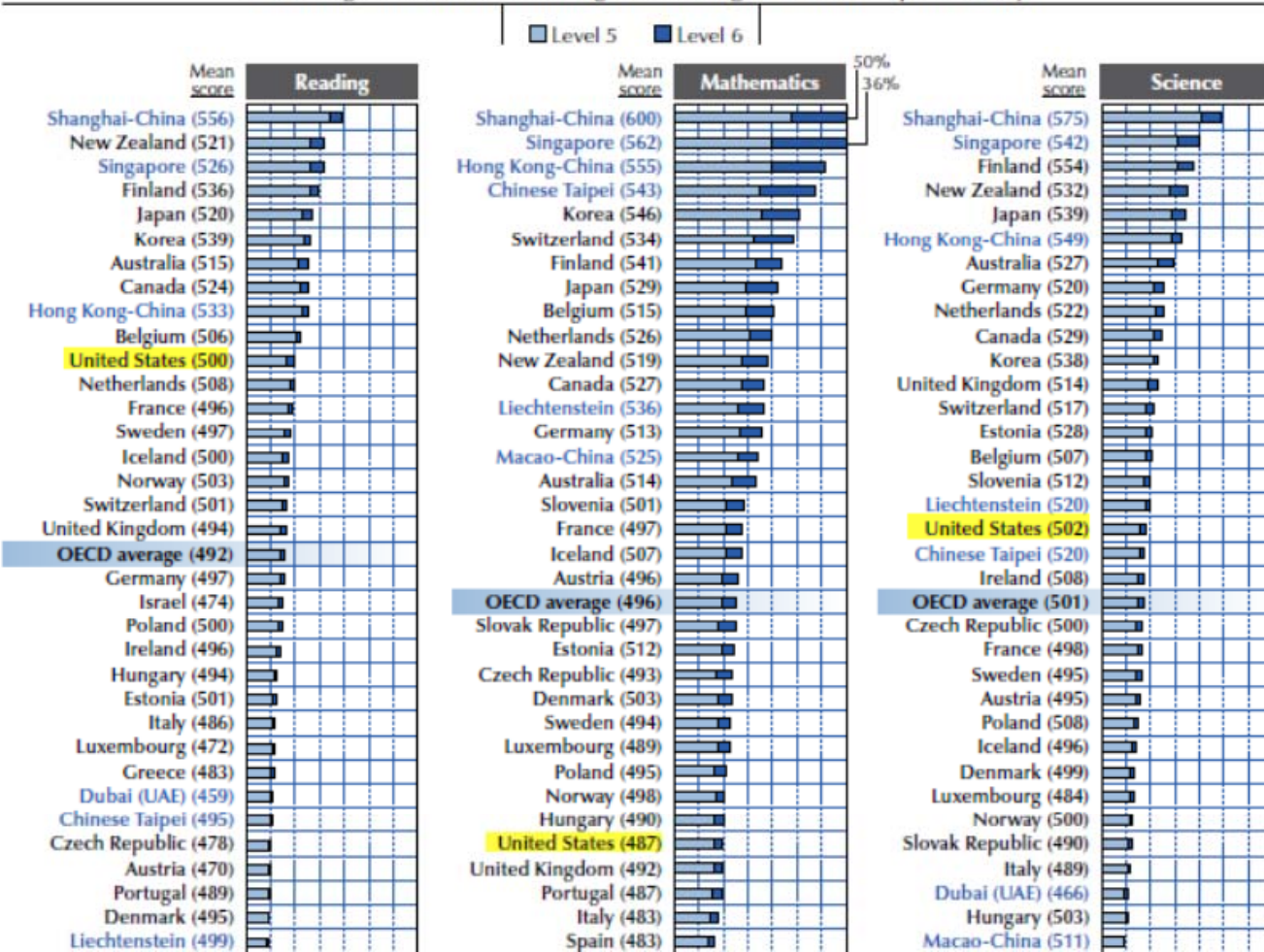
Score of the top 10th percentile



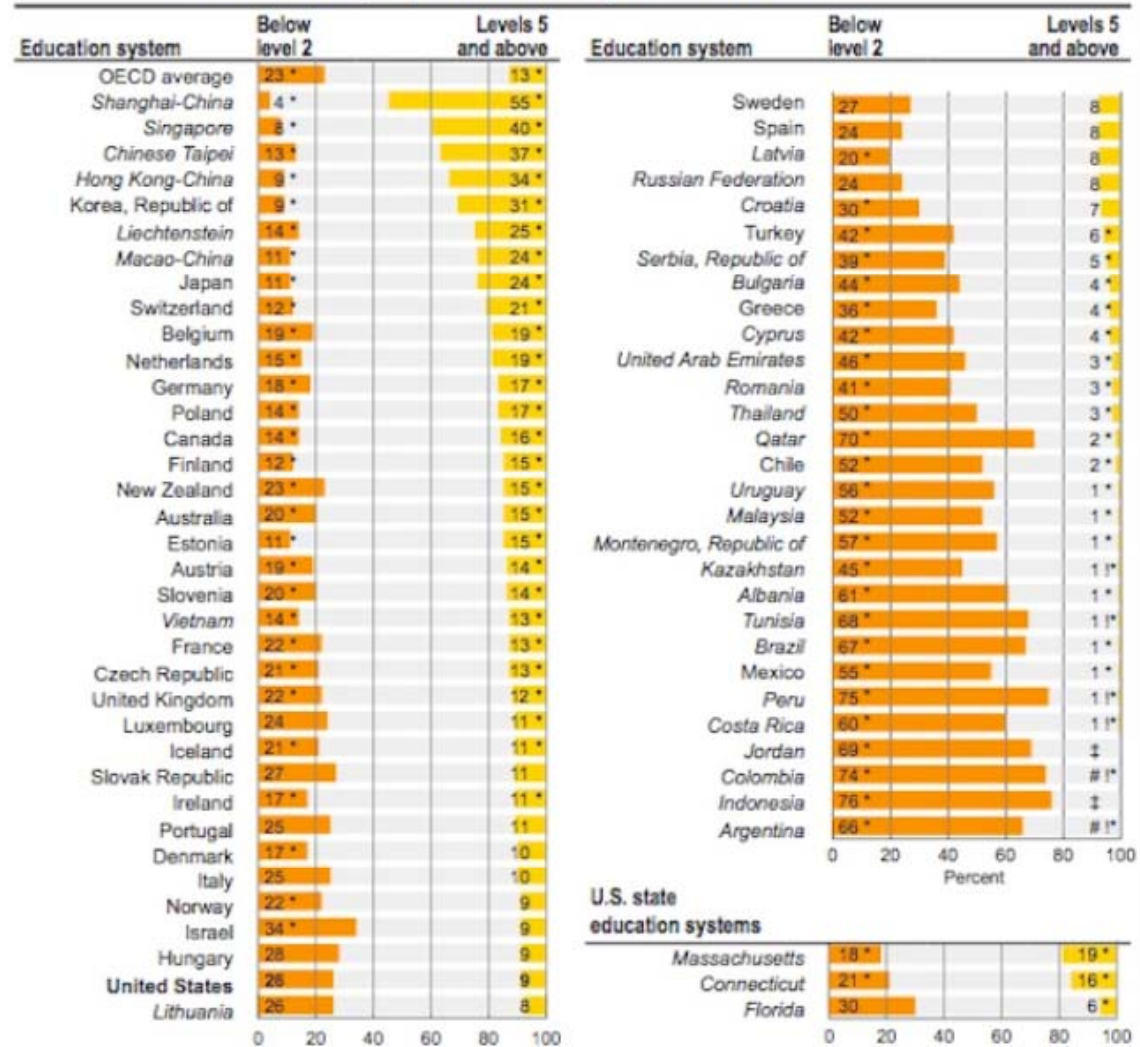
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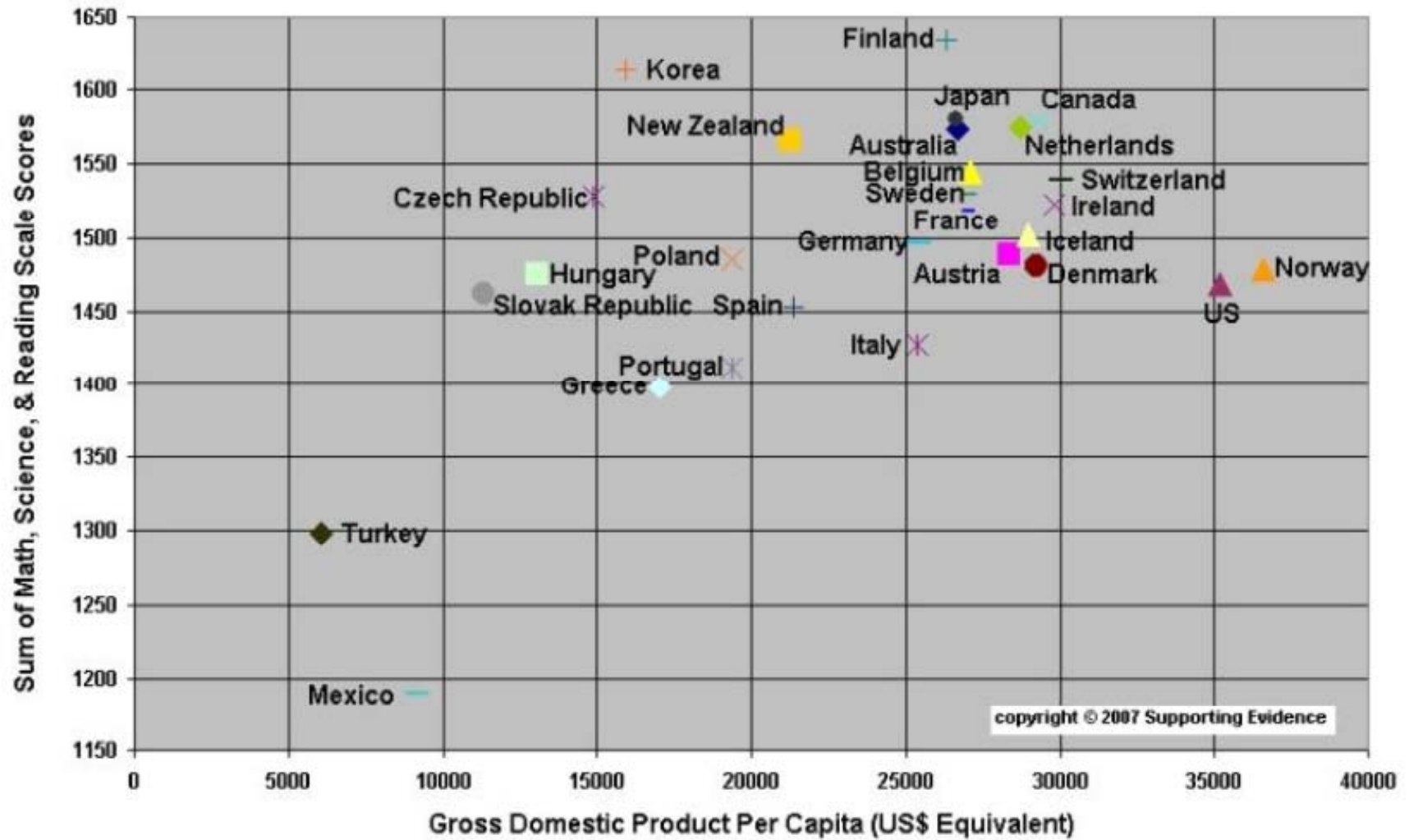
**Top performers in reading, mathematics and science**  
*Percentage of students reaching the two highest levels of proficiency*



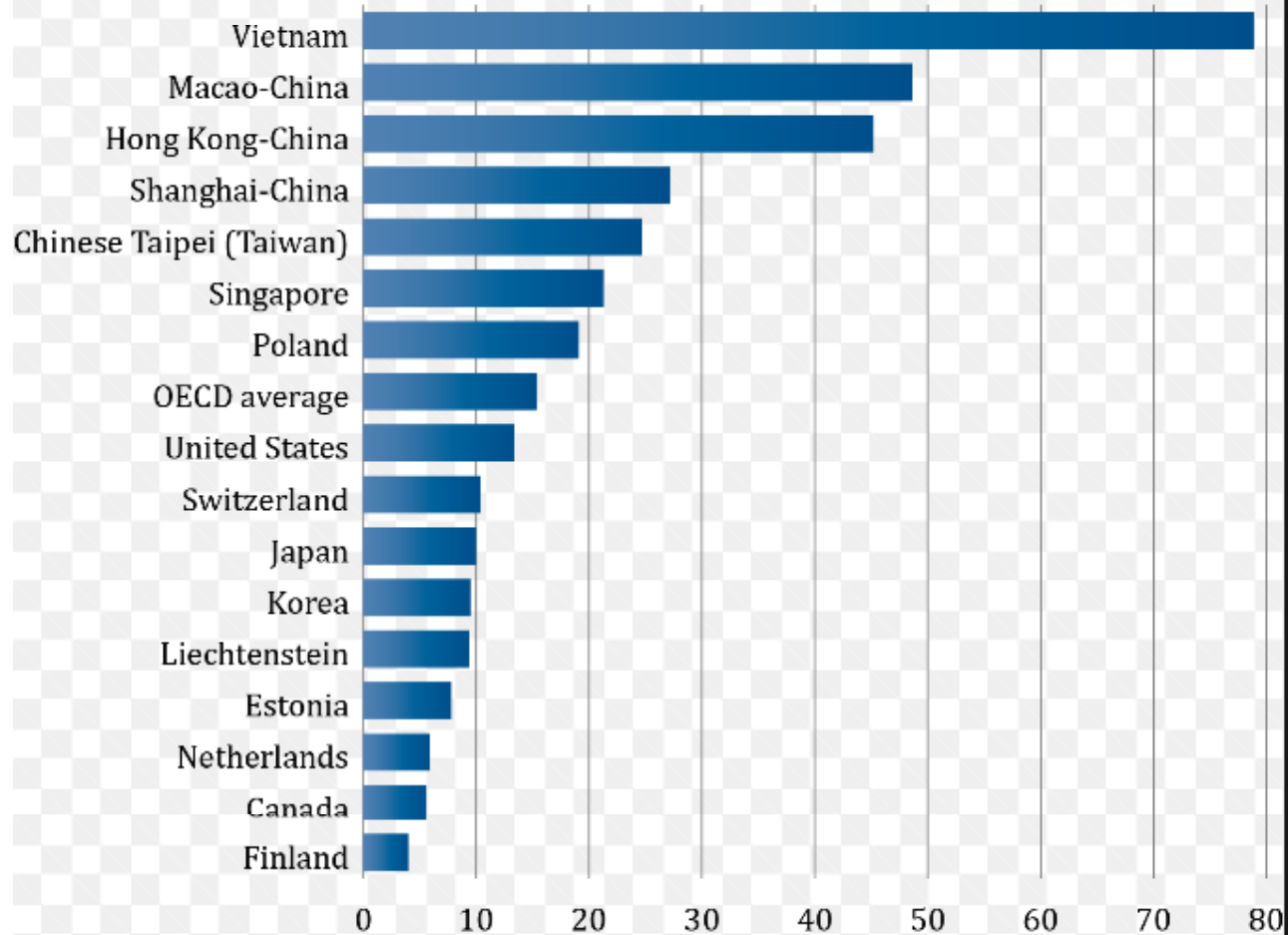
**Figure 1. Percentage of 15-year-old students performing at PISA mathematics literacy proficiency levels 5 and above and below level 2, by education system: 2012**



**PISA Test Scores vs. Gross Domestic Product Per Capita  
2003**



## Percentage of Students from Disadvantaged Socio-economic Backgrounds



Source: *OECD PISA 2012*