Inequalities in education in Latin America

Difference in school performance (based on PISA scores 2012)

A 15-year-old student in Latin America... performs on average the equivalent of 2.4 years of schooling below his peer in OECD countries.

Socio-economic

- richest 20% - 9 out of 10 enrolled in secondary education
- poorest 20% - 6 out of 10

The 25% most advantaged students outperform the 25% most disadvantaged by 2 years of schooling.

Public/Private

- private school: 1.6 years of schooling
- public school

However, socio-economic and cultural background of the student and the school explain most of this difference.

Gender

- boy: 5 months of schooling (in mathematics)
- girl

This difference is not affected by the socio-economic and cultural background of the student.

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