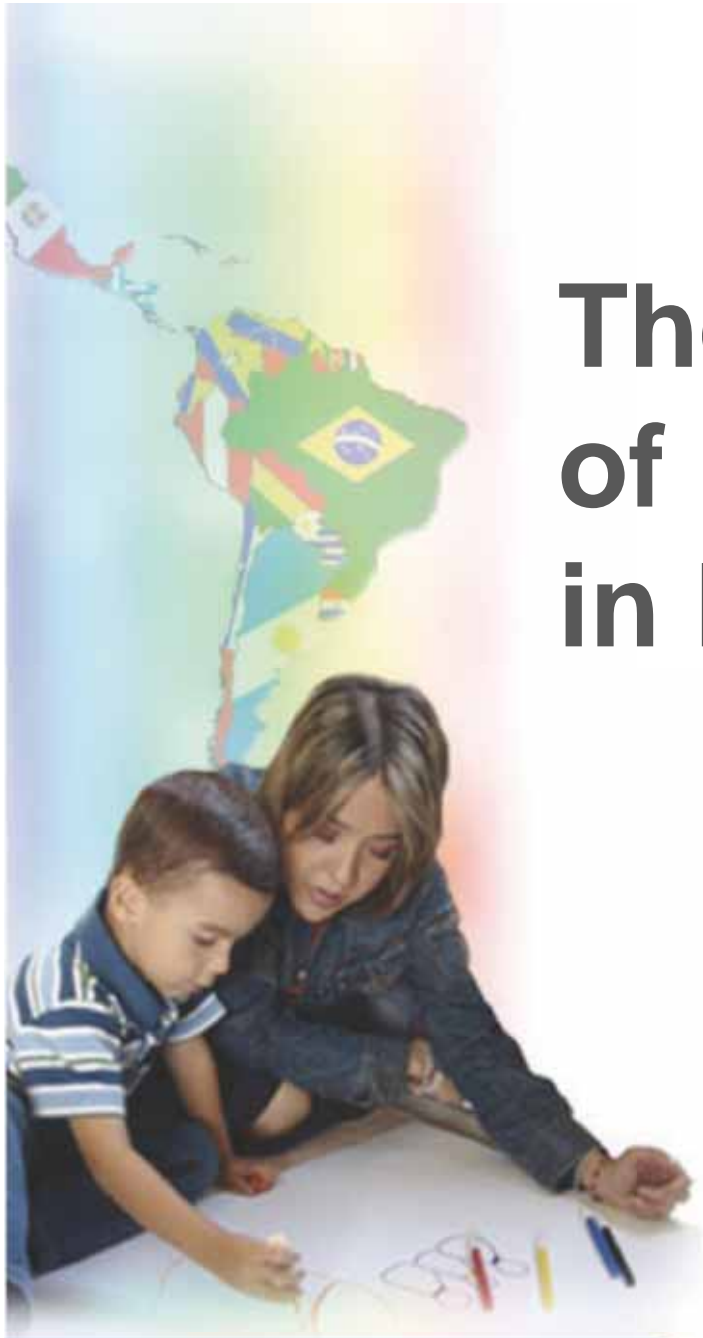




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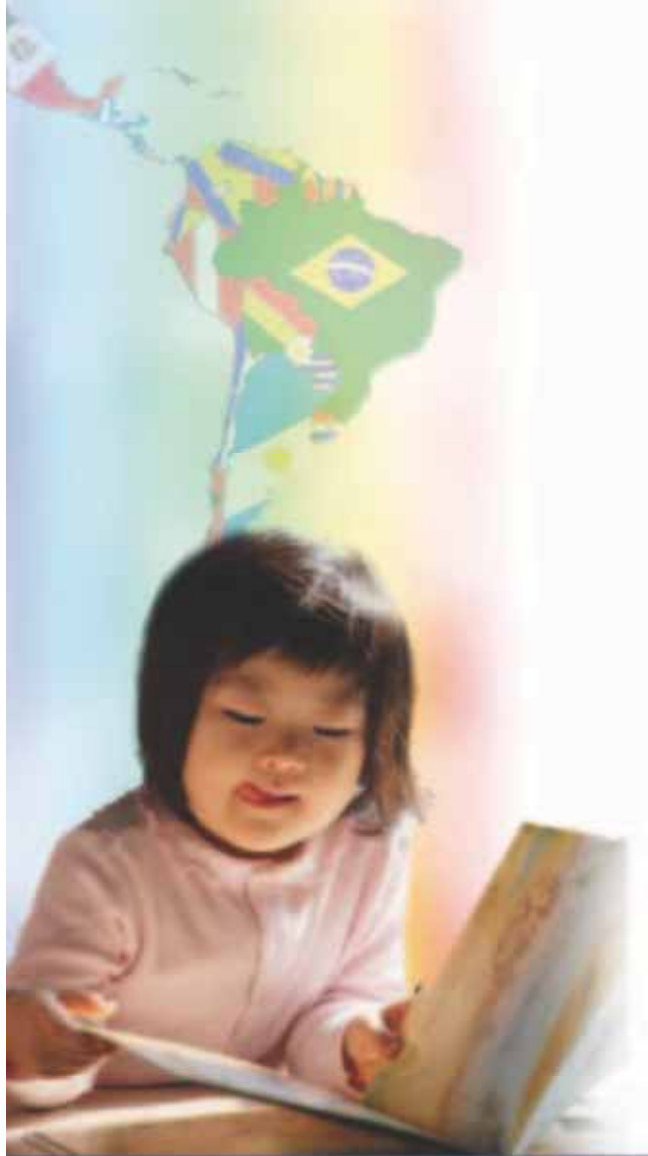
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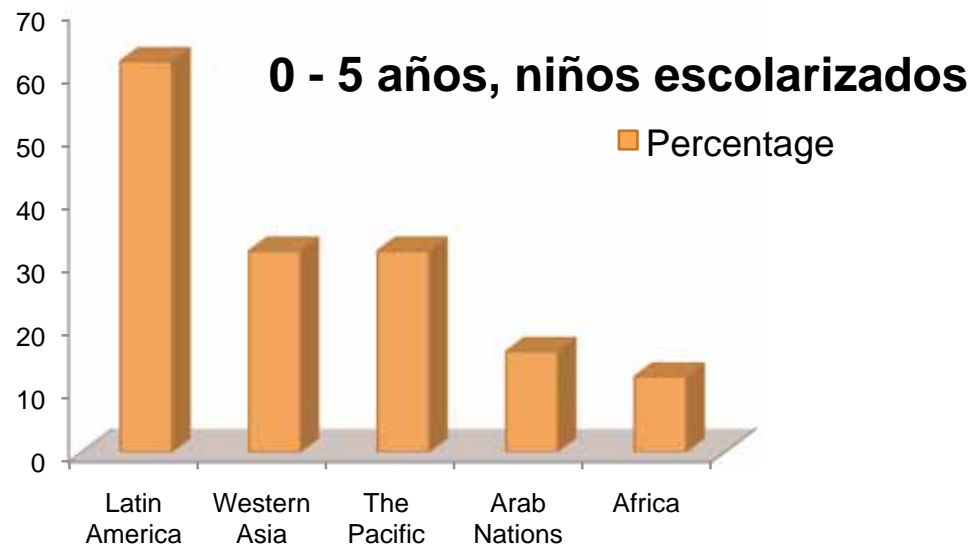
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## 2 Demographic Aspects of Latin America



	<b>Rates</b>	<b>1990- 1995</b>	<b>2000- 2005</b>
Average Rate of Growth (1 per 1000 inhabitants)		1.75%.	1.32%.
Life Expectancy at Birth (number of years)		69	72
Mortality Rate in Children Under 5 (per 1000 live births)		49	31
Infant Mortality Rate Female (per 1000 live births)		34	22.2
Infant Mortality Rate Male (per 1000 live births)		42.4	28.8

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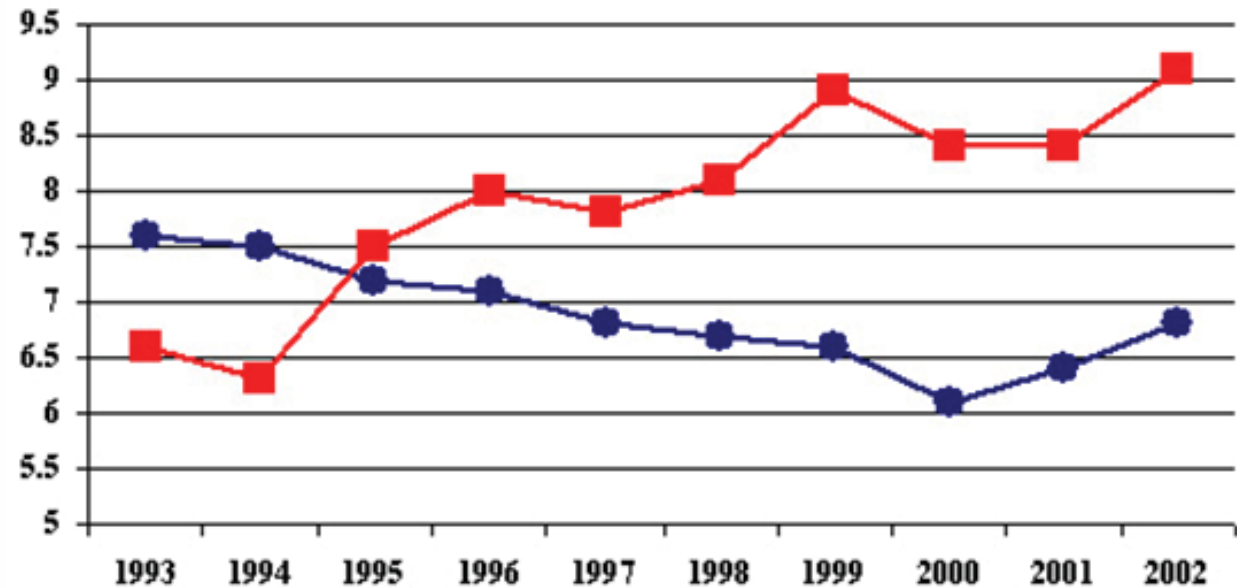


A higher percentage of preschool education means a higher rate of primary education.

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# 1 Latin American Context

## Unemployment in Developed Countries and in Latin America



OECD



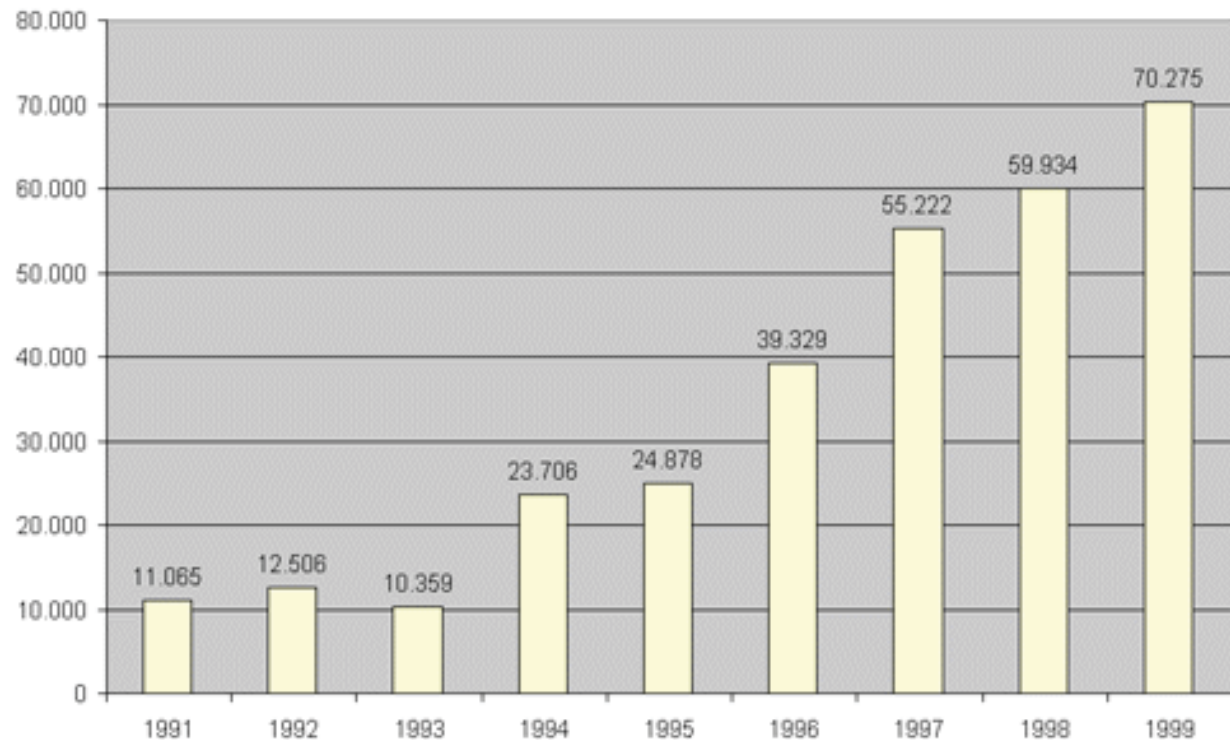
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**OECD:** Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development (30 Countries)

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# 1 Latin American Context

Direct Foreign Investment in Latin America (in millions of dollars).

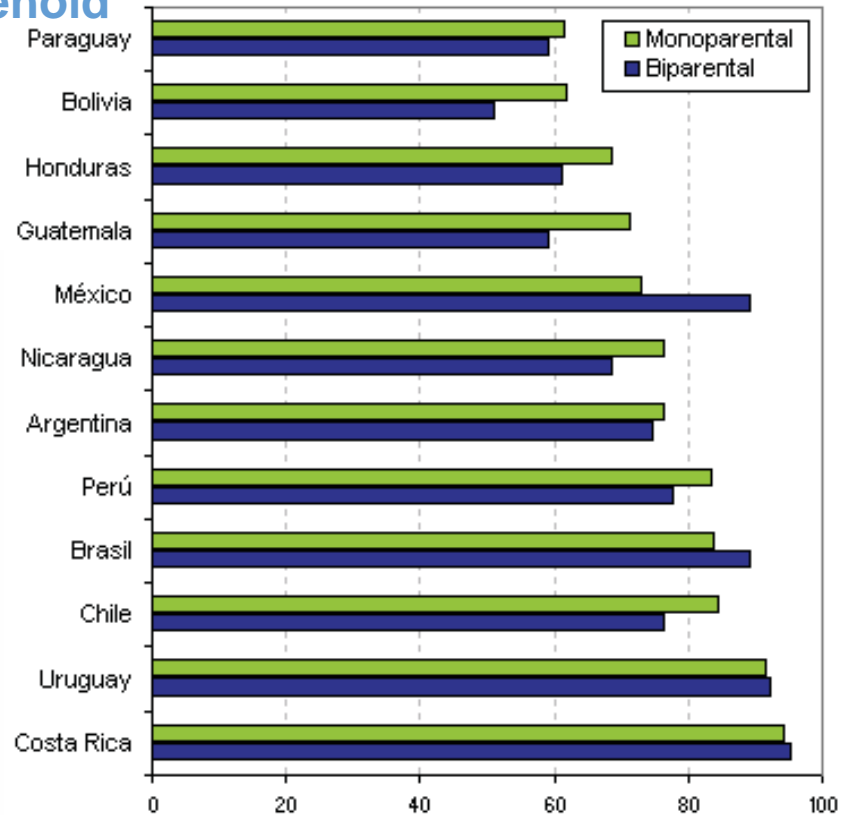


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# 5 Families and Early Childhood Education

## Rate of Scholastic Attendance According to Type of Household

Single parent  
Two-parent

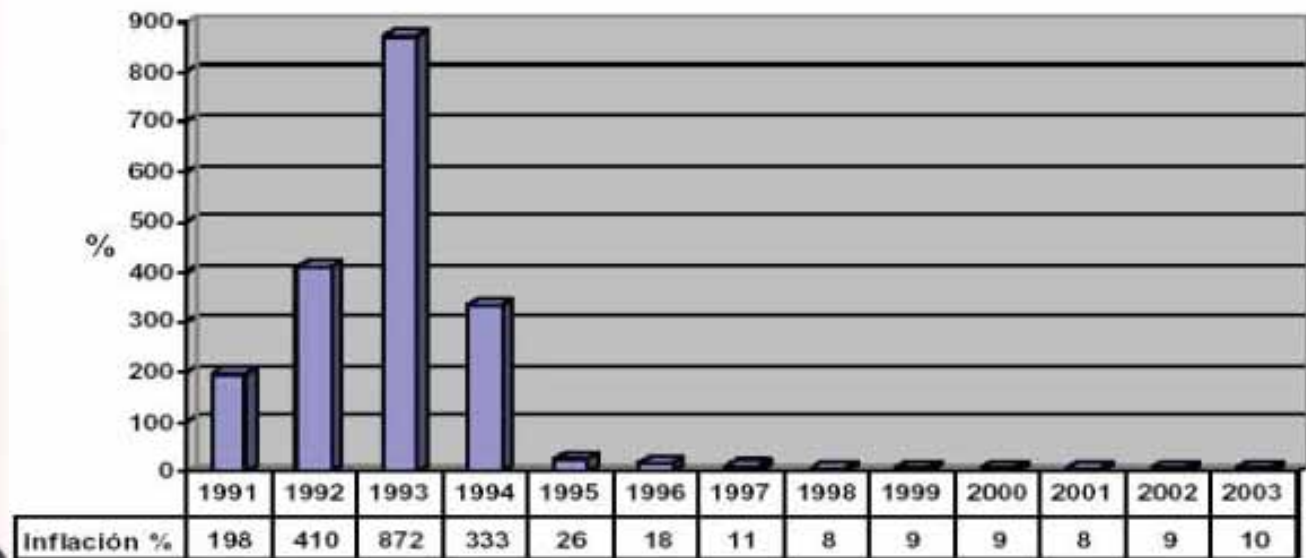


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## Inflation



Inflation %

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# 7 The Meaning of Current Educational Changes

## Starting Point



Growth of the rate of schooling



Deficient teaching results

## Late 80's–Early 90's



Boost in enrollment growth



Reduction in Public Spending



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# 7 The Meaning of Current Educational Changes

90's

Curriculum transformations

Increased hours of institution

Renovation of Material

Modern Tecnology

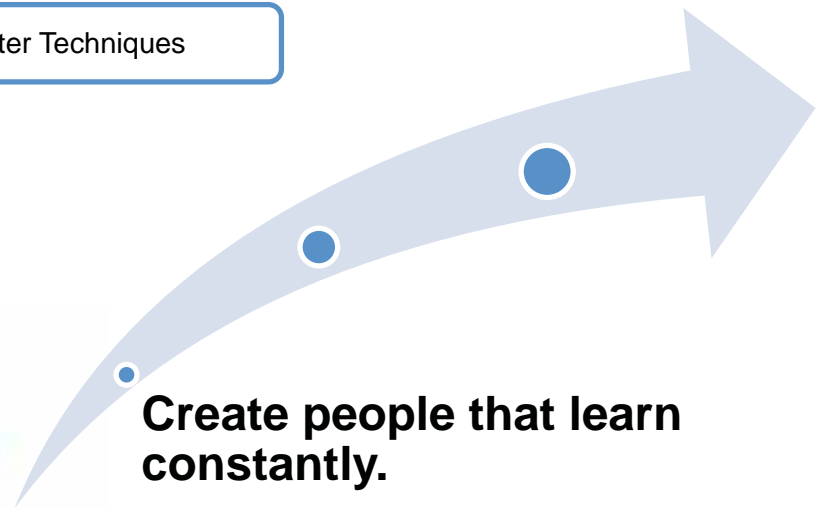
Teacher Preparation

Better Techniques

Today

Create people that learn constantly.

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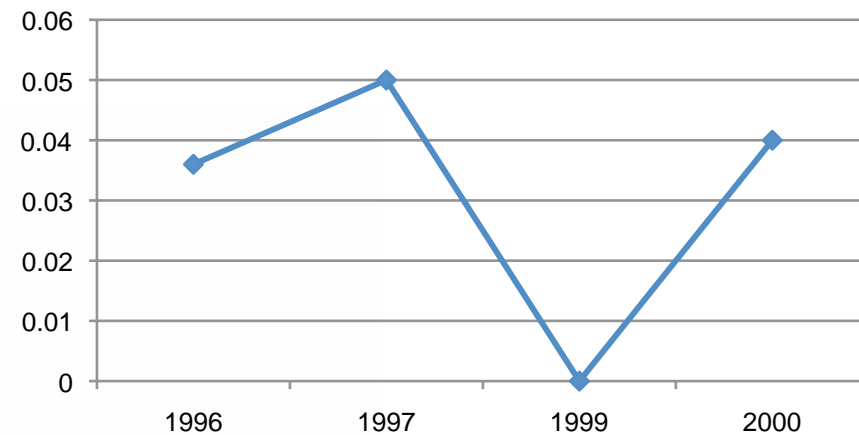
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## Money Reserve Announcement

### Economic Growth

(figures represented by percentage)



- Inflation decreased to 12% or much less in many countries
- Considerably better financial situation.

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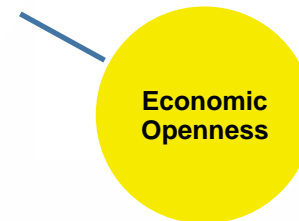
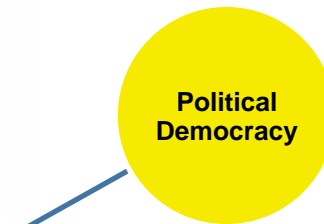
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- . Fiscal Deficit of 3% (the majority of countries).
- . Representative Systems of the Government.

Alarming growth of social inequality.



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# 7 The Latin American Contradiction:

Successful Macroeconomics and Scarce Achievements with Poverty and Unemployment

## Divisions in Society

The richest 10% has increased its income 30 times more than the poorest on the social scale.

**46%** = Don't Satisfy Basic Needs

**22%** = Extreme Poverty (94 million).



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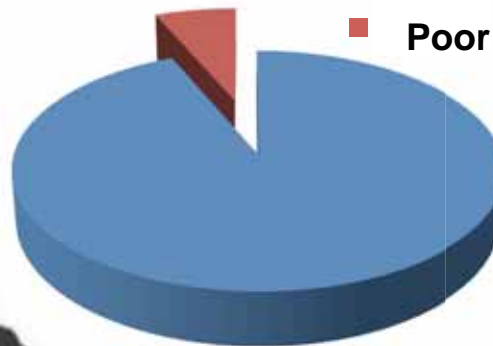
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## Chile

**Income** (20% of inhabitants of socio-economic level.)

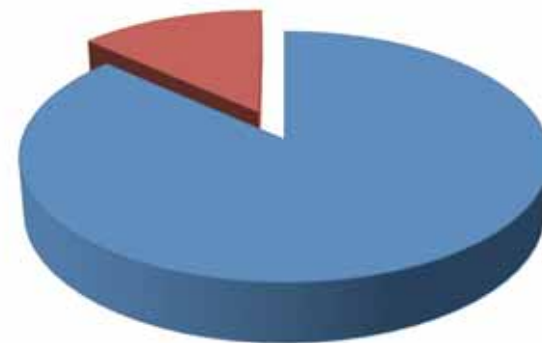
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- Poor



## Argentina

**Income** (20% of inhabitants of socio-economic level.)

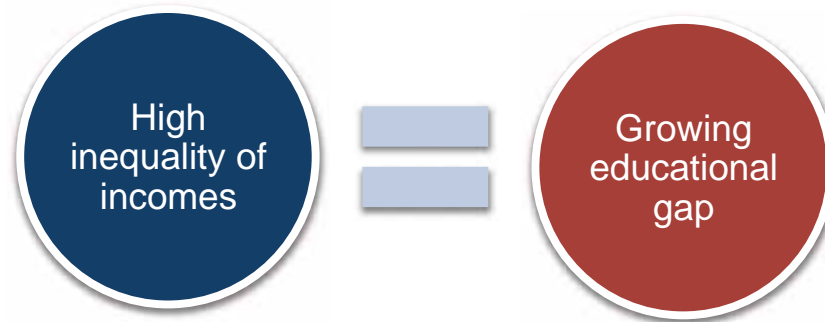
- Rich
- Poor



Also corresponding with this inequality is a considerable increase in child labor.

## 8 Education and Poverty

To confront social inequality,  
promote equal opportunities.



Education alone is **NOT** enough.



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# 8 Education and poverty



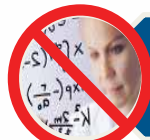
Reading / writing skills



Second language



Scientific knowledge



Mathematical knowledge



Computer knowledge

**Illiteracy**  
In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
( unemployable)

Coverage with elements of inequality.

Insufficient expansion of preschool education in popular sectors.

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# 8 Education and Poverty



Preschool education makes the difference



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How to refocus preschool education from our emergency and point it toward the flourishing of our human potential.



**Modify  
Preschool  
Program**

Be  
flexible  
with  
means

Diversify  
goals

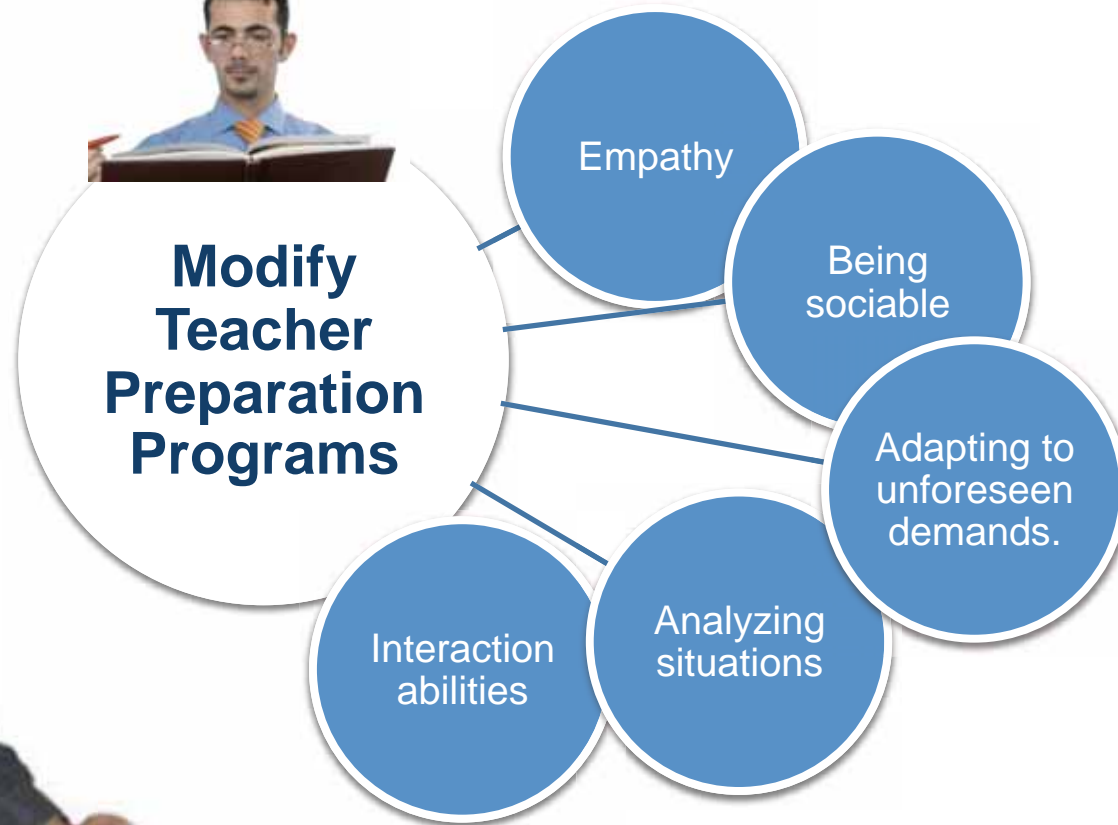


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Modify Teacher  
Preparation Programs

How to refocus preschool education from our emergency and point it toward the flourishing of our human potential.



An **“added plus”** is a necessity that we can’t neglect .



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# 12 The Opportunities that Present Themselves when Putting Preschool Education at the Center of the Solution to our Regional and National Inequality and our Competitiveness at the Global Level

**1** Bad income distribution = Low resources



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*Latin American governments are interested in listening to proposals of private institutes with the structural, organizational, and financial capabilities that are needed in order to implement projects of great importance.*


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## 2 Growing middle class

- Size = important
- Growth = important
- Cover sufficient expectations - short-term.
- Move towards better private education of a higher quality.



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## 3 **Segment** of highest income

- More limited market
- High expectations
- Avant-garde and sophistication

Cost isn't a problem.

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