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Summary: In the first Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) results since the coronavirus pandemic, 15-year-olds in the United States scored below students in similar industrialized democracies like the United Kingdom, Australia, and Germany, and well behind students in the highest-performing countries such as Singapore, South Korea, and Estonia — continuing an underperformance in math that predated the pandemic. Globally, students lost the equivalent of three-quarters of a year of learning in math, which was the primary focus of the 2022 test. And only a few countries — Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, and Australia — maintained high levels of math performance through the pandemic. Countries that kept schools closed longer generally saw bigger declines. Even with its declines in math, the United States lost less ground than some European countries that prioritized opening schools more quickly. Related: Krugman's Misleading Scandinavian Comparison and ACT Scores Fell for Class of 2023, Sixth Consecutive Decline and NAEP Long-Term Trend Assessment Results: Reading and Mathematics

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