

Assessment of the impact of government policy on English language learning in Mexico, Colombia and Brazil

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Meta-trend

English

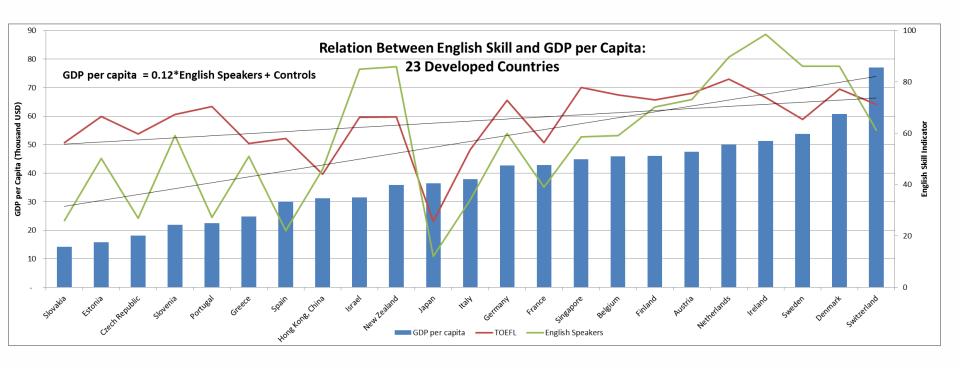
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Economic dynamics...

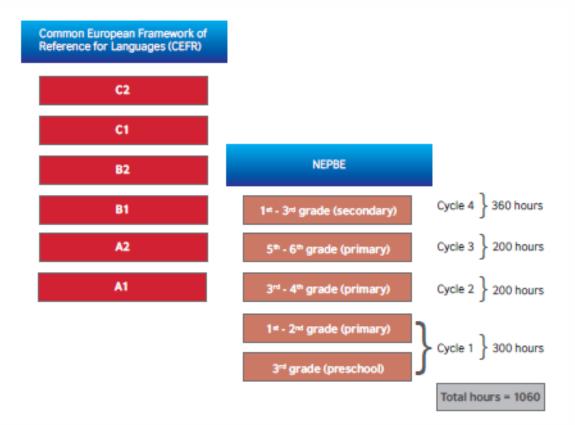
The perceived correlation between increased English capability and GDP per capita





Changes to political conditions...

Education policies shaped for driving economic growth



Mexico...

The National English Programme in Basic Education

English assigned the linguistic capital value of **27 billion USD** to the Mexican economy annual via growth in the services sector



Colombia...

- National Bilingual Programme, 2008
- Foreign Language Competencies Development programme, 2013
- National English programme, 2014



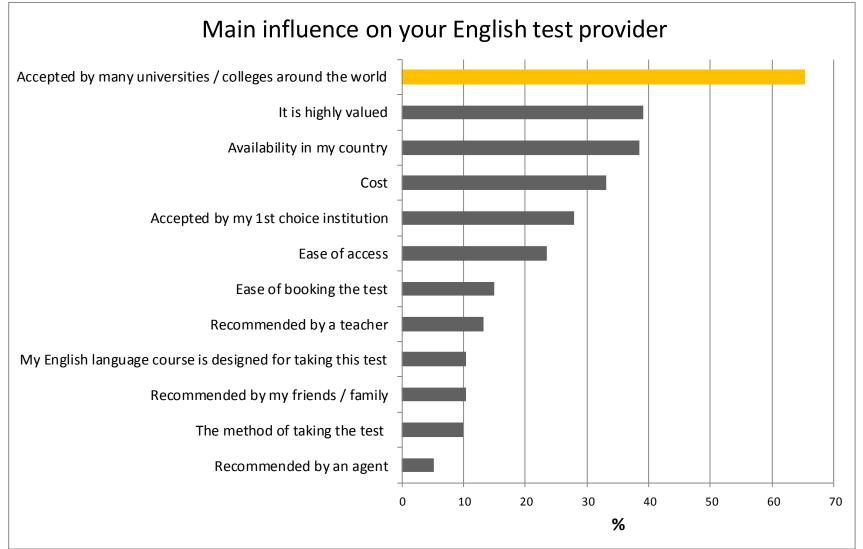
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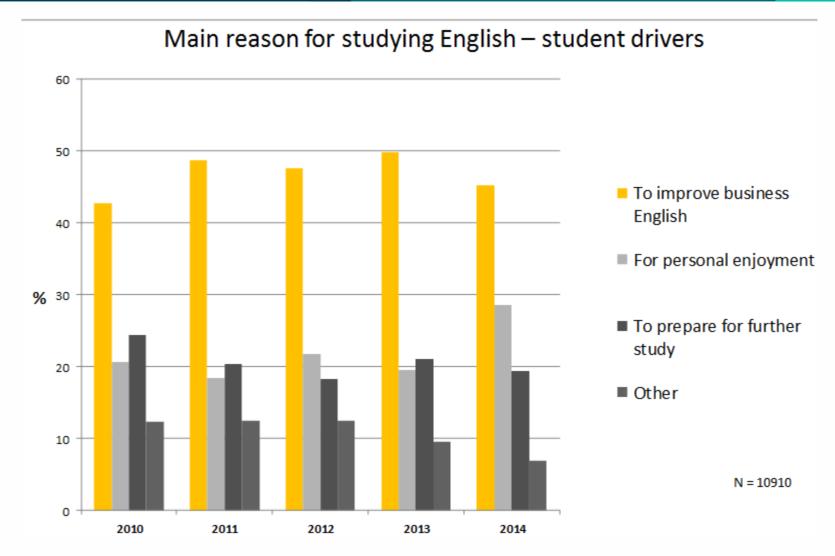


What is driving individual student demand for English language learning?





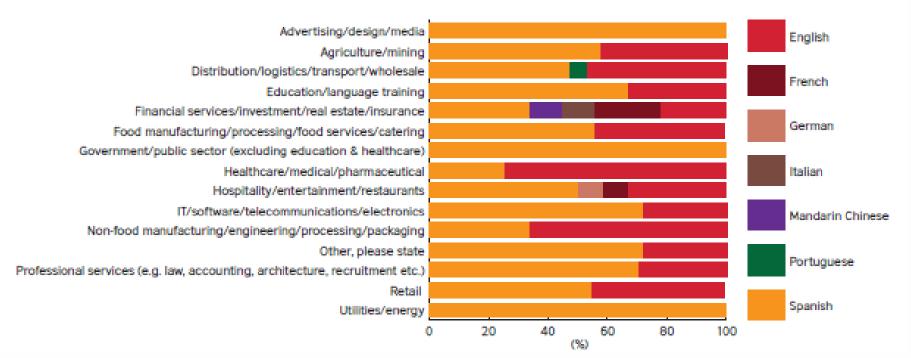






Global workforce demands Employers in Mexico drive the need for English language skills

Main language used to communicate externally with customers and suppliers





The importance and value of English





What is the future of English in Latin America?

- Policies for mono or multilingualism?
- Focus on teacher training, curriculum development
- Role of ICT
- Increased government spending
- Role of basic education
- Role of the private sector
- English for higher education mobility
- The impact of demand from employers
- PPP in English language development
- Changing public perception of English