



Research has not been able to offer definitive answers to some critical questions because of:

- Ø Distribution & content of education changes over time
- Ø Education & health are interlinked through life spans within and across generations of populations – thereby involving a larger context within which the association is embedded (Lynch, 2003).
- Ø Three sets of : (income, occupation), (factors that influence access to resources and coping strategies, childhood health), (healthy behaviors) (Folkman & Lazarus, 1980; Harper & Lambert, 1994; Wheaton, 1983)
- Ø There is therefore a growing need for new directions in education–health research.

Ø To get a clear understanding of the education-health equation and study how education can be key to reducing health disparities & improving the well being of future populations.

## **Research Question:**

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Ø Country level data from OECD & World Bank (1995-2015)

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Ø Adult education level (below secondary, upper secondary, tertiary);

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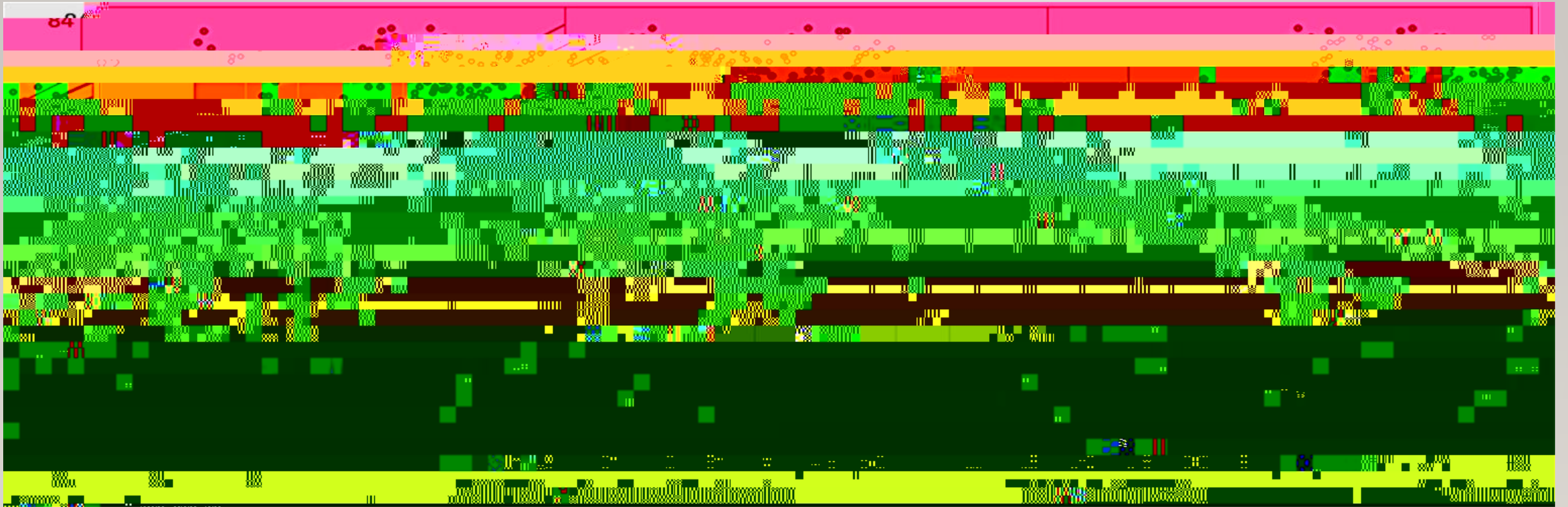
# RESULT

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Ø GDP had a negative assoc w/ Infant mortality rate & potential years of life lost  
(Countries with higher GDP have lower infant mortality & potential years of life lost)

Ø GDP showed no assoc w/ Life expectancy at birth & deaths from cancer.

Ø education outcomes ( ) associated w



Tertiary education level - positive association

NEET  $\rightarrow$  negative association

Tertiary school life expectancy  $\rightarrow$  positive association

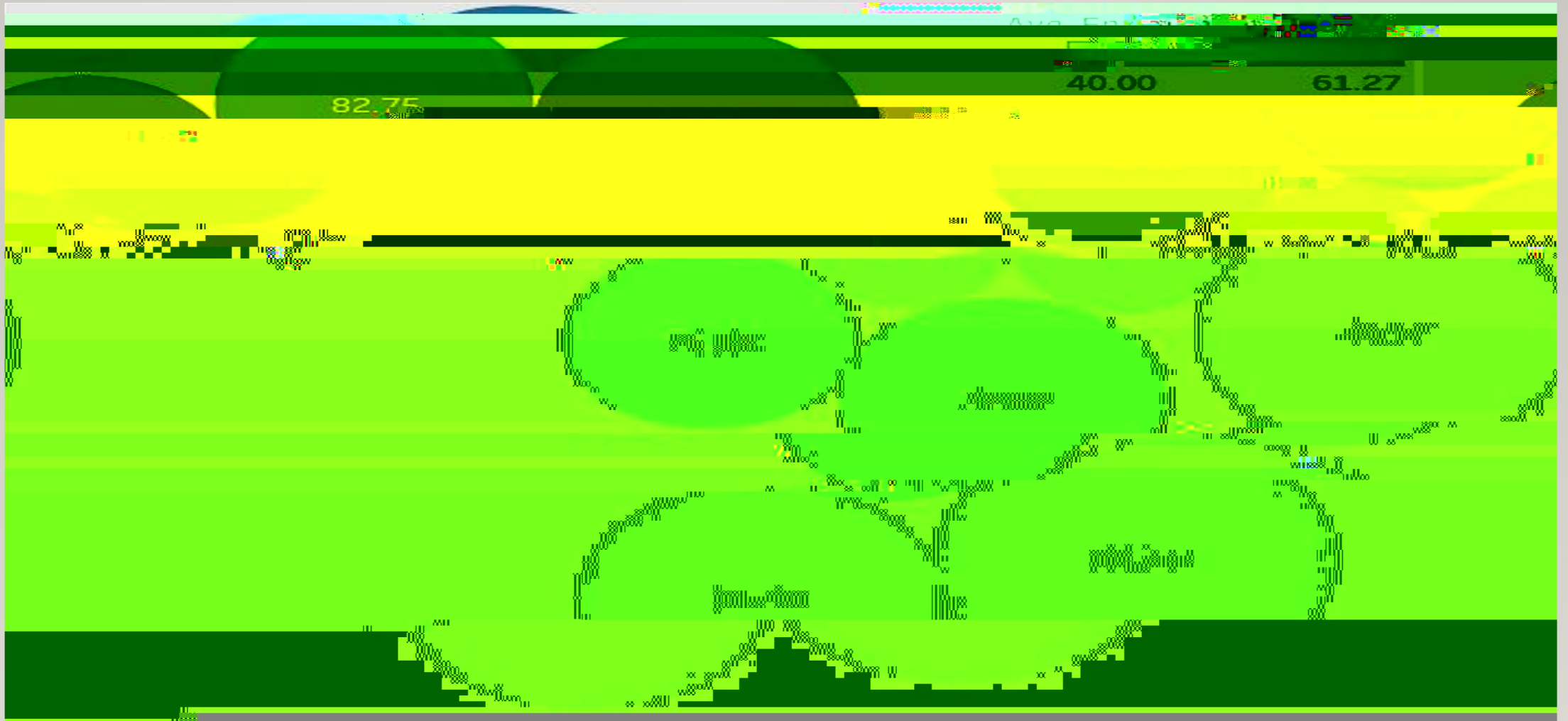


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Figure 5

(tertiary) and

(Tertiary) assoc w/

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Color = enrollment rate (tertiary); Size = education level (tertiary)  
label=child vac rate; Positive assoc of both education & enrollment with child vac rate

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(Figure 9)



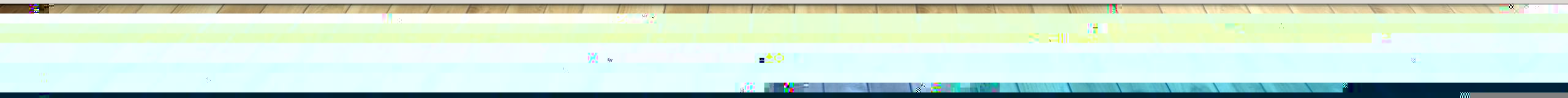
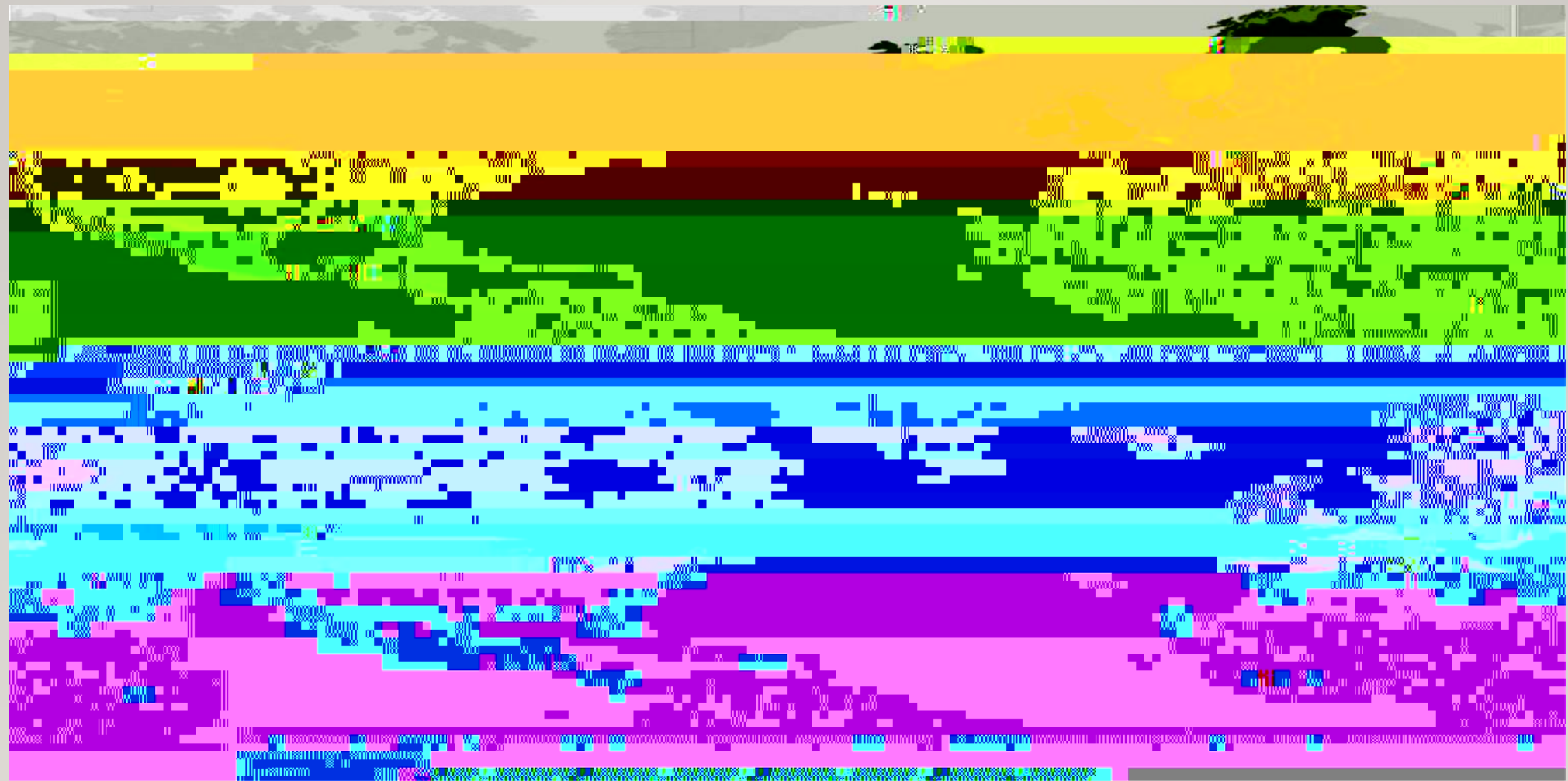
TUR has the highest NEET;

While SWE, DEN have high exp & low NEET, USA high high exp & high NEET- inconsistent to see any pattern of association

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rates - Figure 13 (positive)



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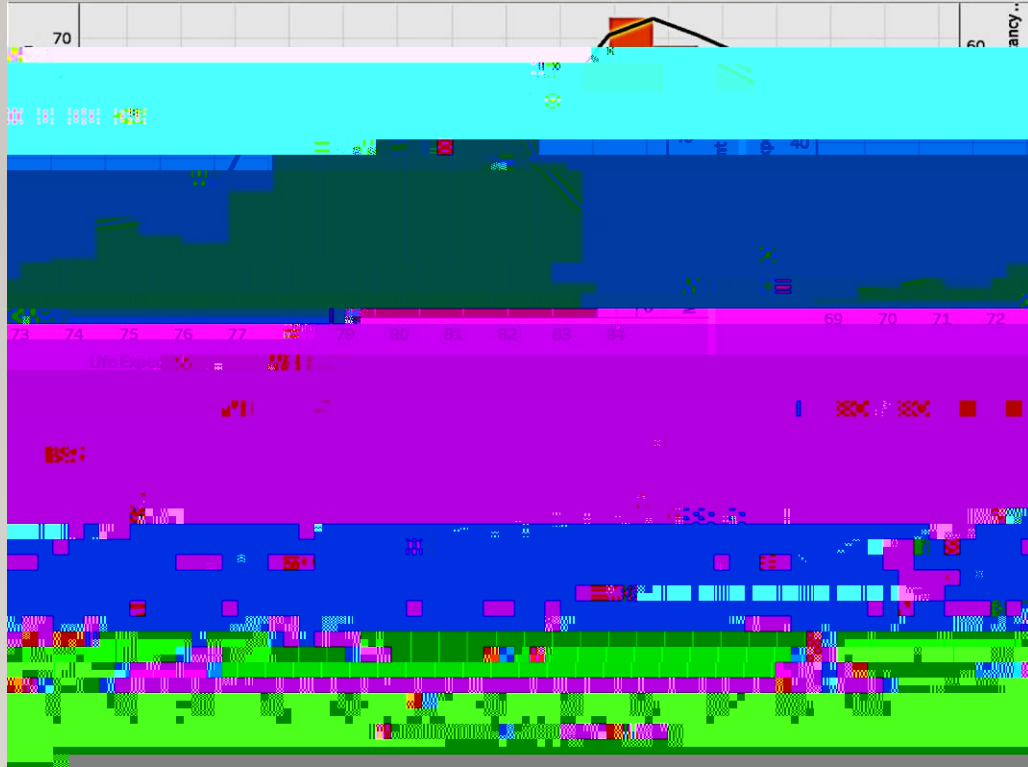
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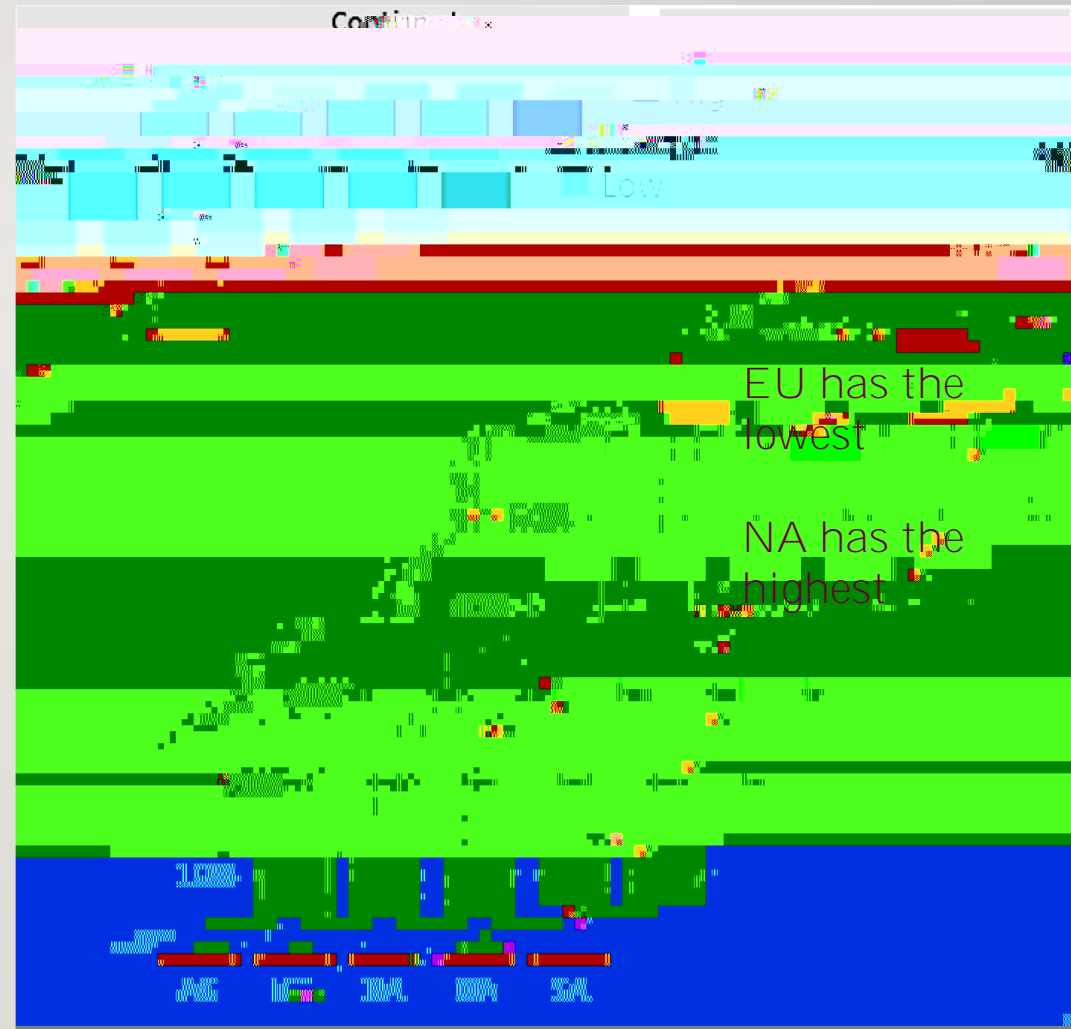
(tertiary)



Life expectancy is skewed to the right (most countries have high); Enrollment rate follows a normal distribution

Distribution of

by continent



Summary of analysis in slides:

∅ Do countries with higher [GDP per capita](#) have better health status?

∅ negative assoc w/ Infant mortality rate & potential years of life lost

∅ no assoc w/ Life expectancy at birth & deaths from cancer

∅ Are [Tertiary Education](#) (adult education level-tertiary, tertiary school life expectancy, NEET) associated w/ [Infant Mortality Rates](#)? Positive, Positive & negative

∅ Are [Tertiary Education](#) (tertiary) and [Tertiary Education](#) (Tertiary) assoc w/ [Infant Mortality Rates](#)? Figure 5 - Positive

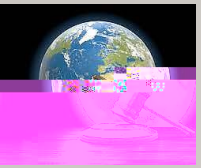
∅ Is NEET rate (15–19; 20–24) assoc w/ [Infant Mortality Rates](#)? Figure 6 - Positive

∅ Is NEET rate assoc w/ [Compulsory Health Expenditure](#) (Figure 9) – No association

∅ Is NEET rate assoc w/ [Child Vaccination Rate rates](#) – Figure 13 - Positive



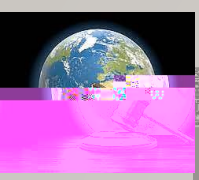




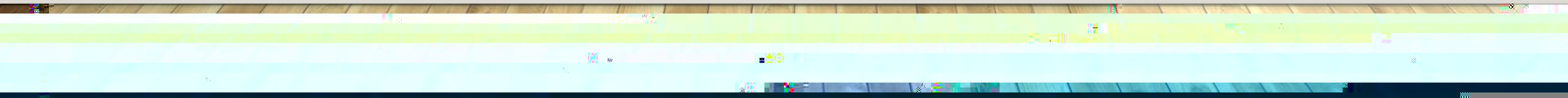
- ∅ For one, the number of countries is limited, and being that the data are primarily drawn from OECD, they pertain to the continent of Europe
- ∅ We considered a limited set of variables.
- ∅ The variable potential years of life lost is affected by premature deaths that may be caused by non-health related factors too.
- ∅ Lastly, while our study explores associations between variables it does not explore the causality.




- Ø Both education and health are at the core of individual as well as population health and well-being.
- Ø In order to extend people's life expectancy, governments should try to improve education, health care, and nutrition, and control the number of youths dropping out of school and ending up unemployed (the NEET population).
- Ø NEET rates can be reduced through government policies that include training and certifications [7]. Additionally, they can offer health care services and companies to offer more resources to raise general health awareness in people.
- Ø Governments can frame policies to reduce NEET rates.



- Ø Conceptualizations of both phenomena should go beyond the individual focus to incorporate and consider the **social and cultural contexts** within which the education–health relationship is embedded.
- Ø In developing interventions and policies, governments would do well to keep in mind the **role** played by education—as a **social determinant of health** as well as a **protective factor** (Zajacova & Lawrence, 2018).
- Ø Reducing these macro-level inequalities requires interventions directed at a **macro-level**.
- Ø In terms of investment in education, we make a call for governments to focus on education in the **early years** to prevent the reproduction of social inequalities and change upcoming educational trajectories.
- Ø There is a also need to look at circumstances that can **lead to NEET** of youth so as to improve their health (& reduce NEET).



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