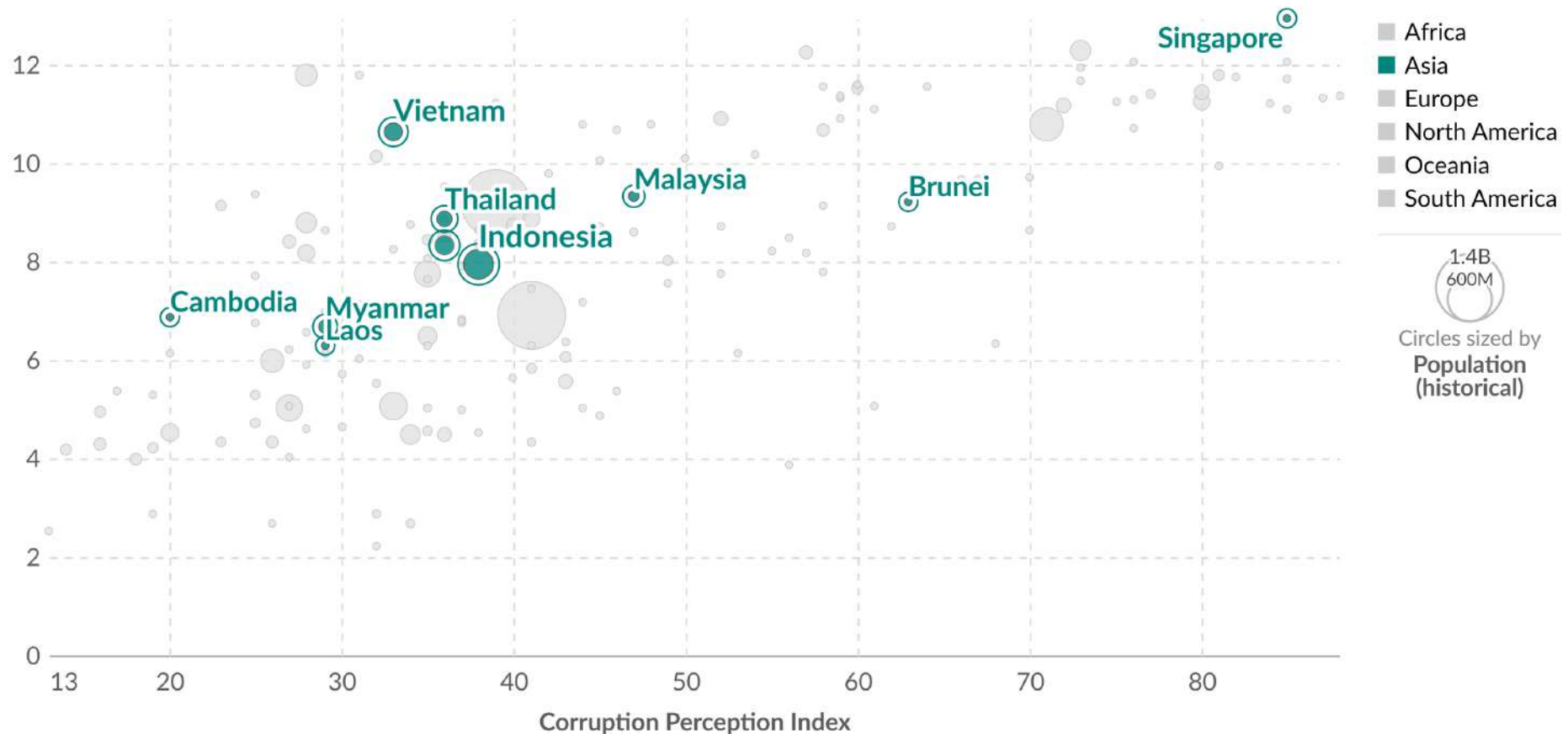


Learning-adjusted years of schooling vs. Corruption Perception Index, 2020

Learning-adjusted years of schooling¹ merge the quantity and quality of education into one metric, accounting for the fact that similar durations of schooling can yield different learning outcomes.

Learning adjusted total years of schooling (years)



Data source: World Bank (2024); Transparency International (2018)

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Note: Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index lower values reflect higher perceived corruption).

1. Learning-adjusted years: Learning-adjusted years (LAYS) is computed by adjusting the expected years of school based on the quality of learning, as measured by the harmonized test scores from various international student achievement testing programs. The adjustment involves multiplying the expected years of school by the ratio of the most recent harmonized test score to 625. Here, 625 signifies advanced attainment on the TIMSS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study) test, with 300 representing minimal attainment. These scores are measured in TIMSS-equivalent units.