TABLE 4–1     Income Distribution in Selected Countries*

| Country | % of income received by: | | Gini concentration ratio[†] |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Lowest 40% | Highest 20% | |
| *Low-income countries* | | | .311 |
| India | 21.3 | 41.3 | .351 |
| China | 17.4 | 41.8 | .294 |
| Sri Lanka | 23.0 | 39.3 | .322 |
| Indonesia | 20.8 | 42.3 | |
| *Middle-income countries* | | | |
| Brazil | 7.0 | 67.5 | .610 |
| Malaysia | 12.9 | 53.7 | .473 |
| Venezuela | 14.3 | 49.5 | .429 |
| Hungary | 25.7 | 34.4 | .227 |
| Mexico | 11.9 | 55.9 | .493 |
| South Korea | 19.7 | 42.2 | .331 |
| *High-income countries* | | | |
| Hong Kong | 16.2 | 47.0 | .400 |
| Singapore | 15.0 | 48.9 | .422 |
| Australia | 15.5 | 42.2 | .374 |
| United Kingdom | 14.6 | 44.3 | .393 |
| Canada | 16.5 | 40.2 | .343 |
| France | 17.4 | 41.9 | .354 |
| Germany[‡] | 18.8 | 40.3 | .329 |
| United States | 15.7 | 41.9 | .369 |
| Sweden | 21.2 | 36.9 | .279 |
| Japan | 21.9 | 37.5 | .282 |
| Switzerland | 16.9 | 44.6 | .388 |

* Dates of the surveys underlying these estimates vary by country; they range from 1981 to 1992. Countries are categorized and ranked by their GDP per capita (PPP) in 1990.

[†] Approximate Gini concentration ratios calculated from grouped data (that is, from data that have been aggregated by income-size groups).

[‡] Data refer to West Germany in 1988 (before unification).

Source: World Development Report 1994

## Table 3. Country Ranking in the 1990s According to Different Welfare Indicators

| Private consumption perc. | | Gini index | | Proportion of poor | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Honduras | 892 | 1 Brazil | 61.4 | 1 Honduras | 65.6 |
| 2 Panama | 1,341 | 2 Guatemala | 59.9 | 2 Panama | 48.4 |
| 3 Peru | 1,419 | 3 Panama | 57.4 | 3 Brazil | 43.5 |
| 4 Jamaica | 1,453 | 4 Honduras | 56.9 | 4 Guatemala | 42.5 |
| 5 Dominican R | 1,759 | 5 Chile | 56.5 | 5 Dominican R. | 39.5 |
| 6 Guatemala | 1,759 | 6 Mexico | 54.2 | 6 Peru | 35.0 |
| 7 Brazil | 1,769 | 7 Dominican R | 51.6 | 7 Jamaica | 25.1 |
| 8 Colombia | 2,057 | 8 Colombia | 48.2 | 8 Colombia | 23.8 |
| 9 Costa Rica | 2,088 | 9 Venezuela | 47.1 | 9 Chile | 23.5 |
| 10 Chile | 2,659 | 10 Costa Rica | 46.5 | 10 Mexico | 22.3 |
| 11 Mexico | 2,751 | 11 Bahamas | 45.0 | 11 Costa Rica | 22.1 |
| 12 Venezuela | 3,718 | 12 Peru | 44.9 | 12 Venezuela | 13.4 |
| 13 Bahamas | 7,427 | 13 Jamaica | 37.9 | 13 Bahamas | 8.9 |

Source: Authors'calculations.