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The Starting strong report can be ordered from your nearest OECD centre or online at www.oecd.org/bookshop (OECD Code: 912001011E1; ISBN 92-64-19282-4).

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