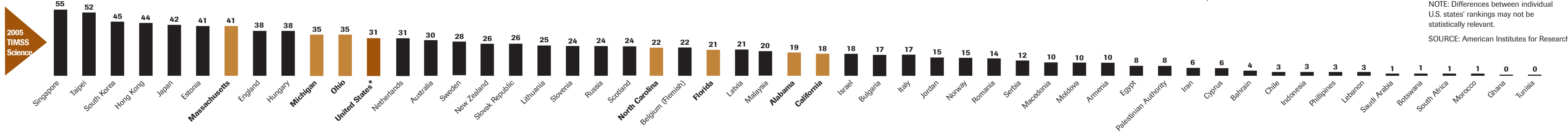
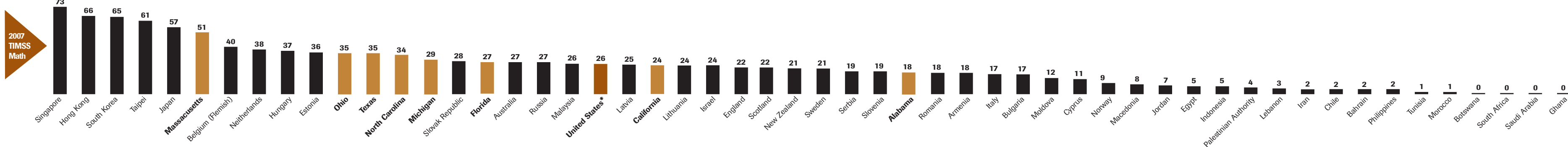


Global Rankings

Researcher Gary W. Phillips compared U.S. students' performance against that of international students by statistically linking an American test, the National Assessment of Educational Progress, with an international one, the 2003 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study. The chart shows how 8th graders in a few U.S. states rank on a common scale with their foreign peers.

* Estimate of 2003 TIMSS score.

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NOTE: Differences between individual U.S. states' rankings may not be statistically relevant.

SOURCE: American Institutes for Research