

READING LITERACY

The United States' 4th graders performed better than their counterparts in most of the nations taking part in the test.

EDUCATION SYSTEM	OVERALL READING AVERAGE SCALE SCORE	PURPOSES OF READING	
		Literary Experience	Acquire and use information
PIRLS scale average	500	500	500
HONG KONG	571 ▲	565	578 ▲
FLORIDA	569 ▲	577 ▲	564 ▲
RUSSIA	568 ▲	567	570 ▲
FINLAND	568 ▲	568 ▲	568 ▲
SINGAPORE	567 ▲	567	569 ▲
NORTHERN IRELAND	558	564	555
UNITED STATES	556	563	553
DENMARK	554	555 ▼	553
CROATIA	553	555 ▼	552
TAIWAN	553	542 ▼	565 ▲
ENGLAND	552	553 ▼	549
IRELAND	552	557	549
ONTARIO	552	558	549
CANADA	548 ▼	553 ▼	545 ▼
ALBERTA	548 ▼	552 ▼	545 ▼
NETHERLANDS	546 ▼	545 ▼	547 ▼
CZECH REPUBLIC	545 ▼	545 ▼	545 ▼
SWEDEN	542 ▼	547 ▼	537 ▼
ITALY	541 ▼	539 ▼	545 ▼
GERMANY	541 ▼	545 ▼	538 ▼
ISRAEL	541 ▼	542 ▼	541 ▼
PORTUGAL	541 ▼	538 ▼	544 ▼
HUNGARY	539 ▼	542 ▼	536 ▼
QUEBEC	538 ▼	539 ▼	536 ▼
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	535 ▼	540 ▼	530 ▼
BULGARIA	532 ▼	532 ▼	533 ▼
NEW ZEALAND	531 ▼	533 ▼	530 ▼
SLOVENIA	530 ▼	532 ▼	528 ▼
AUSTRIA	529 ▼	533 ▼	526 ▼
LITHUANIA	528 ▼	529 ▼	527 ▼
AUSTRALIA	527 ▼	527 ▼	528 ▼
POLAND	526 ▼	531 ▼	519 ▼
FRANCE	520 ▼	521 ▼	519 ▼
ANDALUSIA	515 ▼	518 ▼	512 ▼
SPAIN	513 ▼	516 ▼	512 ▼
NORWAY	507 ▼	508 ▼	505 ▼
BELGIUM	506 ▼	508 ▼	504 ▼
ROMANIA	502 ▼	504 ▼	500 ▼



5 SYSTEMS
OUTPERFORMED
THE U.S.

Hong Kong
Florida
Russia
Finland
Singapore

7 COUNTRIES WITH
STATISTICALLY SIMILAR
SCORES TO THE U.S.

Northern Ireland
Denmark
Croatia
Taiwan
Ireland
England
Ontario, Canada

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Note: Education systems are ordered by 2011 average score.

SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, 2011

▲ Score is higher than the U.S.

▼ Score is lower than the U.S.

Benchmarking education systems are not factored into the PIRLS average.