

U.S. PERFORMANCE

The United States' performance on international tests is often described as middle-of-the-pack. The country's showing on nation-by-nation comparisons varies somewhat, depending on the exam and the academic skills it measures.

Note: Scores are shown for selected countries.

SOURCE: Institute of Education Sciences

PISA 2009	
Math, 15-year-olds	
South Korea	546
Finland	541
Japan	529
Canada	527
Australia	514
Estonia	512
France	497
OECD AVERAGE	496
Poland	495
United Kingdom	492
UNITED STATES	487
Italy	483
Turkey	445
Chile	421
Mexico	419

U.S. score is statistically lower than OECD average.

TIMSS 2007	
8th grade math	
South Korea	597
Singapore	593
Japan	570
Hungary	517
England	513
Russia	512
UNITED STATES	508
TIMSS AVERAGE	500
Australia	496
Sweden	491
Romania	461
Jordan	427
Egypt	391
Colombia	380
Ghana	309
Qatar	307

U.S. score is statistically higher than TIMSS average.

PIRLS 2006	
4th grade reading	
Russia	565
Hong Kong	564
Alberta, Canada	560
Singapore	558
Ontario, Canada	555
Germany	548
Latvia	541
UNITED STATES	540
England	539
Austria	538
Lithuania	537
France	522
Spain	513
PIRLS AVERAGE	500
Norway	498
Romania	489
Iran	421
Indonesia	405
South Africa	302

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