

**Figure 1 Performance of 15-Year-Old Students in Scientific, Mathematical, and Reading Literacy in PISA 2006**

Science			Mathematics			Reading		
	Mean	S.E.		Mean	S.E.		Mean	S.E.
Finland	563	(2.0)	Chinese Taipei	549	(4.1)	Korea	556	(3.8)
<b>Hong Kong-China</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>(2.5)</b>	Finland	548	(2.3)	Finland	547	(2.1)
Canada	534	(2.0)	<b>Hong Kong-China</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>Hong Kong-China</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>(2.4)</b>
Chinese Taipei	532	(3.6)	Korea	547	(3.8)	Canada	527	(2.4)
Estonia	531	(2.5)	Netherlands	531	(2.6)	New Zealand	521	(3.0)
Japan	531	(3.4)	Switzerland	530	(3.2)	Ireland	517	(3.5)
New Zealand	530	(2.7)	Canada	527	(2.0)	Australia	513	(2.1)
Australia	527	(2.3)	Macao-China	525	(1.3)	Liechtenstein	510	(3.9)
Netherlands	525	(2.7)	Liechtenstein	525	(4.2)	Poland	508	(2.8)
Liechtenstein	522	(4.1)	Japan	523	(3.3)	Sweden	507	(3.4)
Korea	522	(3.4)	New Zealand	522	(2.4)	Netherlands	507	(2.9)
Slovenia	519	(1.1)	Belgium	520	(3.0)	Belgium	501	(3.0)
Germany	516	(3.8)	Australia	520	(2.2)	Estonia	501	(2.9)
United Kingdom	515	(2.3)	Estonia	515	(2.7)	Switzerland	499	(3.1)
Czech Republic	513	(3.5)	Denmark	513	(2.6)	Japan	498	(3.6)
Switzerland	512	(3.2)	Czech Republic	510	(3.6)	Chinese Taipei	496	(3.4)
Macao-China	511	(1.1)	Iceland	506	(1.8)	United Kingdom	495	(2.3)
Austria	511	(3.9)	Austria	505	(3.7)	Germany	495	(4.4)
Belgium	510	(2.5)	Slovenia	504	(1.0)	Denmark	494	(3.2)
Ireland	508	(3.2)	Germany	504	(3.9)	Slovenia	494	(1.0)
Hungary	504	(2.7)	Sweden	502	(2.4)	Macao-China	492	(1.1)
Sweden	503	(2.4)	Ireland	501	(2.8)	<i>OECD average</i>	492	(0.6)
<i>OECD average</i>	500	(0.5)	<i>OECD average</i>	498	(0.5)	Austria	490	(4.1)
Poland	498	(2.3)	France	496	(3.2)	France	488	(4.1)
Denmark	496	(3.1)	United Kingdom	495	(2.1)	Iceland	484	(1.9)
France	495	(3.4)	Poland	495	(2.4)	Norway	484	(3.2)
Croatia	493	(2.4)	Slovak Republic	492	(2.8)	Czech Republic	483	(4.2)
Iceland	491	(1.6)	Hungary	491	(2.9)	Hungary	482	(3.3)
Latvia	490	(3.0)	Luxembourg	490	(1.1)	Latvia	479	(3.7)
United States	489	(4.2)	Norway	490	(2.6)	Luxembourg	479	(1.3)
Slovak Republic	488	(2.6)	Lithuania	486	(2.9)	Croatia	477	(2.8)
Spain	488	(2.6)	Latvia	486	(3.0)	Portugal	472	(3.6)
Lithuania	488	(2.8)	Spain	480	(2.3)	Lithuania	470	(3.0)
Norway	487	(3.1)	Azerbaijan	476	(2.3)	Italy	469	(2.4)
Luxembourg	486	(1.1)	Russian Federation	476	(3.9)	Slovak Republic	466	(3.1)
Russian Federation	479	(3.7)	United States	474	(4.0)	Spain	461	(2.2)
Italy	475	(2.0)	Croatia	467	(2.4)	Greece	460	(4.0)
Portugal	474	(3.0)	Portugal	466	(3.1)	Turkey	447	(4.2)
Greece	473	(3.2)	Italy	462	(2.3)	Chile	442	(5.0)
Israel	454	(3.7)	Greece	459	(3.0)	Russian Federation	440	(4.3)
Chile	438	(4.3)	Israel	442	(4.3)	Israel	439	(4.6)
Serbia	436	(3.0)	Serbia	435	(3.5)	Thailand	417	(2.6)
Bulgaria	434	(6.1)	Uruguay	427	(2.6)	Uruguay	413	(3.4)
Uruguay	428	(2.7)	Turkey	424	(4.9)	Mexico	410	(3.1)
Turkey	424	(3.8)	Thailand	417	(2.3)	Bulgaria	402	(6.9)
Jordan	422	(2.8)	Romania	415	(4.2)	Serbia	401	(3.5)
Thailand	421	(2.1)	Bulgaria	413	(6.1)	Jordan	401	(3.3)
Romania	418	(4.2)	Chile	411	(4.6)	Romania	396	(4.7)
Montenegro	412	(1.1)	Mexico	406	(2.9)	Indonesia	393	(5.9)
Mexico	410	(2.7)	Montenegro	399	(1.4)	Brazil	393	(3.7)
Indonesia	393	(5.7)	Indonesia	391	(5.6)	Montenegro	392	(1.2)
Argentina	391	(6.1)	Jordan	384	(3.3)	Colombia	385	(5.1)
Brazil	390	(2.8)	Argentina	381	(6.2)	Tunisia	380	(4.0)
Colombia	388	(3.4)	Colombia	370	(3.8)	Argentina	374	(7.2)
Tunisia	386	(3.0)	Brazil	370	(2.9)	Azerbaijan	353	(3.1)
Azerbaijan	382	(2.8)	Tunisia	365	(4.0)	Qatar	312	(1.2)
Qatar	349	(0.9)	Qatar	318	(1.0)	Kyrgyzstan	285	(3.5)
Kyrgyzstan	322	(2.9)	Kyrgyzstan	311	(3.4)	United States	m	m