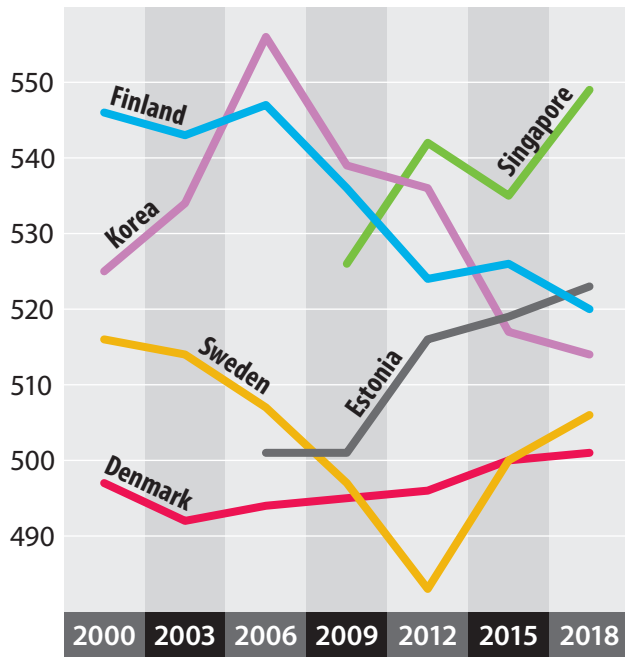


Average scores for reading literacy in some comparison countries during 2000–2018



Top countries or economies on the increase in reading literacy during 2015–2018:

Singapore (+14), Macao, China (+16), Estonia (+4), Poland (+6), Sweden (+6), United States (+8)

PISA18 study

- Examined 15-year-old students' knowledge in the three key areas
- Included 79 countries or economies
- Focused on reading literacy
- In Finland, the study was led by the Ministry of Education and Culture and was conducted by the Finnish Institute for Educational Research (University of Jyväskylä) and the Centre for Educational Assessment (University of Helsinki)



Ministry of
Education
and Culture



OECD
PISA



UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ
FINNISH INSTITUTE FOR
EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH



UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

PISA18

PISA study:
Finnish students are still
among the best readers in the world

A SHORT SUMMARY OF PISA 2018 RESULTS

THE RESULTS OF FINNISH YOUTH

READING:

- Number of excellent readers has remained good
- Proportion of weak readers has clearly increased
- The strongest area is information search
- Girls still clearly outperform boys (the biggest difference among OECD countries)
- Committing to reading has a strong connection for reading literacy
- Moderate use of computers supports reading
- Confidence in one's own skills as well as persistence are positively connected to reading
- The strongest explanators for reading literacy are attitude and reading activity

MATHEMATICS:

- Performance level has remained the same
- Girls perform slightly better than boys

SCIENCE:

- Performance level continues to fall
- Girls perform clearly better than boys

Average mean scores in PISA18 study

READING	
PSJZ (China)*	555
Singapore	549
Macao (China)	525
Hong Kong (China)	524
Estonia	523
Canada	520
Finland	520
Ireland	518
Korea	514
Poland	512
Sweden	506
New Zealand	506
United States	505
United Kingdom	504
Japan	504
Australia	503
Chinese Taipei	503
Denmark	501
Norway	499
Germany	498

OECD countries 487	
Russia 479	
Iceland 474	
The lowest average score: Philippines 340	

MATHEMATICS	
PSJZ (China)*	591
Singapore	569
Macao (China)	558
Hong Kong (China)	551
Chinese Taipei	531
Japan	527
Korea	526
Estonia	523
Netherlands	519
Poland	516
Switzerland	515
Canada	512
Denmark	509
Slovenia	509
Belgium	508
Finland	507
Sweden	502
United Kingdom	502
Norway	501
Germany	500
Ireland	500

Iceland 495	
OECD countries 489	
Russia 488	
United States 478	
The lowest average score: Dominican Republic 325	

SCIENCE	
PSJZ (China)*	590
Singapore	551
Macao (China)	544
Estonia	530
Japan	529
Finland	522
Korea	519
Canada	518
Hong Kong (China)	517
Chinese Taipei	516
Poland	511
New Zealand	508
Slovenia	507
United Kingdom	505
Netherlands	503
Germany	503
Australia	503
United States	502
Sweden	499
Belgium	499

Denmark 493	
Norway 490	
OECD countries 489	
Russia 478	
Iceland 475	
The lowest average score: Dominican Republic 336	

TOP PERFORMER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE

READING:

ESTONIA
FINLAND
IRELAND
POLAND
SWEDEN
UNITED KINGDOM
DENMARK
NORWAY
GERMANY
SLOVENIA

MATHEMATICS:

ESTONIA
NETHERLANDS
POLAND
SWITZERLAND
DENMARK
SLOVENIA
BELGIUM
FINLAND
SWEDEN
UNITED KINGDOM

SCIENCE:

ESTONIA
FINLAND
POLAND
SLOVENIA
UNITED KINGDOM
NETHERLANDS
GERMANY
SWEDEN
BELGIUM
CZECH REPUBLIC

Higher than Finland's average score
Corresponding to Finland's average score
Lower than Finland's average score

* PSJZ (China) = Peking, Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang

More PISA results:
minedu.fi/en/pisa-en
ktl.jyu.fi/fi/pisa/en

Leaflet publisher: Finnish Institute for Educational Research