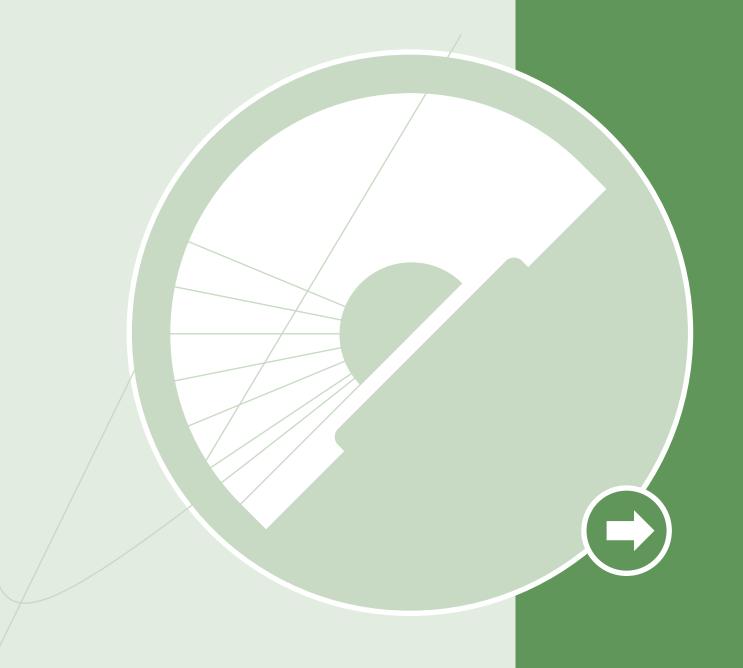
Students' Backgrounds and Attitudes Towards
Mathematics



Educational Aids in the Home: Dictionary, Study Desk/Table, and Computer



	Have A	II Three	Do Not Have All Three Educational Aids	Percentage of Students		ents	
	Education	onal Aids	Education	onal Aids	Have	Have Study Desk/Table	Have
	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Dictionary	for Own Use	Computer
Australia	82 (1.1)	533 (4.8)	18 (1.1)	492 (6.3)	99 (0.2)	95 (0.4)	86 (1.0)
Belgium (Flemish)	82 (1.2)	567 (3.3)	18 (1.2)	520 (8.6)	98 (0.7)	96 (0.6)	86 (1.0)
Bulgaria	21 (2.4)	546 (13.1)	79 (2.4)	502 (4.8)	89 (0.9)	87 (1.2)	23 (2.3)
Canada	78 (0.8)	537 (2.6)	22 (0.8)	510 (3.1)	98 (0.2)	91 (0.6)	85 (0.8)
Chile	21 (1.7)	442 (9.8)	79 (1.7)	381 (3.2)	97 (0.4)	78 (0.9)	23 (1.7)
Chinese Taipei	61 (1.1)	608 (3.8)	39 (1.1)	551 (4.4)	98 (0.2)	94 (0.4)	63 (1.0)
Cyprus	56 (0.8)	493 (2.6)	44 (0.8)	459 (2.6)	97 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	58 (0.9)
Czech Republic	43 (1.2)	541 (4.5)	57 (1.2)	504 (4.6)	94 (0.8)	91 (0.7)	47 (1.2)
England	79 (0.9)	507 (4.0)	21 (0.9)	461 (6.0)	98 (0.3)	92 (0.6)	85 (0.8)
Finland	71 (1.2)	528 (3.0)	29 (1.2)	501 (3.5)	89 (0.7)	97 (0.4)	79 (0.9)
Hong Kong, SAR	57 (1.3)	592 (4.1)	43 (1.3)	571 (4.9)	99 (0.1)	75 (0.9)	72 (1.3)
Hungary	48 (1.4)	562 (4.0)	52 (1.4)	504 (3.9)	95 (0.8)	95 (0.5)	50 (1.4)
Indonesia	6 (0.8)	468 (15.0)	94 (0.8)	400 (4.8)	86 (0.9)	84 (1.1)	7 (0.8)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	5 (0.7)	457 (9.5)	95 (0.7)	422 (3.1)	51 (1.5)	47 (2.2)	7 (0.8)
Israel	78 (1.5)	486 (3.2)	22 (1.5)	409 (6.2)	98 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	80 (1.5)
Italy	59 (1.1)	492 (4.0)	41 (1.1)	461 (4.2)	98 (0.3)	93 (0.6)	63 (1.0)
Japan	52 (1.0)	592 (2.3)	48 (1.0)	566 (2.3)	99 (0.1)	97 (0.2)	52 (0.9)
Jordan	16 (0.9)	469 (6.9)	84 (0.9)	425 (3.7)	80 (0.9)	73 (1.1)	23 (1.1)
Korea, Rep. of	65 (0.9)	602 (1.7)	35 (0.9)	561 (3.0)	99 (0.2)	96 (0.2)	67 (0.9)
Latvia (LSS)	14 (1.0)	537 (6.0)	86 (1.0)	500 (3.5)	94 (0.7)	98 (0.3)	15 (1.0)
Lithuania [‡]	15 (1.1)	529 (8.1)	85 (1.1)	474 (4.1)	86 (0.9)	95 (0.5)	16 (1.1)
Macedonia, Rep. of	18 (1.2)	484 (5.6)	82 (1.2)	442 (4.3)	83 (1.2)	87 (0.8)	21 (1.3)
Malaysia	28 (1.2)	563 (5.5)	72 (1.2)	503 (4.1)	99 (0.2)	87 (0.6)	31 (1.3)
Moldova	5 (0.6)	489 (11.8)	95 (0.6)	469 (3.8)	72 (1.3)	79 (0.9)	7 (0.7)
Morocco	6 (0.7)	357 (11.5)	94 (0.7)	339 (2.3)	71 (1.2)	52 (1.1)	9 (0.9)
Netherlands	94 (1.0)	543 (7.2)	6 (1.0)	509 (8.7)	100 (0.2)	99 (0.2)	96 (1.0)
New Zealand	67 (1.3)	512 (5.6)	33 (1.3)	453 (4.5)	97 (0.4)	90 (0.6)	72 (1.2)
Philippines	11 (0.9)	392 (14.9)	89 (0.9)	342 (5.9)	89 (0.7)	74 (1.0)	15 (0.9)
Romania	11 (0.8)	509 (10.2)	89 (0.8)	471 (5.1)	69 (1.6)	76 (1.4)	14 (1.0)
Russian Federation	19 (1.2)	537 (6.6)	81 (1.2)	524 (6.3)	88 (1.3)	92 (0.8)	22 (1.2)
Singapore	75 (1.4)	615 (6.1)	25 (1.4)	573 (7.1)	99 (0.2)	92 (0.5)	80 (1.3)
Slovak Republic	36 (1.3)	556 (5.2)	64 (1.3)	522 (3.7)	96 (0.5)	88 (0.8)	41 (1.3)
Slovenia	61 (1.2)	547 (2.8)	39 (1.2)	506 (3.6)	92 (0.6)	96 (0.3)	66 (1.2)
South Africa	8 (1.0)	415 (15.1)	92 (1.0)	265 (6.6)	75 (1.1)	56 (1.1)	11 (1.1)
Thailand	8 (0.6)	538 (9.2)	92 (0.6)	462 (5.1)	75 (1.2)	63 (1.5)	8 (0.7)
Tunisia	23 (1.3)	462 (3.5)	77 (1.3)	444 (2.6)	87 (1.0)	92 (0.6)	24 (1.3)
Turkey	8 (0.6)	471 (7.1)	92 (0.6)	426 (4.4)	89 (0.7)	69 (1.3)	10 (0.7)
United States	74 (1.3)	518 (3.7)	26 (1.3)	463 (4.3)	97 (0.3)	90 (0.5)	80 (1.2)
International Avg.	41 (0.2)	516 (1.2)	59 (0.2)	471 (0.8)	90 (0.1)	86 (0.1)	45 (0.2)

[‡] Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.

^() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

Trends in Educational Aids in the Home



		All Three onal Aids	Have D	ictionary		y Desk/ Table wn Use	Have C	omputer
	Percent of Students	1995 - 1999 Difference						
Australia	82 (1.1)	16 (1.6)	99 (0.2)	11 (0.8)	95 (0.4)	-2 (0.5) ▼	86 (1.0)	13 (1.5)
Belgium (Flemish)	82 (1.2)	19 (1.8)	98 (0.7)	0 (0.8)	96 (0.6)	-1 (0.8)	86 (1.0)	19 (1.6)
Canada	78 (0.8)	21 (1.6)	98 (0.2)	2 (0.4)	91 (0.6)	2 (0.8)	85 (0.8)	24 (1.6)
Cyprus	56 (0.8)	18 (1.2)	97 (0.3)	0 (0.5)	97 (0.3)	1 (0.6)	58 (0.9)	19 (1.3)
Czech Republic	43 (1.2)	11 (1.8)	94 (0.8)	-1 (0.9)	91 (0.7)	2 (0.9)	47 (1.2)	11 (1.7)
England	79 (0.9)	-1 (1.4)	98 (0.3)	0 (0.5)	92 (0.6)	2 (1.0)	85 (0.8)	-4 (1.2) ▼
Hong Kong, SAR	57 (1.3)	24 (2.2)	99 (0.1)	0 (0.2)	75 (0.9)	-5 (1.4) ▼	72 (1.3)	33 (2.3)
Hungary					95 (0.5)	3 (0.9)	50 (1.4)	13 (1.8)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	5 (0.7)	4 (0.8)	51 (1.5)	-2 (2.1)	47 (2.2)	8 (3.0)	7 (0.8)	3 (1.0)
Israel †	83 (1.7)	9 (2.7)	99 (0.2)	-1 (0.3)	98 (0.2)	0 (0.5)	85 (1.8)	9 (2.7)
Italy	58 (1.4)	-1 (2.1)	98 (0.4)	-1 (0.4)	93 (0.6)	-1 (1.0)	62 (1.3)	0 (2.0)
Japan								
Korea, Rep. of	65 (0.9)	27 (1.5)	99 (0.2)	0 (0.3)	96 (0.2)	1 (0.5)	67 (0.9)	27 (1.5)
Latvia (LSS)	14 (1.0)	2 (1.3)	94 (0.7)	1 (0.9)	98 (0.3)	0 (0.5)	15 (1.0)	2 (1.3)
Lithuania			86 (0.9)	-2 (1.4)	95 (0.5)	1 (0.8)		
Netherlands	94 (1.0)	11 (1.6)	100 (0.2)	0 (0.2)	99 (0.2)	0 (0.3)	96 (1.0)	11 (1.6)
New Zealand	67 (1.3)	11 (1.9)	97 (0.4)	-2 (0.4) ▼	90 (0.6)	0 (0.8)	72 (1.2)	12 (1.8)
Romania	11 (0.8)	3 (1.3)	69 (1.6)	9 (2.2)	76 (1.4)	7 (1.9)	14 (1.0)	-5 (1.5) ▼
Russian Federation	19 (1.2)	-11 (1.9) ▼	88 (1.3)	-1 (1.7)	92 (0.8)	-3 (1.1)	22 (1.2)	-13 (2.0) ▼
Singapore	75 (1.4)	28 (2.0)	99 (0.2)	0 (0.2)	92 (0.5)	0 (0.7)	80 (1.3)	31 (2.0)
Slovak Republic	36 (1.3)	9 (1.8)	96 (0.5)	0 (0.7)	88 (0.8)	1 (1.1)	41 (1.3)	10 (1.8)
Slovenia	61 (1.2)	18 (1.8)	92 (0.6)	-2 (0.8)	96 (0.3)	3 (0.7) ▲	66 (1.2)	19 (1.8)
Thailand †	8 (0.6)	4 (1.0)	75 (1.2)	8 (2.4)	63 (1.5)	-2 (2.6)	8 (0.7)	4 (1.1)
United States	74 (1.3)	18 (2.1)	97 (0.3)	0 (0.5)	90 (0.5)	0 (0.9)	80 (1.2)	21 (2.1)
International Avg. §	53 (0.2)	10 (0.4)	93 (0.1)	1 (0.2)	90 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	57 (0.2)	10 (0.4)

▲ 1999 significantly higher than 1995

No significant difference between 1995 and 1999

▼ 1999 significantly lower than 1995

Significance tests adjusted for multiple comparisons

Background data provided by students.

Background data for Bulgaria and South Africa are unavailable for 1995.

 $^{^{\}dagger}$ $\,$ Countries with unapproved sampling procedures at the classroom level in 1995.

 $[\]S$ International average is for countries that participated and met sampling guidelines in both 1995 and 1999.

Trend notes: Because coverage fell below 65% in 1995 and 1999, Latvia is annotated LSS for Latvian-Speaking Schools only. Lithuania tested later in 1999 than in 1995, at the beginning of the next school year. In 1995, Italy and Israel were unable to cover their International Desired Population; 1999 data are based on their comparable populations.

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A dash (-) indicates data are not available.

				544 (0.2)	15 (0.5)	515 (0.5)	(1.1)	755 (5.0)	(
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Australia			22 (1.1)	538 (5.0)	22 (0.9)	vement (4.3)	ts 39 (1.1)	521 (3.3)	14 (0
Belgium (Flemish)			8 (0.5)	588 (8.8)	10 (0.5)	590 (7.4)	27 (0.7)	592 (4.3)	27 (0
Bulgaria			38 (1.4)	564 (4.0)	21 (0.8)	548 (4.3)	25 (1.0)	513 (3.5)	12 (0
Canada			5 (0.5)	406 (12.1)	5 (0.4)	430 (11.8)	26 (0.9)	421 (5.1)	39 (1
Chile			9 (0.7)	461 (7.2)	8 (0.7)	452 (6.8)	22 (0.6)	441 (4.5)	32 (0
Chinese Taipei			22 (1.3)	495 (4.9)	21 (0.8)	497 (5.2)	33 (1.0)	469 (4.7)	18 (0
Cyprus			20 (0.9)	505 (5.6)	15 (0.7)	495 (4.9)	28 (0.9)	487 (4.5)	25 (0
Czech Republic			18 (0.7)	605 (4.6)	18 (0.6)	598 (4.0)	31 (0.7)	577 (2.7)	19 (0
England			10 (0.6)	462 (6.1)	10 (0.6)	467 (8.8)	28 (0.8)	448 (4.4)	31 (1
Finland			20 (0.8)	625 (2.9)	23 (0.6)	605 (3.1)	36 (0.7)	581 (2.2)	10 (0
Hong Kong, SAR			47 (1.4)	525 (4.2)	25 (0.9)	501 (4.5)	21 (0.9)	483 (4.4)	6 (0
Hungary			17 (1.0)	524 (5.8)	21 (1.0)	513 (4.8)	36 (1.2)	478 (4.3)	20 (1
Indonesia Iran, Islamic Rep.									38 (1
Israel			7 (0.7)	475 (8.7)	9 (0.6)	483 (7.2)	30 (1.2)	475 (5.0)	=
Italy			9 (0.7)	566 (6.8)	12 (0.6)	546 (5.8)	32 (0.9)	536 (5.0)	34 (0
Japan			9 (0.7)	497 (7.0)	11 (0.8)	498 (6.4)	28 (1.0)	482 (4.6)	33 (1
Jordan			3 (0.3)	352 (18.8)	5 (0.4)	352 (8.6)	20 (1.0)	347 (6.3)	35 (0
Korea, Rep. of			24 (1.8)	564 (8.5)	23 (1.2)	551 (8.1)	31 (1.1)	540 (8.2)	15 (1
Latvia (LSS)			33 (1.1)	518 (6.3)	24 (0.8)	507 (5.7)	27 (0.8)	480 (5.6)	10 (0
Lithuania ‡			5 (0.4)	358 (16.9)	5 (0.4)	376 (15.9)	15 (0.8)	378 (10.4)) 33 (0
Macedonia, Rep. of			15 (1.3)	517 (8.5)	15 (0.9)	509 (8.3)	32 (1.1)	476 (5.1)	24 (1
Malaysia			23 (1.5)	556 (6.3)	29 (1.1)	539 (5.5)	31 (1.3)	517 (5.3)	13 (1
Moldova			12 (0.6)	618 (8.3)	14 (0.7)	627 (9.0)	40 (1.1)	613 (6.1)	22 (1
Morocco			17 (0.9)	565 (5.3)	24 (1.0)	554 (4.4)	43 (1.1)	528 (3.8)	14 (1
Netherlands New Zealand			14 (0.9)	561 (5.4)	20 (0.8)	555 (4.2)	46 (1.0)	530 (2.8)	16 (0
Philippines			7 (0.5)	320 (16.8)	6 (0.5)	343 (17.8)	14 (0.8)	317 (10.4)	31 (0
Romania			6 (0.5)	504 (9.1)	8 (0.5)	488 (7.9)	27 (0.9)	486 (5.9)	37 (1
Russian Federation			9 (0.6)	462 (5.8)	9 (0.6)	468 (5.5)	25 (0.7)	459 (3.3)	36 (0
Singapore			6 (0.4)	444 (8.6)	8 (0.5)	457 (6.5)	28 (0.8)	448 (6.0)	37 (0
Slovak Republic			28 (1.2)	537 (5.5)	22 (0.6)	523 (3.5)	29 (0.8)	495 (3.1)	14 (0
Slovenia			20 (1.2)	337 (3.3)	22 (0.0)	323 (3.3)	25 (0.0)	455 (5.1)	14 (
South Africa			18 (0.2)	515 (1.3)	16 (0.1)	509 (1.1)	29 (0.2)	492 (0.8)	22 (0
Thailand									
Tunisia									
Turkey									
United States									
International Avg.									

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Trends in Number of Books in the Home



		More Bookcases Than 100 Books) About One Bookcase (26-100 Books)			ne Shelf or 0-25 Books)	
	Percent of Students 1999	1995 - 1999 Difference	Percent of Students 1999	Students Difference		1995 - 1999 Difference
Australia	65 (1.3)	-2 (1.9)	24 (0.9)	1 (1.3)	11 (0.8)	1 (1.1)
Belgium (Flemish)	28 (1.0)	-11 (1.7) ▼	31 (1.3)	-2 (1.7)	41 (1.6)	13 (2.3)
Canada	56 (1.1)	-2 (1.7)	28 (0.7)	0 (1.3)	16 (0.6)	2 (1.0)
Cyprus	40 (1.0)	-2 (1.5)	36 (1.0)	2 (1.3)	24 (1.0)	0 (1.5)
Czech Republic	58 (1.5)	-8 (2.4) ▼	34 (1.1)	4 (1.9)	8 (0.8)	4 (1.0)
England	49 (1.6)	-5 (2.3)	32 (1.1)	5 (1.7)	19 (1.1)	0 (1.5)
Hong Kong, SAR	17 (0.8)	-3 (1.6)	27 (0.7)	-2 (1.2)	55 (1.2)	4 (1.9)
Hungary	60 (1.5)	-4 (2.1)	25 (1.0)	1 (1.4)	15 (1.1)	3 (1.4)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	16 (1.3)	3 (1.6)	22 (0.6)	5 (1.1)	62 (1.6)	-8 (2.2) ▼
Israel †	44 (1.9)	-7 (3.3)	34 (1.1)	2 (2.3)	23 (1.3)	5 (1.9)
Italy	34 (1.5)	-8 (2.2) ▼	28 (1.2)	-4 (1.8)	38 (1.5)	12 (1.9)
Japan						
Korea, Rep. of	44 (1.0)	-1 (1.6)	36 (0.7)	3 (1.2)	20 (0.7)	-2 (1.2)
Latvia (LSS)	72 (1.3)	-6 (1.8) ▼	21 (0.9)	4 (1.3)	8 (0.8)	2 (1.0)
Lithuania	38 (1.6)	-6 (2.1) ▼	36 (1.2)	0 (1.7)	26 (1.6)	6 (1.9)
Netherlands	47 (2.6)	5 (3.3)	31 (1.1)	-3 (1.7)	23 (2.3)	-2 (2.8)
New Zealand	56 (1.3)	-9 (1.8) ▼	27 (0.8)	3 (1.2)	16 (1.0)	6 (1.3)
Romania	30 (1.8)	-5 (2.7)	32 (1.1)	12 (1.4)	38 (2.0)	-8 (2.8)
Russian Federation	53 (2.0)	2 (2.7)	31 (1.3)	-5 (1.8)	17 (1.3)	3 (1.6)
Singapore	26 (1.2)	0 (1.8)	40 (1.1)	-1 (1.4)	34 (1.5)	1 (2.0)
Slovak Republic	41 (1.5)	-1 (2.1)	43 (1.1)	-2 (1.5)	16 (1.2)	3 (1.4)
Slovenia	34 (1.3)	-10 (1.9) ▼	46 (1.0)	7 (1.6)	20 (1.1)	2 (1.4)
Thailand †	15 (0.7)	-3 (1.6)	27 (0.9)	-7 (1.5) ▼	59 (1.3)	10 (2.4)
United States	50 (1.4)	-2 (2.2)	29 (0.8)	0 (1.2)	22 (1.1)	1 (1.8)
International Avg. §	43 (0.3)	-4 (0.4) ▼	31 (0.2)	1 (0.3)	26 (0.3)	2 (0.4)

▲ 1999 significantly higher than 1995

No significant difference between 1995 and 1999

▼ 1999 significantly lower than 1995

Significance tests adjusted for multiple comparisons

Background data provided by students.

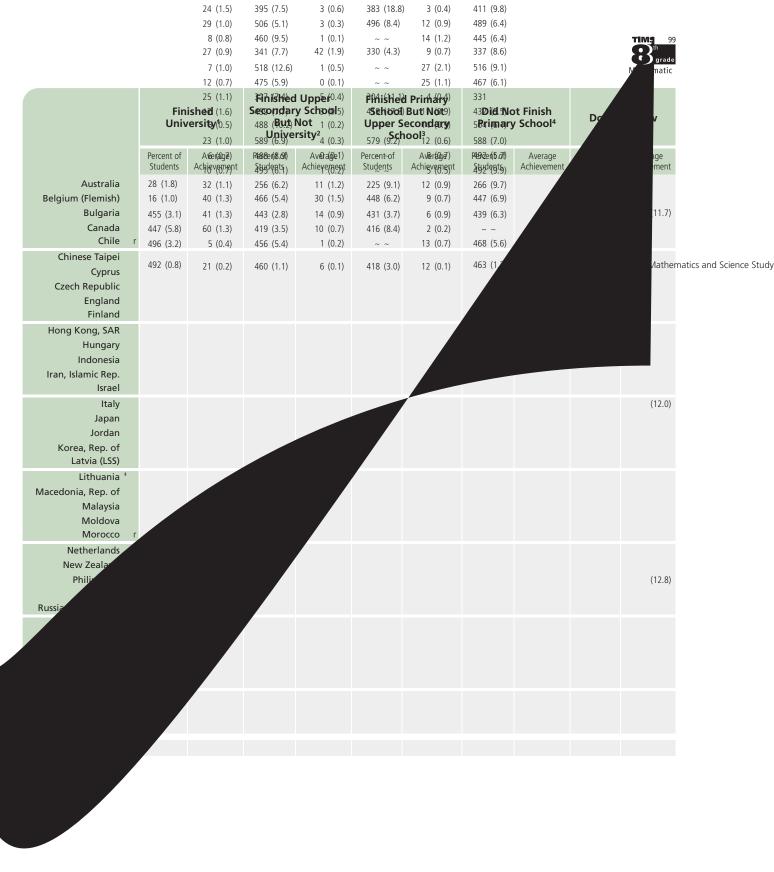
Trend notes: Because coverage fell below 65% in 1995 and 1999, Latvia is annotated LSS for Latvian-Speaking Schools only. Lithuania tested later in 1999 than in 1995, at the beginning of the next school year. In 1995, Italy and Israel were unable to cover their International Desired Population; 1999 data are based on their comparable populations. Background data for Bulgaria and South Africa are unavailable for 1995.

A dash (–) indicates data are not available.

[†] Countries with unapproved sampling procedures at the classroom level in 1995.

[§] International average is for countries that participated and met sampling guidelines in both 1995 and 1999.

^() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.



Background data provided by students

- Response categories were defined by each country to conform to their own educational system and may not be strictly comparable across countries. See reference exhibit R1.6 for country modifications
- In most countries, defined as completion of at least a 4-year degree program at a university or an equivalent institute of higher education.
- ² Finished upper secondary school with or without some tertiary education not equivalent to a university degree. In most countries, finished secondary corresponds to completion of an upper-secondary track terminating after 11 to 13 years of schooling (ISCED level 3 vocational, apprenticeship or academic tracks).
- Finished primary school or attended some secondary school not equivalent to completion of upper
- Some primary school or did not go to school.
- Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.
- () Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

A dash (-) indicates data are not available. A tilde (~) indicates insufficient data to report achievement. An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate.











Exhibit R1.6 Overleaf

Exhibit R1.6

Country Modifications to the Definitions of Educational Levels for Parents' Education or Students' Expectations for Finishing School*

	Finished University	Finished Upper Secondary	School But Not University
	rinished Oniversity	Post-Secondary Level	Upper-Secondary Level ¹
Internationally Defined Level	Finished University	Some Vocational-Technical Education After Secondary School or Some University	Finished Secondary School
Australia §			
Belgium (Flemish) §		Post-Secondary Tertiary Higher Education Outside University or Some Years of University	Finish Higher Secondary School
Canada	Finish University or College	Some Vocational-Technical Education After Secondary School or Some University or College	
Chile			
Cyprus §	University Degree		Finish Upper Secondary
Czech Republic (P) §‡	Finish University (4-5 years university study)	Some Vocational-Technical Education After Secondary School or Some University	Vocational Training or Secondary With Maturita
Czech Republic (S)	Finish University (4-5 years university study)	Medium-cycle higher education or bachelor studies (3 years university study or special higher education)	Vocational Training or Secondary With Maturita
Finland			Finish secondary school (about 12 years)
Hungary §	University or College Degree	Not Included	Apprenticeship (3-year trade school) or Final Exam in Secondary School (4-year academic/vocational)
Indonesia	Completed University Degree (Sarjana 1/2/3)	Academy (3 years or less of higher education outside university - Diploma D1/D2/D3) or Some University (Did Not Complete Degree)	Finish Secondary (SMP, SMA, SMEA, STM, etc.)
Italy §	Finish University (Laurea or Dottorato di Ricerca; 4-6 Year Diploma)	Vocational/Professional Course After Secondary Diploma or Some University (2-3 Year Short-Course Diploma)	Finish Secondary School With Maturita (Classical/Technical or Vocational Training Diploma
Japan (S) ³	University or Graduate School	Vocational/Technical Education After Secondary or 2-year college	Upper secondary
Korea, Rep. of §			
Latvia (LSS) §	Higher Education (5 years)	Vocational School (Post-Secondary) or Technikum (3 years) or Some Higher Education	Finish Secondary or Vocational School (11 years)
Lithuania §	University or Other Higher Education	Vocational or Agricultural School or College (Technical, Art, Music)	
Netherlands	University With Diploma	Vocational/Technical Education After Secondary (bv.heao, hts, pedagogical academy) or Some Years At University (Without Diploma)	Finish Secondary School With Diploma
New Zealand (P) ‡	University or Teachers' College (College of Education)	Vocational/Polytechnic Education After Secondary School or Some University	Complete Form 6 or Form 7
New Zealand (S) §	University, College of Education (teacher training) or degree or national diploma course at polytech	Certificate course at polytech (e.g, trade certificate) or some university	Finish secondary school (complete Form 6 or Form 7)
Philippines §	Finish College/University	Some Vocational/Technical Education After High School or Some College/University	Finish High School
Romania §	Finish University (facultate)	Post-Secondary Technical School or Did Not Complete University	Finish Senior Secondary (liceu)
Singapore §		Finish JC/Pre-U or Polytechnic or Some Other Vocational/Technical Education After Secondary (e.g., ITE, VITB)' [includes GCE 'A' level, which is 2 years additional schooling beyond completion of secondary.]	Finish Secondary School
Slovenia (S) §‡			Finish gymnasium or secondary school
South Africa §		Finish Technikon or Some University	Finish Secondary
Thailand §	Graduate level (Finish Tertiary Education, 4 years)	Diploma/Undergraduate Level (higher certificate, 2 years)	Finish Academic or Vocational/Technical Upper-Secondary Track
Tunisia	Bachelor's Degree (BA)		
United States (P) ‡	Completed Bachelor's Degree at College or University	Some Vocational-Technical Education After Secondary School or Some Community College, College or University Courses	Finish High School
United States (S) §	Finish community college, college or university	Some Vocational-Technical Education After Secondary School or Some Community College, College or University Courses	Finish High School

National educational level is the same as the internationally-defined level

Educational levels were translated and defined in most countries to be comparable to the internationally-defined levels. Countries that used modified response options to conform to their national education systems are indicated to aid in the interpretation of the reporting categories in exhibits 4.4 and R1.5. National modifications pertain to both the parents' education and students' expectations questions unless otherwise indicated.

Upper-secondary corresponds to ISCED level 3 tracks terminating after 11 to 13 years in most countries. (Education at a Glance, OECD, 1995.)

² Primary school or lower educational levels were included only in the parents' education question.

Japan administered the question pertaining to students' expectations but not the question pertain-

Some educational levels modified from 1995.

[‡] Educational levels differ for the parents' education (P) question and the students' expectations (S)



Finished Primary School But	Not Upper Secondary School	Did Not Finish Primary	
Lower-Secondary Level	Primary Level ²	School ²	
Finished Some Secondary School	Finished Primary School	Some Primary School or Did Not Go to School	Internationally Defined Level
		Less Than Year 6 in Primary School	Australia
Finish Lower Secondary School	Finish Basic School	Some Years of Basic School or Did Not Go to School	Belgium (Flemish)
			Canada
	Finish Primary School (grade 8)		Chile
Finish Lower Secondary (Gymnasium - grade 9)			Cyprus
Vocational Training or Secondary School Without Maturita		Not Included	Czech Republic (P)
Vocational Training or Secondary School Without Maturita			Czech Republic (S)
Some Secondary School (10 - 11 years)	Finish Primary School (about 9 years)	Did Not Go to School, Primary School or Part of Lower Secondary (< 9 years)	Finland
Finish General School (grade 8)	Some General School	Not Included	Hungary
	Finish Primary School (SD)		Indonesia
Finish Middle School			Italy
Lower Secondary			Japan (S)
Some High School	Finish Middle School	Some middle school or did not go to school	Korea, Rep. of
			Latvia (LSS)
	Finish Basic School (grade 10)	Some Basic School or Did Not Go to School	Lithuania
Some Years of Secondary School (mavo, havo, vwo) without Diploma	Finish Primary School (grade 8)		Netherlands
			New Zealand (P)
			New Zealand (S)
Some High School	Finish Elementary School	Some Elementary School or Did Not Go to School	Philippines
Did Not Complete Senior Secondary	Finish Junior Secondary (Gymnasium - grade 8)	Did Not Finish Grade 8 or Did Not Go to School	Romania
			Singapore
			Slovenia (S)
			South Africa
Finish Lower Secondary School	Finish Upper Primary School	Finish Lower Primary School or Did Not Go to School	Thailand
			Tunisia
Some High School	Finish Elementary School	Finish elementary school or did not go to school	United States (P)
Some High School			United States (S)

National educational level is the same as the internationally-defined level

Students' Perception of the Importance of Various Activities



SOURCE: IEA Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1998-1999.

	Percentage	of Students Agre	eing That It Is Imp	portant to Do Eac	h Activity
	Do Well in Mathematics	Do Well in Science	Do Well in Language	Have Time to Have Fun	Be Good at Sports
Australia	97 (0.3)	92 (0.6)	97 (0.4)	99 (0.2)	83 (0.8)
Belgium (Flemish)	98 (0.3)	91 (0.8)	96 (0.4)	98 (0.4)	77 (0.9)
Bulgaria	96 (0.6)	91 (0.8)	96 (0.5)	96 (0.5)	83 (1.0)
Canada	98 (0.2)	95 (0.4)	97 (0.5)	99 (0.2)	82 (0.6)
Chile	99 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	98 (0.3)	95 (0.4)
Chinese Taipei	89 (0.5)	89 (0.5)	89 (0.5)	99 (0.1)	94 (0.3)
Cyprus	96 (0.3)	91 (0.5)	96 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	90 (0.5)
Czech Republic	98 (0.3)	93 (0.6)	97 (0.4)	97 (0.4)	82 (1.0)
England Finland	99 (0.2) 93 (0.6)	97 (0.3) 84 (0.9)	99 (0.2) 91 (0.6)	98 (0.3)	79 (0.9)
Hong Kong, SAR	95 (0.4)	86 (0.7)	96 (0.4)	96 (0.4) 97 (0.3)	82 (1.0) 84 (0.6)
Hungary	97 (0.3)	87 (0.6)	97 (0.4)	96 (0.4)	68 (0.9)
Indonesia	97 (0.3)	98 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	71 (1.0)	96 (0.3)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	96 (0.4)	96 (0.3)	94 (0.5)	89 (0.6)	93 (0.5)
Israel	98 (0.3)	90 (0.7)	92 (0.6)	96 (0.4)	86 (0.7)
Italy	97 (0.4)	94 (0.5)	97 (0.3)	98 (0.3)	89 (0.6)
Japan	88 (0.5)	83 (0.7)	89 (0.6)	99 (0.2)	82 (0.6)
Jordan	96 (0.4)	97 (0.3)	95 (0.4)	87 (0.7)	89 (0.5)
Korea, Rep. of	90 (0.4)	87 (0.5)	89 (0.4)	92 (0.3)	88 (0.5)
Latvia (LSS)	98 (0.3)	86 (0.9)	98 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	88 (0.7)
Lithuania ‡	97 (0.4)	84 (1.0)	98 (0.3)	96 (0.4)	92 (0.6)
Macedonia, Rep. of	95 (0.4)	96 (0.4)	97 (0.3)	94 (0.5)	95 (0.4)
Malaysia	99 (0.1)	99 (0.1)	99 (0.2)	78 (1.0)	93 (0.5)
Moldova	93 (0.7)	95 (0.6)	95 (0.4)	92 (0.7)	91 (0.5)
Morocco	r 91 (0.5)	r 92 (0.6)	r 90 (0.5)	r 65 (1.1)	r 91 (0.5)
Netherlands	98 (0.3)	94 (0.9)	99 (0.3)	98 (0.3)	76 (1.5)
New Zealand	97 (0.3)	93 (0.5)	97 (0.3)	98 (0.2)	86 (0.8)
Philippines	91 (0.6)	93 (0.5)	90 (0.8)	78 (1.0)	87 (0.7)
Romania Russian Federation	97 (0.4) 97 (0.4)	94 (0.6) 96 (0.3)	98 (0.3) 97 (0.4)	91 (0.8) 98 (0.3)	83 (1.0) 90 (0.6)
Singapore	99 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	100 (0.1)	93 (0.6)	90 (0.5)
Slovak Republic	99 (0.2)	96 (0.5)	99 (0.2)	99 (0.2)	91 (0.7)
Slovenia	91 (0.6)	80 (0.9)	92 (0.5)	97 (0.3)	87 (0.7)
South Africa	90 (0.5)	89 (1.3)	91 (0.6)	72 (1.1)	83 (0.7)
Thailand	95 (0.3)	96 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	92 (0.5)	95 (0.3)
Tunisia	96 (0.5)	97 (0.3)	96 (0.3)	83 (0.7)	91 (0.5)
Turkey	96 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	97 (0.2)	75 (1.0)	86 (0.6)
United States	97 (0.3)	96 (0.3)	96 (0.3)	99 (0.2)	84 (0.6)

[‡] Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.

^() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate.

Exhibit R1.8

Students' Perception of Their Mothers' View of the Importance of Various Activities



	Perc	Percentage of Students Agreeing That Their Mothers Think It Is Important to Do Each Activity					
	Do Well in Mathematics	Do Well in Science	Do Well in Language	Have Time to Have Fun	Be Good at Sports		
Australia	98 (0.2)	96 (0.4)	98 (0.3)	95 (0.5)	78 (0.7)		
Belgium (Flemish)	97 (0.4)	92 (0.6)	97 (0.5)	96 (0.5)	66 (1.6)		
Bulgaria	97 (0.3)	92 (0.6)	96 (0.6)	90 (0.7)	79 (1.3)		
Canada	99 (0.1)	98 (0.3)	99 (0.2)	96 (0.4)	76 (0.8)		
Chile	99 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	99 (0.2)	93 (0.5)	95 (0.4)		
Chinese Taipei	95 (0.5)	95 (0.4)	93 (0.4)	95 (0.3)	91 (0.4)		
Cyprus	96 (0.4)	92 (0.5)	97 (0.3)	95 (0.4)	85 (0.8)		
Czech Republic	99 (0.2)	96 (0.5)	99 (0.3)	90 (0.7)	72 (1.1)		
England	99 (0.2)	98 (0.3)	99 (0.2)	94 (0.5)	74 (1.0)		
Finland	96 (0.4)	90 (0.7)	95 (0.4)	88 (0.7)	74 (1.1)		
Hong Kong, SAR	96 (0.3)	87 (0.7)	97 (0.3)	82 (0.7)	73 (0.9)		
Hungary	97 (0.4)	86 (0.7)	97 (0.3)	83 (0.8)	46 (1.1)		
Indonesia	97 (0.3)	98 (0.3)	98 (0.2)	65 (1.0)	95 (0.4)		
Iran, Islamic Rep. Israel	94 (0.4) 98 (0.2)	94 (0.5) 94 (0.5)	93 (0.5) 96 (0.3)	82 (0.8) 94 (0.4)	89 (0.6) 83 (0.8)		
Italy	99 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	99 (0.2)	95 (0.4)	84 (0.8)		
Japan	92 (0.5)	87 (0.6)	92 (0.5)	94 (0.4)	82 (0.6)		
Jordan	95 (0.4)	96 (0.3)	95 (0.5)	82 (0.8)	86 (0.7)		
Korea, Rep. of	95 (0.3)	90 (0.4)	92 (0.4)	66 (0.7)	78 (0.6)		
Latvia (LSS)	98 (0.4)	90 (0.7)	98 (0.3)	90 (0.7)	82 (0.7)		
Lithuania ‡	95 (0.5)	80 (1.0)	97 (0.4)	85 (0.8)	86 (0.8)		
Macedonia, Rep. of	96 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	91 (0.7)	91 (0.6)		
Malaysia	99 (0.1)	98 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	66 (1.2)	90 (0.5)		
Moldova	91 (0.6)	91 (0.6)	93 (0.6)	85 (0.9)	86 (0.7)		
Morocco	r 88 (0.7)	r 86 (0.7)	r 88 (0.6)	r 53 (1.2)	r 86 (0.7)		
Netherlands	98 (0.3)	94 (0.8)	98 (0.3)	97 (0.5)	59 (1.9)		
New Zealand	98 (0.2)	96 (0.3)	98 (0.2)	95 (0.4)	84 (0.9)		
Philippines	90 (0.7)	93 (0.5)	89 (0.8)	75 (0.8)	85 (0.6)		
Romania	97 (0.5)	96 (0.7)	98 (0.4)	79 (1.0)	75 (1.5)		
Russian Federation	96 (0.4)	96 (0.4)	97 (0.4)	92 (0.4)	86 (0.7)		
Singapore	99 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	76 (0.9)	80 (0.7)		
Slovak Republic	99 (0.2)	98 (0.3)	99 (0.2)	96 (0.4)	89 (0.8)		
Slovenia	91 (0.5)	83 (0.8)	94 (0.5)	89 (0.6)	82 (0.9)		
South Africa	89 (0.6)	89 (1.2)	91 (0.6)	70 (1.0)	81 (0.8)		
Thailand — · ·	94 (0.4)	96 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	80 (0.7)	93 (0.4)		
Tunisia	92 (0.7)	96 (0.3)	94 (0.4)	72 (0.7)	87 (0.5)		
Turkey	94 (0.5)	95 (0.4)	95 (0.4)	67 (1.0)	79 (0.9)		
United States	98 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	93 (0.4)	76 (0.6)		
International Avg.	96 (0.1)	93 (0.1)	96 (0.1)	85 (0.1)	81 (0.1)		

Background data provided by students.

SOURCE: IEA Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1998-1999.

[‡] Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.

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Exhibit R1.9

Students' Perception of Their Friends' View of the Importance of Various Activities



SOURCE: IEA Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1998-1999.

Percentage of Students Agreeing That Their Friends Think It Is Important To Do Each Activity

		it is imp	ortant to be Luci	Activity	
	Do Well in Mathematics	Do Well in Science	Do Well in Language	Have Time to Have Fun	Be Good at Sports
Australia	79 (1.0)	65 (1.4)	78 (1.0)	98 (0.2)	81 (0.8)
Belgium (Flemish)	81 (1.1)	66 (1.2)	77 (1.4)	98 (0.5)	76 (1.1)
Bulgaria	84 (0.8)	70 (1.7)	85 (0.9)	96 (0.4)	82 (1.2)
Canada	84 (0.6)	72 (0.9)	82 (0.7)	99 (0.1)	84 (0.9)
Chile	94 (0.3)	89 (0.6)	94 (0.4)	98 (0.3)	95 (0.4)
Chinese Taipei	84 (0.7)	82 (0.7)	84 (0.6)	98 (0.2)	94 (0.4)
Cyprus	87 (0.6)	75 (0.9)	88 (0.6)	94 (0.4)	89 (0.5)
Czech Republic	84 (0.9)	68 (1.0)	83 (0.8)	97 (0.4)	83 (0.9)
England	90 (0.8)	84 (1.0)	90 (0.7)	99 (0.2)	80 (1.0)
Finland	70 (1.2)	53 (1.2)	65 (1.2)	97 (0.4)	74 (1.2)
Hong Kong, SAR	84 (0.7)	66 (1.0)	87 (0.8)	96 (0.3)	83 (0.8)
Hungary	80 (0.9)	62 (0.9)	79 (1.0)	94 (0.5)	62 (1.0)
Indonesia	96 (0.2)	96 (0.3)	97 (0.3)	69 (1.0)	95 (0.4)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	92 (0.5)	90 (0.5)	89 (0.8)	87 (0.6)	92 (0.5)
Israel	92 (0.5)	68 (1.2)	79 (0.9)	96 (0.4)	81 (0.9)
Italy	80 (0.9)	66 (1.3)	84 (0.7)	98 (0.3)	94 (0.5)
Japan	85 (0.6)	78 (0.8)	85 (0.8)	99 (0.2)	80 (0.7)
Jordan	93 (0.5)	95 (0.4)	93 (0.4)	85 (0.7)	88 (0.6)
Korea, Rep. of	77 (0.7)	72 (0.8)	73 (0.8)	93 (0.3)	80 (0.8)
Latvia (LSS)	87 (0.9)	53 (1.6)	87 (0.8)	96 (0.4)	85 (0.7)
Lithuania ‡	87 (1.0)	54 (1.4)	88 (0.8)	96 (0.4)	90 (0.7)
Macedonia, Rep. of	89 (0.6)	86 (0.7)	92 (0.5)	93 (0.6)	93 (0.5)
Malaysia	99 (0.2)	98 (0.2)	97 (0.3)	77 (1.0)	91 (0.5)
Moldova	91 (0.7)	90 (0.7)	93 (0.6)	93 (0.5)	90 (0.6)
Morocco	r 88 (0.7)	r 86 (0.6)	r 86 (0.6)	r 63 (1.0)	r 89 (0.5)
Netherlands	88 (1.0)	79 (1.2)	90 (0.9)	98 (0.4)	70 (1.9)
New Zealand	76 (0.9)	67 (1.1)	75 (0.8)	97 (0.4)	86 (0.7)
Philippines	88 (0.7)	91 (0.6)	87 (0.7)	79 (0.9)	86 (0.7)
Romania Russian Federation	90 (0.9) 89 (0.6)	84 (1.2) 83 (0.7)	92 (0.6) 89 (0.6)	92 (0.9) 97 (0.4)	83 (1.0) 87 (0.8)
Singapore	96 (0.3)	94 (0.6)	97 (0.3)	93 (0.6)	88 (0.6)
Slovak Republic Slovenia	88 (0.9) 69 (1.2)	78 (1.2) 44 (1.4)	89 (0.7) 70 (1.1)	99 (0.2) 96 (0.3)	93 (0.6) 85 (0.9)
South Africa	88 (0.6)	85 (1.1)	90 (0.6)	72 (1.1)	85 (0.9)
Thailand	94 (0.4)	95 (0.4)	96 (0.3)	93 (0.4)	95 (0.4)
Tunisia	91 (0.7)	88 (0.6)	91 (0.6)	81 (0.7)	88 (0.5)
Turkey	93 (0.3)	93 (0.4)	94 (0.3)	77 (0.8)	85 (0.7)
United States	79 (0.8)	72 (0.8)	76 (1.0)	98 (0.2)	86 (0.5)
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International Avg.	86 (0.1)	77 (0.2)	86 (0.1)	92 (0.1)	85 (0.1)







[‡] Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.

⁽⁾ Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate.

Why Students Need to Do Well in Mathematics



	Percentage of Students Reporting									
	То G	et Desired J	ob	То	Please Parer	its		o Desired S ol or Unive		
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	
Australia	37 (1.2)	42 (1.0)	21 (1.0)	24 (1.0)	48 (1.0)	29 (1.0)	36 (1.2)	44 (1.0)	20 (1.0)	
Belgium (Flemish)	18 (1.2)	40 (1.4)	42 (1.1)	15 (0.6)	52 (1.2)	33 (1.1)	24 (0.8)	46 (1.3)	30 (1.2)	
Bulgaria	45 (1.2)	39 (1.1)	16 (1.0)	25 (1.1)	36 (1.3)	40 (1.3)	50 (1.4)	36 (1.3)	14 (0.9)	
Canada	43 (1.1)	40 (0.9)	17 (0.6)	25 (0.5)	46 (0.6)	30 (0.6)	57 (0.8)	36 (0.6)	7 (0.5)	
Chile	52 (1.0)	33 (0.8)	15 (0.6)	38 (0.9)	35 (0.7)	27 (1.0)	66 (0.9)	26 (0.8)	7 (0.5)	
Chinese Taipei	27 (0.7)	50 (0.8)	23 (0.9)	29 (0.8)	50 (0.6)	20 (0.7)	42 (0.9)	46 (0.7)	11 (0.5)	
Cyprus	55 (1.2)	33 (1.1)	12 (0.6)	29 (0.9)	37 (0.8)	35 (0.9)	53 (1.1)	32 (1.0)	16 (0.7)	
Czech Republic	32 (1.2)	48 (1.2)	20 (1.0)	22 (1.1)	56 (1.0)	22 (1.0)	46 (1.3)	39 (1.0)	15 (0.9)	
England	36 (1.2)	41 (1.0)	23 (1.0)	21 (1.0)	41 (0.9)	38 (1.0)	43 (1.3)	42 (1.1)	15 (0.9)	
Finland	22 (1.1)	46 (1.0)	32 (1.3)	8 (0.6)	35 (1.1)	57 (1.1)	25 (1.0)	56 (1.0)	19 (0.9)	
Hong Kong, SAR	28 (0.8)	53 (0.8)	19 (0.6)	26 (0.7)	55 (0.7)	19 (0.7)	29 (0.8)	49 (0.8)	22 (0.8)	
Hungary	25 (0.9)	58 (1.0)	16 (0.8)	8 (0.5)	45 (1.0)	47 (1.1)	33 (1.0)	49 (1.0)	18 (1.0)	
Indonesia	46 (0.9)	50 (0.8)	4 (0.3)	45 (0.9)	50 (0.8)	5 (0.4)	46 (0.9)	49 (0.7)	5 (0.3)	
Iran, Islamic Rep. Israel	50 (1.3)	35 (0.8) 31 (0.9)	15 (0.8)	60 (1.1) 37 (1.0)	34 (1.0)	6 (0.4)	59 (1.3) 66 (1.2)	32 (1.1) 27 (1.0)	9 (0.7)	
	51 (1.3)		18 (0.8)		35 (1.0) 51 (1.0)	29 (0.8)			7 (0.5)	
Italy Japan	30 (0.7) 12 (0.5)	45 (1.0) 39 (0.7)	24 (0.8) 49 (1.0)	27 (1.0) 6 (0.4)	51 (1.0) 25 (0.7)	22 (0.9) 69 (0.8)	33 (0.7) 34 (0.8)	46 (1.0) 54 (0.7)	20 (0.9) 11 (0.7)	
Jordan	60 (0.8)	30 (0.8)	10 (0.5)	59 (1.0)	30 (0.9)	11 (0.7)	69 (0.9)	23 (0.7)	7 (0.6)	
Korea, Rep. of	10 (0.5)	34 (0.6)	56 (0.7)	12 (0.5)	50 (0.7)	38 (0.7)	31 (0.7)	54 (0.7)	15 (0.5)	
Latvia (LSS)	36 (1.2)	50 (1.3)	14 (0.8)	21 (0.9)	52 (1.1)	27 (1.2)	47 (1.2)	46 (1.1)	7 (0.5)	
Lithuania ‡	43 (1.3)	46 (1.3)	11 (0.9)	10 (0.7)	28 (1.2)	62 (1.2)	44 (1.3)	44 (1.3)	12 (0.9)	
Macedonia, Rep. of	41 (1.1)	40 (1.0)	19 (0.8)	35 (1.1)	34 (0.9)	31 (1.2)	53 (1.0)	37 (0.9)	9 (0.5)	
Malaysia	61 (1.0)	34 (0.9)	5 (0.3)	59 (1.2)	35 (0.9)	7 (0.6)	64 (1.1)	32 (1.0)	4 (0.4)	
Moldova	40 (1.1)	46 (1.1)	14 (0.8)	31 (1.2)	47 (1.0)	23 (1.2)	39 (1.1)	47 (0.9)	15 (0.8)	
Morocco	r 59 (0.9)	32 (0.9)	10 (0.6)	r 61 (0.8)	31 (0.7)	8 (0.6)	r 58 (0.9)	33 (0.8)	9 (0.7)	
Netherlands	18 (1.2)	37 (0.9)	45 (1.3)	7 (0.8)	36 (1.2)	57 (1.3)	20 (1.2)	45 (1.1)	35 (1.6)	
New Zealand	41 (1.1)	43 (0.9)	17 (0.8)	24 (1.0)	46 (0.9)	31 (0.9)	39 (1.0)	45 (1.0)	16 (0.9)	
Philippines	44 (1.1)	44 (0.8)	11 (0.7)	34 (0.8)	48 (0.7)	19 (0.7)	47 (1.0)	41 (0.8)	12 (0.7)	
Romania	40 (1.3)	48 (1.2)	12 (0.8)	34 (1.3)	49 (1.1)	17 (1.4)	45 (1.3)	43 (1.1)	12 (0.8)	
Russian Federation	42 (1.1)	42 (1.0)	16 (0.8)	20 (0.7)	40 (1.0)	39 (1.3)	40 (1.0)	48 (1.0)	12 (0.6)	
Singapore	40 (1.0)	46 (0.8)	13 (0.6)	26 (0.8)	46 (0.6)	28 (0.8)	54 (1.1)	41 (1.0)	5 (0.4)	
Slovak Republic	31 (1.1)	53 (1.1)	17 (1.0)	13 (0.8)	47 (1.3)	40 (1.6)	49 (1.1)	45 (0.9)	6 (0.5)	
Slovenia	25 (1.0)	52 (1.0)	24 (1.0)	6 (0.6)	26 (0.9)	67 (1.1)	35 (1.0)	54 (1.0)	11 (0.6)	
South Africa	58 (0.9)	29 (0.6)	13 (0.7)	43 (1.0)	35 (1.0)	22 (0.8)	57 (1.0)	28 (0.7)	15 (0.6)	
Thailand Tunisia	43 (0.9) 51 (1.0)	52 (0.9)	5 (0.4)	50 (0.9)	47 (0.9)	3 (0.3)	54 (1.0)	42 (0.9)	4 (0.3)	
Turkey	43 (0.8)	33 (0.9) 44 (0.7)	16 (0.6) 13 (0.6)	36 (0.9) 36 (0.9)	42 (0.7) 42 (0.8)	22 (0.8) 22 (0.8)	51 (0.9) 55 (0.8)	34 (0.7) 38 (0.7)	15 (0.6) 8 (0.3)	
United States	43 (0.8)	44 (0.7)	18 (0.6)	36 (0.9)	42 (0.8) 47 (0.7)	19 (0.6)	58 (1.2)	36 (1.0)	6 (0.3)	
International Avg.	39 (0.2)	42 (0.2)	19 (0.1)	29 (0.1)	42 (0.1)	30 (0.2)	46 (0.2)	41 (0.2)	13 (0.1)	

Background data provided by students.

[‡] Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.

^() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate.

Students' Daily Out-of-School Study Time



Mathematics Science Other School Subjects Total The Subjects The Subjects Total Three Subjects Mathematics, Science, and Other		Aver		it Each Day Stud Iomework ¹	dying	Percentage of Students Reporting
Belgium (Flemish) 1.1 (0.03) 0.8 (0.03) 1.4 (0.04) 2.9 (0.05) 86 (1.2) Bulgaria 1.1 (0.04) 1.1 (0.03) 1.3 (0.04) 3.0 (0.06) 74 (1.9) Canada 0.8 (0.02) 0.6 (0.01) 1.0 (0.02) 2.2 (0.04) 78 (1.0) Chile 0.9 (0.02) 0.9 (0.02) 1.2 (0.03) 2.4 (0.04) 75 (1.0) Chinese Taipei 0.7 (0.02) 0.6 (0.02) 1.0 (0.02) 2.0 (0.05) 55 (1.3) Cyprus 1.1 (0.03) 0.7 (0.02) 1.5 (0.03) 2.8 (0.04) 79 (0.8) Czech Republic 0.7 (0.02) 0.6 (0.02) 0.7 (0.02) 1.9 (0.04) 74 (1.4) England Finland 0.6 (0.01) 0.5 (0.01) 0.7 (0.02) 1.8 (0.02) 90 (0.8) Hong Kong, SAR 0.7 (0.02) 0.5 (0.01) 0.7 (0.02) 1.6 (0.04) 53 (1.3) Hungary 0.8 (0.02) 1.1 (0.02) 1.2 (0.03) 2.8 (0.04) 90 (0.8) Iran, Islam		Mathematics	Science		Total	Three Subjects: Mathematics, Science,
Iran, Islamic Rep. 1.9 (0.03) 1.6 (0.03) 2.0 (0.04) r 4.0 (0.05) 92 (0.5)	Belgium (Flemish) Bulgaria Canada Chile Chinese Taipei Cyprus Czech Republic England Finland Hong Kong, SAR	1.1 (0.03) 1.1 (0.04) 0.8 (0.02) 0.9 (0.02) 0.7 (0.02) 1.1 (0.03) 0.7 (0.02) 0.6 (0.01) 0.7 (0.02)	0.8 (0.03) 1.1 (0.03) 0.6 (0.01) 0.9 (0.02) 0.6 (0.02) 0.7 (0.02) 0.6 (0.02) 0.5 (0.01) 0.5 (0.01)	1.4 (0.04) 1.3 (0.04) 1.0 (0.02) 1.2 (0.03) 1.0 (0.02) 1.5 (0.03) 0.7 (0.02) 0.7 (0.01) 0.7 (0.02)	2.9 (0.05) 3.0 (0.06) 2.2 (0.04) 2.4 (0.04) 2.0 (0.05) 2.8 (0.04) 1.9 (0.04) 1.8 (0.02) 1.6 (0.04)	86 (1.2) 74 (1.9) 78 (1.0) 75 (1.0) 55 (1.3) 79 (0.8) 74 (1.4) — 90 (0.8) 53 (1.3)
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International Avg. 1.1 (0.00) 1.0 (0.00) 1.3 (0.01) 2.8 (0.01) 80 (0.2)	Slovak Republic Slovenia South Africa Thailand Tunisia Turkey United States	0.8 (0.02) 0.8 (0.02) 1.8 (0.04) 1.1 (0.02) 1.8 (0.03) 1.2 (0.02) 0.8 (0.02)	0.8 (0.02) 0.9 (0.02) 1.5 (0.05) 1.0 (0.02) 1.2 (0.03) 1.2 (0.02) 0.6 (0.01)	0.9 (0.02) 0.9 (0.02) 2.0 (0.06) 1.2 (0.02) 2.1 (0.03) 1.9 (0.03) 0.9 (0.02)	2.3 (0.03) 2.5 (0.03) r 3.1 (0.06) 2.9 (0.04) r 3.6 (0.04) 3.5 (0.05) 2.1 (0.04)	90 (0.8) 88 (0.8) 85 (1.0) 71 (1.9) 88 (0.6) 82 (0.8) 90 (0.7) 72 (1.6)

Background data provided by students.

A dash (-) indicates data are not available.

An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate. An "s" indicates a 50-69% student response rate.



¹ Average hours based on: No time=0; less than 1 hour=.5; 1-2 hours=1.5; 3-5 hours=4; more than

 $^{^{\}ddagger}$ Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.

⁽⁾ Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

Trends in Students' Daily Out-of-School Study Time



	Studyin Mathema	Any Time g All Three tics, Science, er Subjects	Hours Stu	At Least 3 dying Across bjects		lour or More Mathematics
	Percent of Students 1999	1995 - 1999 Difference	Percent of Students 1999	1995 - 1999 Difference	Percent of Students 1999	1995 - 1999 Difference
Australia	74 (1.6)	4 (2.1)	17 (0.9)	1 (1.1)	22 (1.0)	1 (1.4)
Belgium (Flemish)	85 (1.2)	-3 (1.5)	41 (1.3)	-1 (2.0)	47 (1.2)	1 (2.0)
Canada	78 (1.0)	7 (2.0)	24 (0.8)	4 (1.3)	28 (1.0)	4 (1.5)
Cyprus	79 (0.8)	4 (1.2)	35 (1.1)	-5 (1.4) ▼	40 (1.1)	-7 (1.4) ▼
Czech Republic	74 (1.4)	5 (2.2)	16 (1.1)	3 (1.3)	20 (1.1)	4 (1.5)
England						
Hong Kong, SAR	53 (1.3)	-17 (2.1) ▼	16 (0.8)	-12 (1.4) ▼	24 (1.1)	-10 (1.6) ▼
Hungary	90 (0.8)	2 (1.1)	40 (1.3)	2 (1.9)	25 (1.1)	-3 (1.6)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	92 (0.5)	r -3 (0.7) ▼	69 (1.1)	s -4 (1.9)	75 (1.0)	-3 (1.5)
Israel †	80 (0.9)	4 (1.7)	33 (1.7)	2 (2.5)	44 (1.5)	3 (2.9)
Italy	92 (0.8)	0 (1.2)	60 (1.6)	0 (2.2)	57 (1.6)	-1 (2.4)
Japan	59 (1.4)	-13 (1.9) ▼	17 (0.9)	-10 (1.3) ▼	20 (0.9)	-10 (1.3) ▼
Korea, Rep. of	50 (0.9)	-15 (1.6) ▼	16 (0.7)	-11 (1.4) ▼	21 (0.9)	-12 (1.5) ▼
Latvia (LSS)	89 (0.7)	9 (1.6)	40 (1.2)	13 (1.6)	40 (1.3)	8 (1.8)
Lithuania	89 (1.0)	7 (1.5)	35 (1.2)	10 (1.8)	29 (1.3)	5 (1.7)
Netherlands	89 (1.1)	-1 (1.6)	19 (1.4)	3 (1.6)	14 (1.5)	3 (1.8)
New Zealand	76 (1.3)	0 (1.8)	17 (1.0)	1 (1.3)	20 (1.2)	2 (1.5)
Romania	76 (1.2)	1 (1.8)	55 (1.6)	r 4 (2.2)	66 (1.8)	3 (2.6)
Russian Federation	89 (0.7)	4 (1.1)	48 (1.3)	13 (1.9)	45 (1.5)	10 (1.9)
Singapore	90 (0.8)	-2 (1.0)	59 (1.2)	-18 (1.5) ▼	61 (1.1)	-16 (1.5) ▼
Slovak Republic	88 (0.8)	4 (1.3)	24 (0.9)	2 (1.3)	23 (0.9)	4 (1.4)
Slovenia	85 (1.0)	-1 (1.3)	32 (1.0)	-3 (1.4)	29 (1.0)	-6 (1.5) ▼
Thailand †	88 (0.6)	-3 (1.0)	45 (1.2)	-6 (2.0) ▼	49 (1.2)	-6 (2.2)
United States	72 (1.6)	1 (2.1)	22 (0.8)	0 (1.1)	27 (1.1)	0 (1.5)
International Avg. §	79 (0.2)	0 (0.4)	33 (0.2)	0 (0.4)	35 (0.3)	-1 (0.4)

▲ 1999 significantly higher than 1995

No significant difference between 1995 and 1999

▼ 1999 significantly lower than 1995

Significance tests adjusted for multiple comparisons

Background data provided by students.

Trend notes: Because coverage fell below 65% in 1995 and 1999, Latvia is annotated LSS for Latvian Speaking Schools only. Lithuania tested later in 1999 than in 1995, at the beginning of the next school year. In 1995, Italy and Israel were unable to cover their International Desired Population; 1999 data are based on their comparable populations. Background data for Bulgaria and South Africa are unavailable for 1995.

A dash (-) indicates data are not available.

An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate, based on the lower response rate in either 1995 or 1999. An "s" indicates a 50-69% student response rate, based on the lower response rate in either 1995 or 1999.

 $^{^{\}dagger}$ $\,$ Countries with unapproved sampling procedures at the classroom level in 1995.

[§] International average is for countries that participated and met sampling guidelines in both 1995 and 1999.

 ^() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

- * Activities are not necessarily exclusive; students may have reported engaging in more than one activity at the same time.
- 1 Average hours based on: No time=0; less than 1 hour=.5; 1-2 hours=1.5; 3-5 hours=4; more than 5 hours=7.
- ‡ Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.
- () Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.
- An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate.





Students' Reports That Mathematics Is Not One of Their Strengths



	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		Average ¹
	Percent of Students	Average Achievement							
Australia	18 (1.1)	573 (5.8)	36 (1.0)	546 (5.3)	28 (0.9)	499 (5.2)	17 (0.8)	478 (5.4)	2.4 (0.03)
Belgium (Flemish)	17 (0.8)	598 (5.4)	30 (0.9)	580 (4.8)	31 (1.0)	540 (4.5)	21 (0.9)	526 (3.8)	2.6 (0.02)
Bulgaria	18 (1.9)	560 (10.6)	26 (1.2)	541 (6.3)	30 (1.4)	494 (4.9)	25 (1.5)	476 (5.1)	2.6 (0.05)
Canada	26 (1.2)	577 (3.2)	31 (0.7)	542 (3.0)	26 (1.0)	502 (4.7)	17 (0.8)	485 (3.4)	2.3 (0.03)
Chile	15 (0.6)	444 (8.7)	27 (0.7)	408 (4.7)	35 (0.7)	382 (4.7)	23 (0.7)	367 (5.5)	2.7 (0.02)
Chinese Taipei	16 (0.6)	646 (6.1)	28 (0.7)	623 (4.3)	34 (0.7)	564 (4.5)	23 (0.7)	533 (3.9)	2.6 (0.02)
Cyprus	23 (1.0)	525 (4.3)	34 (0.8)	492 (2.8)	27 (0.9)	445 (2.9)	16 (0.6)	438 (4.3)	2.4 (0.02)
Czech Republic	12 (0.9)	567 (6.9)	35 (1.2)	541 (5.0)	36 (1.1)	500 (4.7)	16 (0.9)	486 (5.8)	2.6 (0.03)
England Finland	19 (0.9) 17 (0.8)	539 (6.9) 570 (4.4)	40 (1.2) 34 (1.0)	512 (4.5) 543 (3.8)	28 (1.2) 31 (1.1)	471 (4.8) 498 (2.6)	13 (0.8) 18 (1.0)	458 (6.3) 474 (3.7)	2.4 (0.02) 2.5 (0.03)
Hong Kong, SAR	11 (0.5)	619 (5.5)	31 (0.8)	606 (3.9)	39 (0.7)	573 (4.4)	20 (0.8)	549 (5.0)	2.7 (0.02)
Hungary	15 (0.7)	598 (5.7)	34 (1.1)	552 (4.7)	40 (1.1)	503 (3.7)	11 (0.7)	493 (5.9)	2.5 (0.02)
Indonesia	6 (0.4)	411 (10.6)	31 (0.8)	418 (5.2)	53 (1.0)	404 (4.6)	10 (0.5)	359 (10.7)	2.7 (0.01)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	26 (1.0)	459 (4.6)	35 (0.7)	426 (3.3)	25 (0.9)	404 (4.5)	14 (0.6)	397 (5.2)	2.3 (0.02)
Israel	29 (1.0)	508 (4.2)	32 (0.8)	483 (4.5)	25 (0.8)	438 (4.0)	14 (0.7)	418 (6.3)	2.2 (0.02)
Italy	22 (0.9)	529 (5.6)	32 (0.9)	495 (3.6)	27 (0.8)	456 (4.9)	18 (0.9)	435 (5.0)	2.4 (0.02)
Japan	12 (0.5)	602 (4.9)	29 (0.7)	598 (2.7)	38 (0.6)	576 (2.7)	21 (0.7)	545 (3.3)	2.7 (0.02)
Jordan	27 (1.1)	491 (5.4)	29 (0.9)	446 (4.3)	26 (0.9)	401 (4.3)	17 (0.8)	386 (4.8)	2.3 (0.03)
Korea, Rep. of Latvia (LSS)	10 (0.5) 10 (0.7)	648 (3.9) 572 (6.2)	33 (0.7) 28 (1.1)	621 (3.0) 534 (4.9)	41 (0.8) 41 (1.0)	564 (2.7) 487 (3.8)	15 (0.5) 20 (0.9)	536 (3.6) 470 (4.3)	2.6 (0.02) 2.7 (0.02)
Lithuania ‡	11 (0.8)	536 (7.0)	35 (1.4)	508 (5.1)	42 (1.4)	461 (3.9)	12 (0.9)	436 (6.6)	2.6 (0.03)
Macedonia, Rep. of	13 (0.6)	501 (7.2)	27 (0.9)	474 (5.3)	37 (1.0)	441 (5.4)	24 (1.1)	423 (4.9)	2.7 (0.02)
Malaysia	23 (0.9)	544 (5.4)	45 (0.9)	525 (4.6)	27 (1.0)	497 (5.1)	5 (0.3)	481 (6.6)	2.1 (0.02)
Moldova	17 (1.0)	506 (6.0)	44 (1.2)	477 (4.6)	29 (1.0)	455 (5.5)	10 (0.7)	440 (6.9)	2.3 (0.02)
Morocco r	18 (0.7)	378 (6.1)	32 (1.2)	350 (5.9)	28 (0.9)	324 (4.2)	22 (0.7)	320 (6.0)	2.5 (0.02)
Netherlands	16 (0.8)	570 (7.4)	28 (1.4)	557 (7.9)	36 (1.5)	529 (8.2)	20 (1.0)	515 (9.2)	2.6 (0.03)
New Zealand	16 (0.8)	548 (6.7)	36 (1.1)	518 (5.4)	32 (0.9)	466 (4.7)	15 (0.8)	436 (5.1)	2.5 (0.03)
Philippines	14 (0.5)	374 (9.6)	37 (1.1)	368 (6.9)	31 (0.8)	337 (5.7)	17 (0.8)	309 (6.1)	2.5 (0.02)
Romania	11 (0.7)	517 (6.2)	26 (1.1)	498 (6.5)	44 (1.3)	466 (6.3)	19 (1.0)	450 (7.1)	2.7 (0.02)
Russian Federation	21 (0.9)	580 (5.8)	40 (0.9)	538 (5.6)	30 (1.2)	501 (7.3)	9 (0.6)	471 (10.0)	2.3 (0.03)
Singapore Slovak Republic	16 (0.7) 12 (0.7)	631 (7.3) 586 (7.8)	37 (0.7) 34 (1.1)	614 (6.1) 554 (4.4)	33 (0.8) 40 (1.2)	593 (6.4) 516 (3.9)	13 (0.6) 14 (0.8)	575 (6.9) 498 (5.6)	2.4 (0.02) 2.6 (0.02)
Slovenia	24 (0.8)	583 (4.4)	40 (1.1)	542 (3.4)	24 (0.9)	490 (3.8)	12 (0.8)	471 (5.7)	2.0 (0.02)
South Africa	18 (0.6)	313 (8.5)	26 (1.0)	295 (12.4)	31 (0.8)	264 (6.8)	26 (0.9)	247 (5.2)	2.6 (0.02)
Thailand	7 (0.4)	515 (8.5)	34 (0.9)	490 (5.2)	46 (0.9)	454 (5.3)	13 (0.5)	435 (7.5)	2.6 (0.02)
Tunisia	25 (0.8)	476 (3.7)	31 (0.8)	452 (3.7)	25 (0.7)	432 (5.0)	19 (0.6)	428 (3.5)	2.4 (0.02)
Turkey	13 (0.5)	468 (5.9)	36 (0.8)	446 (4.8)	36 (0.8)	425 (3.8)	15 (0.6)	397 (6.4)	2.5 (0.02)
United States	26 (0.8)	547 (4.6)	33 (0.6)	517 (4.5)	24 (0.6)	478 (4.4)	18 (0.7)	455 (4.3)	2.3 (0.02)
International Avg.	17 (0.1)	532 (1.0)	33 (0.2)	506 (0.8)	33 (0.2)	469 (0.8)	17 (0.1)	450 (0.9)	2.5 (0.00)

¹ Average scale value based on: Strongly disagree=4; disagree=3; agree=2; strongly agree=1.

[‡] Lithuania tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 1999, at the beginning of the next school year.

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An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate.

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SOURCE: IEA Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1998-1999.

	Like a Lot		Like		Dislike		Dislike a Lot		Average ¹
	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	
Australia	17 (0.9)	552 (6.6)	51 (1.0)	528 (5.4)	23 (1.0)	512 (6.7)	10 (0.7)	496 (6.5)	2.7 (0.03)
Belgium (Flemish)	20 (0.9)	598 (5.1)	46 (1.3)	562 (4.2)	24 (1.3)	537 (6.8)	10 (0.7)	518 (5.1)	2.8 (0.02)
Bulgaria	22 (1.9)	540 (12.0)	46 (1.3)	520 (5.3)	23 (1.3)	491 (5.3)	9 (1.1)	475 (7.7)	2.8 (0.04)
Canada	24 (1.0)	561 (3.8)	49 (1.6)	531 (2.6)	18 (0.8)	513 (4.8)	9 (0.5)	486 (4.6)	2.9 (0.02)
Chile	26 (1.0)	416 (6.6)	47 (0.7)	392 (4.5)	20 (0.8)	378 (4.5)	6 (0.4)	364 (9.2)	2.9 (0.02)
Chinese Taipei	15 (0.7)	654 (5.3)	41 (0.8)	617 (3.5)	33 (0.8)	546 (5.2)	12 (0.6)	502 (5.3)	2.6 (0.02)
Cyprus	30 (1.0)	513 (3.3)	47 (1.1)	472 (2.8)	15 (0.8)	452 (4.9)	8 (0.6)	426 (5.4)	3.0 (0.02)
Czech Republic	11 (0.9)	580 (7.9)	44 (1.5)	530 (4.5)	34 (1.7)	498 (5.6)	11 (0.8)	489 (7.6)	2.5 (0.03)
England	23 (1.1)	514 (6.8)	54 (1.1)	497 (4.3)	16 (0.9)	487 (5.5)	6 (0.5)	470 (8.7)	3.0 (0.02)
Finland	17 (1.1)	558 (4.1)	47 (1.4)	522 (3.6)	27 (1.2)	508 (3.5)	9 (1.0)	480 (6.8)	2.7 (0.03)
Hong Kong, SAR	22 (0.7)	610 (4.7)	53 (0.7)	587 (4.0)	20 (0.8)	558 (4.7)	5 (0.4)	521 (7.3)	2.9 (0.02)
Hungary	14 (0.7)	592 (7.6)	48 (1.3)	537 (4.1)	30 (1.2)	506 (4.1)	8 (0.7)	501 (7.2)	2.7 (0.02)
Indonesia	22 (1.2)	418 (6.9)	70 (1.0)	403 (4.9)	8 (0.7)	377 (8.0)	1 (0.1)	~ ~	3.1 (0.02)
Iran, Islamic Rep.	35 (1.1)	447 (5.4)	49 (0.9)	416 (3.1)	10 (0.5)	394 (7.5)	6 (0.5)	389 (7.1)	3.1 (0.02)
Israel	29 (1.2)	469 (7.7)	45 (0.9)	476 (4.3)	17 (0.9)	472 (5.7)	8 (0.5)	429 (6.3)	3.0 (0.03)
Italy	30 (1.0)	517 (4.6)	38 (1.1)	482 (4.3)	22 (0.8)	446 (5.1)	10 (0.7)	433 (5.8)	2.9 (0.02)
Japan	9 (0.5)	631 (5.7)	39 (0.9)	600 (2.2)	38 (1.0)	563 (2.5)	14 (0.6)	530 (4.1)	2.4 (0.02)
Jordan	41 (1.4)	451 (5.8)	41 (0.9)	425 (3.4)	11 (0.7)	403 (5.6)	7 (0.6)	411 (6.7)	3.2 (0.03)
Korea, Rep. of	12 (0.5)	647 (4.2)	42 (0.8)	608 (2.4)	38 (0.7)	557 (2.7)	8 (0.4)	536 (3.8)	2.6 (0.02)
Latvia (LSS)	11 (0.7)	549 (6.7)	50 (1.3)	513 (4.1)	32 (1.3)	486 (4.5)	7 (0.6)	472 (7.5)	2.6 (0.02)
Lithuania [†] Macedonia, Rep. of Malaysia Moldova Morocco r	16 (1.1)	527 (7.6)	55 (1.3)	483 (4.5)	24 (1.2)	458 (5.2)	4 (0.5)	446 (12.1)	2.8 (0.02)
	30 (1.0)	460 (6.3)	51 (1.0)	451 (4.2)	14 (0.8)	440 (6.2)	5 (0.4)	446 (10.8)	3.1 (0.02)
	42 (1.0)	540 (4.7)	53 (1.0)	505 (4.5)	4 (0.2)	486 (6.1)	1 (0.1)	~ ~	3.4 (0.01)
	26 (1.0)	455 (5.1)	17 (0.8)	453 (5.7)	53 (1.4)	486 (4.4)	4 (0.6)	485 (13.1)	2.6 (0.02)
	54 (0.9)	352 (3.9)	33 (0.7)	335 (6.6)	9 (0.6)	307 (8.2)	3 (0.3)	308 (17.7)	3.4 (0.01)
Netherlands									
New Zealand	20 (1.0)	516 (7.5)	53 (0.9)	496 (5.0)	20 (0.8)	478 (6.6)	8 (0.6)	441 (7.8)	2.8 (0.02)
Philippines	32 (1.0)	358 (8.0)	59 (1.0)	348 (5.9)	7 (0.5)	313 (10.7)	2 (0.2)	~ ~	3.2 (0.01)
Romania	19 (0.8)	513 (7.4)	50 (0.9)	483 (6.1)	25 (1.0)	445 (6.7)	6 (0.7)	435 (10.9)	2.8 (0.02)
Russian Federation	22 (1.0)	562 (5.5)	56 (0.8)	529 (5.8)	19 (0.9)	498 (8.1)	3 (0.3)	460 (13.3)	3.0 (0.02)
Singapore Slovak Republic Slovenia South Africa Thailand	30 (1.0) 16 (1.0) 12 (0.7) 53 (1.0) 13 (0.7)	626 (6.6) 584 (5.7) 585 (6.4) 275 (6.5) 518 (6.2)	49 (0.8) 54 (1.2) 48 (1.6) 35 (0.9) 66 (0.8)	602 (6.4) 536 (4.0) 536 (3.2) 276 (9.2) 467 (5.1)	14 (0.6) 24 (1.2) 29 (1.1) 8 (0.4) 18 (0.9)	583 (7.3) 507 (5.2) 513 (3.7) 288 (11.3) 441 (6.0)	6 (0.4) 6 (0.6) 11 (0.8) 5 (0.3) 2 (0.2)	564 (7.5) 492 (8.3) 496 (6.7) 268 (16.6)	3.0 (0.02) 2.8 (0.03) 2.6 (0.02) 3.4 (0.02) 2.9 (0.02)
Tunisia	31 (0.9)	472 (3.5)	46 (0.8)	448 (3.1)	15 (0.6)	423 (4.0)	9 (0.5)	412 (3.1)	3.0 (0.02)
Turkey	27 (1.0)	460 (6.1)	50 (0.8)	428 (4.1)	17 (0.8)	409 (5.4)	7 (0.4)	393 (8.0)	3.0 (0.02)
United States	23 (0.9)	527 (4.5)	46 (0.6)	505 (4.0)	19 (0.7)	496 (4.5)	12 (0.7)	465 (5.6)	2.8 (0.02)
International Avg.	24 (0.2)	518 (0.9)	48 (0.2)	489 (0.8)	21 (0.2)	466 (1.0)	7 (0.1)	456 (1.4)	2.9 (0.00)

Background date provided by students.

A dash (–) indicates data are not available. A tilde (~) indicates insufficient data to report achievement. An "r" indicates a 70-84% student response rate.

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