

International Achievement in Reading

Russian Federation **581** Singapore **576**
 Hong Kong SAR **569** Ireland **567** Finland **566**
 Poland **565** Northern Ireland **565**
 Norway (5) **559** Chinese Taipei **559** England **559**
 Latvia **558** Sweden **555** Hungary **554**
 Bulgaria **552** United States **549** Lithuania **548**
 Italy **548** Denmark **547** Macao SAR **546** Netherlands **545**
 Australia **544** Czech Republic **543** Canada **543**
 Slovenia **542** Austria **541** Germany **537** Kazakhstan **536**
 Slovak Republic **535** Israel **530** Portugal **528** Spain **528**
 Belgium (Fl) **525** New Zealand **523** France **511** Belgium (Fr) **497**
 Chile **494** Georgia **488** Trinidad and Tobago **479** Azerbaijan **472**
 Malta **452** United Arab Emirates **450** Bahrain **446** Qatar **442**
 Saudi Arabia **430** Iran, Islamic Rep. of **428** Oman **418**
 Kuwait **393** Morocco **358** Egypt **330** South Africa **320**

Fourth grade students in the Russian Federation and Singapore had the highest average reading achievement, followed by Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Finland, Poland, and Northern Ireland.



Trends at Fourth Grade Show Increases in Achievement Around the World

Trends 2011-2016: 40 Countries

18 Countries Higher Average Achievement



Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Chinese Taipei, England, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Morocco, Norway (4), Oman, Qatar, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates

12 Countries Same Average Achievement



Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Trinidad and Tobago

10 Countries Lower Average Achievement



Belgium (French), Canada, Denmark, France, Iran, Islamic Rep. of, Israel, Malta, New Zealand, Portugal, United States

Trends 2001-2016: 20 Countries

11 Countries Higher Average Achievement



Czech Republic, Hong Kong SAR, Hungary, Iran, Islamic Rep. of, Italy, Latvia, Norway (4), Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia

7 Countries Same Average Achievement



Bulgaria, England, Germany, Lithuania, New Zealand, Sweden, United States

2 Countries Lower Average Achievement



France, Netherlands

Girls Had Higher Reading Achievement in More Countries Than Boys

Of the 50 PIRLS 2016 Countries:

- Girls had higher achievement in **48** countries, with an average difference of **19** points.
- **2** countries had no difference between boys and girls in average reading achievement.