

Appendix table 1-12
Average science score of eighth grade students, by country: 2003

Country	Score
International average	473
Singapore	578
Chinese Taipei	571
Souh Korea	558
Hong Kong, China	556
Estonia	552
Japan	552
Hungary	543
Netherlands	536
United States	527
Australia	527
Sweden	524
Slovenia	520
New Zealand	520
Lithuania	519
Slovak Republic	517
Belgium	516
Russian Federation	514
Latvia	512
Scotland	512
Malaysia	510
Norway	494
Italy	491
Israel	488
Bulgaria	479
Jordan	475
Moldova	472
Romania	470
Serbia	468
Armenia	461
Iran	453
Macedonia	449
Cyprus	441
Bahrain	438
Palestinian National Authority	435
Egypt	421
Indonesia	420
Chile	413
Tunisia	404
Saudi Arabia	398
Morocco	396
Lebanon	393
Philippines	377
Botswana	365
Ghana	255
South Africa	244
Average higher than U.S. average	
Average not measurably different from U.S. average	
Average lower than U.S. average	

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