# Highlights From TIMSS 2007: <br> Mathematics and Science Achievement of U.S. Fourthand Eighth-Grade Students in an International Context 

Standard Error Tables

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Table E-1. Standard errors for average mathematics scores of fourth-grade students, by country: 1995 and 2007

| Country | 1995 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 557 | 4.0 | 607 | 3.6 |
| Singapore | 590 | 4.5 | 599 | 3.7 |
| Chinese Taipei | - | $\dagger$ | 576 | 1.7 |
| Japan | 567 | 1.9 | 568 | 2.1 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | - | $\dagger$ | 549 | 7.1 |
| Russian Federation | - | $\dagger$ | 544 | 4.9 |
| England | 484 | 3.3 | 541 | 2.9 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 499 | 4.6 | 537 | 2.3 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{3}$ | 549 | 3.0 | 535 | 2.1 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | - | $\dagger$ | 530 | 2.4 |
| United States ${ }^{4,5}$ | 518 | 3.0 | 529 | 2.4 |
| Germany | - | $\dagger$ | 525 | 2.3 |
| Denmark ${ }^{4}$ | - | t | 523 | 2.4 |
| Australia | 495 | 3.4 | 516 | 3.5 |
| Hungary | 521 | 3.6 | 510 | 3.5 |
| Italy | - | $\dagger$ | 507 | 3.1 |
| Austria | 531 | 2.9 | 505 | 2.0 |
| Sweden | - | $\dagger$ | 503 | 2.5 |
| Slovenia | 462 | 3.1 | 502 | 1.8 |
| Armenia | - | $\dagger$ | 500 | 4.3 |
| Slovak Republic | - | $\dagger$ | 496 | 4.5 |
| Scotland ${ }^{4}$ | 493 | 4.2 | 494 | 2.2 |
| New Zealand | 469 | 4.4 | 492 | 2.3 |
| Czech Republic | 541 | 3.1 | 486 | 2.8 |
| Norway | 476 | 3.0 | 473 | 2.5 |
| Ukraine | - | $\dagger$ | 469 | 2.9 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | - | $\dagger$ | 438 | 4.2 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 387 | 5.0 | 402 | 4.1 |
| Algeria | - | $\dagger$ | 378 | 5.2 |
| Colombia | - | $\dagger$ | 355 | 5.0 |
| Morocco | - | $\dagger$ | 341 | 4.7 |
| El Salvador | - | $\dagger$ | 330 | 4.1 |
| Tunisia | - | $\dagger$ | 327 | 4.5 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | - | $t$ | 316 | 3.6 |
| Qatar | - | $t$ | 296 | 1.0 |
| Yemen | - | $\dagger$ | 224 | 6.0 |

- Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{2}$ In 2007, National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ In 2007, nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ In 2007, met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ In 2007, National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ In 2007, Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in the year, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 average score. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995 and 2007.

Table E-2. Standard errors for average mathematics scores of eighth-grade students, by country: 1995 and 2007

| Country | 1995 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |
| Chinese Taipei | - | $\dagger$ | 598 | 4.5 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 581 | 2.0 | 597 | 2.7 |
| Singapore | 609 | 4.0 | 593 | 3.8 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,2}$ | 569 | 6.1 | 572 | 5.8 |
| Japan | 581 | 1.6 | 570 | 2.4 |
| Hungary | 527 | 3.2 | 517 | 3.5 |
| England ${ }^{2}$ | 498 | 3.0 | 513 | 4.8 |
| Russian Federation | 524 | 5.3 | 512 | 4.1 |
| United States ${ }^{2,3}$ | 492 | 4.7 | 508 | 2.8 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 472 | 4.1 | 506 | 2.3 |
| Czech Republic | 546 | 4.5 | 504 | 2.4 |
| Slovenia | 494 | 2.9 | 501 | 2.1 |
| Armenia | - | $\dagger$ | 499 | 3.5 |
| Australia | 509 | 3.7 | 496 | 3.9 |
| Sweden | 540 | 4.3 | 491 | 2.3 |
| Malta | - | $\dagger$ | 488 | 1.2 |
| Scotland ${ }^{2}$ | 493 | 5.7 | 487 | 3.7 |
| Serbia ${ }^{3,4}$ | - | $t$ | 486 | 3.3 |
| Italy | - | $\dagger$ | 480 | 3.0 |
| Malaysia | - | $\dagger$ | 474 | 5.0 |
| Norway | 498 | 2.2 | 469 | 2.0 |
| Cyprus | 468 | 2.2 | 465 | 1.6 |
| Bulgaria | 527 | 5.8 | 464 | 5.0 |
| Israe ${ }^{5}$ | - | $\dagger$ | 463 | 3.9 |
| Ukraine | - | $t$ | 462 | 3.6 |
| Romania | 474 | 4.6 | 461 | 4.1 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | - | $\dagger$ | 456 | 2.7 |
| Lebanon | - | $t$ | 449 | 4.0 |
| Thailand | - | $\dagger$ | 441 | 5.0 |
| Turkey | - | $t$ | 432 | 4.8 |
| Jordan | - | $t$ | 427 | 4.1 |
| Tunisia | - | $t$ | 420 | 2.4 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | - | $t$ | 410 | 6.0 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 418 | 3.9 | 403 | 4.1 |
| Bahrain | - | $t$ | 398 | 1.6 |
| Indonesia | - | $t$ | 397 | 3.8 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | - | $t$ | 395 | 3.8 |
| Egypt | - | $\dagger$ | 391 | 3.6 |
| Algeria | - | $\dagger$ | 387 | 2.1 |
| Colombia | 332 | 5.6 | 380 | 3.6 |
| Oman | - | $\dagger$ | 372 | 3.4 |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | - | $\dagger$ | 367 | 3.5 |
| Botswana | - | $t$ | 364 | 2.3 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | - | $t$ | 354 | 2.3 |
| El Salvador | - | $t$ | 340 | 2.8 |
| Saudi Arabia | - | $t$ | 329 | 2.9 |
| Ghana | - | $t$ | 309 | 4.4 |
| Qatar | - | $t$ | 307 | 1.4 |

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${ }^{3}$ In 2007, National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ In 2007, National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ In 2007, National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ In 2007, Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in the year, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 average score. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995 and 2007.

Table E-3. Standard errors for average mathematics content and cognitive domain scores of fourthgrade students, by country: 2007

| Country | Content domain |  |  |  |  |  | Cognitive domain |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  | Geometric shapes and measures |  | Data display |  | Knowing |  | Applying |  | Reasoning |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | $500^{*}$ | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 | $500^{*}$ | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 606* | 3.8 | 599* | 3.1 | 585* | 2.7 | 599* | 3.4 | $617^{*}$ | 3.5 | 589* | 3.5 |
| Singapore | 611* | 4.3 | 570* | 3.7 | 583* | 3.2 | 590* | 3.7 | 620* | 4.0 | 578* | 3.8 |
| Chinese Taipei | 581* | 1.9 | 556* | 2.2 | $567 *$ | 2.0 | 569* | 1.7 | 584* | 1.7 | 566* | 1.9 |
| Japan | 561* | 2.2 | 566* | 2.2 | 578* | 2.8 | 566* | 2.0 | 565* | 2.1 | 563* | 2.1 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | 556* | 6.6 | $542^{*}$ | 7.4 | $522^{*}$ | 5.8 | 547* | 7.2 | 559* | 7.3 | 539* | 6.1 |
| Russian Federation | $546 *$ | 4.4 | $538{ }^{*}$ | 5.1 | 530* | 4.9 | $547 *$ | 4.8 | 538 | 4.5 | 540* | 4.8 |
| England | 531 | 3.2 | $548{ }^{*}$ | 2.7 | 547 | 2.5 | 540* | 3.1 | 544 | 3.6 | $537 *$ | 3.1 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 536* | 2.1 | 532* | 2.6 | 536* | 3.0 | 540* | 2.5 | 530* | 2.2 | 537* | 2.5 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{3}$ | 535* | 2.2 | 522 | 2.3 | 543 | 2.3 | $540 *$ | 2.0 | 525* | 2.2 | 534* | 2.4 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | $533 *$ | 2.3 | 518 | 2.4 | $530 *$ | 2.9 | 539* | 2.4 | 520* | 2.8 | 526 | 2.5 |
| United States ${ }^{4,5}$ | 524 | 2.7 | 522 | 2.5 | 543 | 2.4 | 524 | 2.6 | 541 | 2.6 | 523 | 2.2 |
| Germany | 521 | 2.2 | 528 | 2.0 | 534* | 3.1 | 531* | 2.2 | 514* | 2.0 | 528 | 2.5 |
| Denmark ${ }^{4}$ | 509* | 2.9 | 544* | 2.6 | 529* | 3.4 | 528 | 2.5 | 513* | 2.7 | 524 | 2.1 |
| Australia | 496* | 3.7 | 536* | 3.1 | 534* | 3.1 | 523 | 3.5 | 509* | 4.2 | 516 | 3.4 |
| Hungary | 510* | 3.7 | 510* | 3.3 | 504* | 3.5 | 507* | 3.5 | 511* | 3.4 | 509* | 3.8 |
| Italy | 505* | 3.2 | 509* | 3.0 | 506* | 3.4 | 501* | 2.9 | 514* | 3.2 | 509* | 3.1 |
| Austria | 502* | 2.2 | 509* | 2.4 | 508* | 2.6 | 507* | 1.8 | 505* | 2.0 | 506* | 2.1 |
| Sweden | 490* | 2.5 | 508* | 2.3 | 529* | 2.7 | 508* | 2.2 | 482* | 2.5 | 519 | 2.5 |
| Slovenia | 485* | 1.9 | 522 | 1.8 | 518* | 2.5 | 504* | 1.9 | 497* | 1.8 | 505* | 2.1 |
| Armenia | 522 | 4.0 | 483* | 4.7 | 458* | 4.3 | 493* | 4.1 | 518* | 4.8 | 489* | 4.7 |
| Slovak Republic | 495* | 3.9 | 499* | 4.3 | 492* | 4.2 | 498* | 4.0 | 492* | 3.9 | 499* | 4.0 |
| Scotland ${ }^{4}$ | 481* | 2.6 | 503* | 2.6 | 516* | 2.2 | 500* | 2.4 | 489* | 2.6 | 497* | 2.2 |
| New Zealand | 478* | 2.7 | 502* | 2.3 | $513 *$ | 2.6 | 495* | 2.3 | 482* | 2.5 | 503* | 2.8 |
| Czech Republic | 482* | 2.8 | 494* | 2.8 | 493* | 3.3 | 496* | 2.7 | 473* | 2.4 | 493* | 3.4 |
| Norway | 461* | 2.8 | 490* | 3.0 | 487* | 2.6 | 479* | 2.8 | 461* | 2.9 | 489* | 2.7 |
| Ukraine | 480* | 2.9 | 457* | 2.8 | 462* | 3.2 | 466* | 3.1 | 472* | 3.0 | 474* | 3.2 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 464* | 3.8 | 415* | 4.8 | 414* | 4.6 | 433* | 4.5 | 450* | 4.0 | 437* | 4.2 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 398* | 3.6 | 429* | 3.3 | 400* | 4.0 | 405* | 3.7 | 410* | 3.6 | 410* | 3.8 |
| Algeria | 391* | 5.0 | 383* | 4.5 | 361* | 5.2 | 376* | 5.2 | $384 *$ | 5.4 | $387 *$ | 4.8 |
| Colombia | 360* | 4.3 | 361* | 4.8 | 363* | 5.9 | 357* | 5.1 | 360* | 5.2 | 372* | 4.9 |
| Morocco | 353* | 4.7 | 365* | 4.3 | 316* | 6.1 | 346* | 4.7 | 354* | 4.8 | - | $\dagger$ |
| El Salvador | 317* | 3.9 | 333* | 4.3 | 367* | 3.5 | 339* | 3.7 | 312* | 4.1 | 356* | 4.0 |
| Tunisia | 352* | 4.5 | 334* | 4.5 | $307 *$ | 4.8 | 329* | 4.8 | $343 *$ | 4.9 | - | $\dagger$ |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 321* | 3.5 | $316{ }^{*}$ | 3.6 | $318{ }^{*}$ | 4.7 | 305* | 4.1 | 326* | 4.6 | - | $t$ |
| Qatar | 292* | 1.2 | 296* | 1.4 | 326* | 1.6 | 296* | 1.2 | 293* | 1.3 | - | $\dagger$ |
| Yemen | - | $\dagger$ | - | $t$ | - | $\dagger$ | - | $\dagger$ | - | $\dagger$ | - | $t$ |

— Not available. Average achievement could not be estimated.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.

* $p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from U.S. average score.
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${ }^{3}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A)
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 overall mathematics average scale score. The tests for significance take into account the standard error for the reported difference. Thus, a small difference between the United States and one country may be significant while a large difference between the United States and another country may not be significant. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Table E-4. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Standard errors for average mathematics content and cognitive domain scores of eighth- } \\ \text { grade students, by country: } 2007\end{array}\end{array}$

|  | Content domain |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cognitive domain |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  | Algebra |  | Geometry |  | Data and chance |  | Knowing |  | Applying |  | Reasoning |  |
|  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  |
| Country | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 500* | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 |
| Chinese Taipei | 577* | 4.2 | 617* | 5.4 | 592* | 4.6 | 566* | 3.6 | 592* | 4.2 | 594* | 4.5 | 591* | 4.1 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 583* | 2.4 | 596* | 3.0 | 587* | 2.3 | 580* | 2.0 | 595* | 2.8 | 596* | 2.5 | 579* | 2.3 |
| Singapore | 597* | 3.5 | 579* | 3.7 | 578* | 3.4 | 574* | 3.9 | 593* | 3.6 | 581* | 3.4 | 579* | 4.1 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,2}$ | 567* | 5.6 | 565* | 5.6 | 570* | 5.5 | 549* | 4.7 | 569* | 5.9 | 574* | 5.4 | 557* | 5.6 |
| Japan | 551* | 2.3 | 559* | 2.5 | 573* | 2.2 | 573* | 2.2 | 565* | 2.2 | 560* | 2.2 | 568* | 2.4 |
| Hungary | 517 | 3.6 | 503 | 3.6 | 508* | 3.6 | 524 | 3.3 | 513* | 3.1 | 518 | 3.3 | 513* | 3.2 |
| England ${ }^{2}$ | 510 | 5.0 | 492 | 4.6 | 510* | 4.4 | 547* | 5.0 | 514* | 4.9 | 503* | 4.0 | 518* | 4.3 |
| Russian Federation | 507 | 3.8 | 518* | 4.5 | 510* | 4.1 | 487* | 3.8 | 510 | 3.7 | 521 | 3.9 | 497 | 3.6 |
| United States ${ }^{2,3}$ | 510 | 2.7 | 501 | 2.7 | 480 | 2.5 | 531 | 2.8 | 503 | 2.9 | 514 | 2.6 | 505 | 2.4 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 506 | 2.7 | 483* | 2.7 | $507 *$ | 2.6 | 523* | 2.3 | 511* | 2.4 | 508 | 2.5 | 486* | 2.5 |
| Czech Republic | 511 | 2.5 | 484* | 2.4 | 498* | 2.7 | 512* | 2.8 | 504 | 2.7 | 502* | 2.5 | 500 | 2.6 |
| Slovenia | 502* | 2.3 | 488* | 2.4 | 499* | 2.4 | 511* | 2.3 | 503 | 2.0 | 500* | 2.2 | 496* | 2.5 |
| Armenia | 492* | 3.1 | 532* | 2.5 | 493* | 4.1 | 427* | 3.9 | 493* | 3.8 | 507 | 3.1 | 489* | 3.8 |
| Australia | 503 | 3.7 | 471* | 3.7 | 487 | 3.6 | 525 | 3.2 | 500 | 3.4 | 487* | 3.3 | 502 | 3.3 |
| Sweden | 507 | 1.8 | 456* | 2.4 | 472* | 2.5 | 526 | 3.0 | 497 | 2.0 | 478* | 2.0 | 490* | 2.6 |
| Malta | 496* | 1.3 | 473* | 1.4 | 495* | 1.1 | 487* | 1.4 | 492* | 1.0 | 490* | 1.6 | 475* | 1.3 |
| Scotland ${ }^{2}$ | 489* | 3.7 | 467* | 3.7 | 485 | 3.9 | 517* | 3.5 | 489* | 3.7 | 481* | 3.3 | 495* | 3.3 |
| Serbia ${ }^{3,4}$ | 478* | 2.9 | 500 | 3.2 | 486 | 3.6 | 458* | 3.0 | 478* | 3.3 | 500* | 3.2 | 474* | 3.3 |
| Italy | 478* | 2.8 | 460* | 3.2 | 490* | 3.1 | 491* | 3.1 | 483* | 2.9 | 476* | 3.0 | 483* | 2.8 |
| Malaysia | 491* | 5.1 | 454* | 4.3 | 477 | 5.6 | 469* | 4.1 | 478* | 4.9 | 477* | 4.8 | 468* | 3.8 |
| Norway | 488* | 2.0 | 425* | 2.8 | 459* | 2.3 | 505* | 2.5 | 477* | 2.2 | 458* | 1.8 | 475* | 2.3 |
| Cyprus | 464* | 1.6 | 468* | 2.0 | 458* | 2.7 | 464* | 1.6 | 465* | 1.8 | 468* | 1.6 | 461* | 2.1 |
| Bulgaria | 458* | 4.7 | 476* | 5.1 | 468* | 5.0 | 440* | 4.7 | 458* | 4.8 | 477* | 4.7 | 455* | 4.7 |
| Israel ${ }^{5}$ | 469* | 3.2 | 470* | 3.9 | 436* | 4.3 | 465* | 4.4 | 456* | 4.1 | 473* | 3.7 | 462* | 4.1 |
| Ukraine | 460* | 3.7 | 464* | 3.9 | 467* | 3.6 | 458* | 3.5 | 464* | 3.5 | 471* | 3.5 | 445* | 3.8 |
| Romania | 457* | 3.5 | 478* | 4.6 | 466* | 4.0 | 429* | 3.7 | 462* | 4.0 | 470* | 4.2 | 449* | 4.6 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 451* | 3.0 | 475* | 3.2 | 451* | 3.5 | 437* | 2.3 | 440* | 2.6 | 478* | 2.9 | 452* | 2.9 |
| Lebanon | 454* | 3.4 | 465* | 3.2 | 462* | 4.0 | 407* | 4.4 | 448* | 4.6 | 464* | 3.9 | 429* | 4.0 |
| Thailand | 444* | 4.8 | 433* | 5.0 | 442* | 5.3 | 453* | 4.1 | 446* | 4.7 | 436* | 4.8 | 456* | 4.4 |
| Turkey | 429* | 4.0 | 440* | 5.1 | 411* | 5.1 | 445* | 4.4 | 425* | 4.5 | 439* | 4.8 | 441* | 4.2 |
| Jordan | 416* | 4.3 | 448* | 4.1 | 436* | 3.9 | 425* | 3.8 | 422* | 4.1 | 432* | 4.2 | 440* | 3.6 |
| Tunisia | 425* | 2.6 | 423* | 2.6 | 437* | 2.6 | 411* | 2.3 | 423* | 2.4 | 421* | 2.6 | 425* | 2.3 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | 421* | 5.6 | 421* | 6.6 | 409* | 6.7 | 373* | 4.3 | 401* | 5.5 | 427* | 5.8 | 389* | 5.8 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 395* | 3.9 | 408* | 3.9 | 423* | 4.4 | 415* | 3.5 | 402* | 4.2 | 403* | 4.1 | 427* | 3.5 |
| Bahrain | 388* | 2.0 | 403* | 1.8 | 412* | 2.1 | 418* | 2.1 | 403* | 1.9 | 395* | 1.7 | 413* | 2.1 |
| Indonesia | 399* | 3.7 | 405* | 3.5 | 395* | 4.5 | 402* | 3.6 | 398* | 3.7 | 397* | 4.0 | 405* | 3.3 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 393* | 3.4 | 406* | 3.7 | 417* | 3.4 | 387* | 2.7 | 401* | 3.4 | 393* | 4.2 | 396* | 3.4 |
| Egypt | 393* | 3.1 | 409* | 3.3 | 406* | 3.4 | 384* | 3.1 | 393* | 3.6 | 392* | 3.6 | 397* | 3.4 |
| Algeria | 403* | 1.7 | 349* | 2.4 | 432* | 2.1 | 371* | 1.7 | 412* | 2.0 | 371* | 1.9 | - | $t$ |
| Colombia | 369* | 3.5 | 390* | 3.1 | 371* | 3.3 | 405* | 3.8 | 384* | 3.7 | 364* | 3.4 | 416* | 3.3 |
| Oman | 363* | 2.7 | 391* | 3.2 | 387* | 3.0 | 389* | 3.0 | 368* | 3.0 | 372* | 3.5 | 397* | 3.3 |
| Palestinian Nat'I Auth. | 366* | 3.2 | 382* | 3.4 | 388* | 3.8 | 371* | 2.9 | 371* | 3.4 | 365* | 3.8 | 381* | 3.5 |
| Botswana | 366* | 2.9 | 394* | 2.2 | 325* | 3.2 | 384* | 2.6 | 351* | 2.6 | 376* | 2.1 | - | $\dagger$ |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 347* | 3.1 | 354* | 3.0 | 385* | 2.8 | 366* | 3.5 | 361* | 2.7 | 347* | 3.1 | - | $t$ |
| El Salvador | 355* | 3.0 | 331* | 3.7 | 318* | 3.7 | 362* | 3.0 | 347* | 3.3 | 336* | 3.1 | - | $t$ |
| Saudi Arabia | 309* | 3.3 | 344* | 2.8 | 359* | 2.6 | 348* | 2.2 | 335* | 2.3 | 308* | 2.6 | - | $t$ |
| Ghana | 310* | 4.0 | 358* | 3.6 | 275* | 4.9 | 321* | 3.6 | 297* | 4.2 | 313* | 4.6 | - | $t$ |
| Qatar | 334* | 1.6 | 312* | 1.5 | 301* | 1.8 | 305* | 1.6 | 305* | 1.4 | 307* | 1.4 | - | $t$ |

[^0]Table E-5. Standard errors for percentage of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students who reached each international mathematics benchmark compared with the international median percentage, by international benchmark: 2007

|  | Low |  | Intermediate |  | High |  | Advanced |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent | s.e. | Percent | s.e. | Percent | s.e. | Percent | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TIMSS international median | 90 | 0.0 | 67 | 0.0 | 26 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| United States | 95* | 0.5 | 77* | 1.2 | 40* | 1.3 | 10* | 0.8 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TIMSS international median | 75 | 0.0 | 46 | 0.0 | 15 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| United States | 92* | 0.8 | 67* | 1.4 | 31* | 1.5 | 6* | 0.6 |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. U.S. percentage is significantly different from the Trends in International Mathematics and Science (TIMSS) international median percentage.
NOTE: The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). The TIMSS international median represents all participating TIMSS jurisdictions, including the United States. The international median represents the percentage at which half of the participating countries have that percentage of students at or above the median and half have that percentage of students below the median. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-6. Standard errors for mathematics scores of fourthgrade students defining the 10th and the 90th percentiles, by country: 2007

| Country | 10th percentile |  | 90th percentile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 366* | 0.9 | 576* | 0.7 |
| Singapore | 487* | 7.1 | 702* | 4.5 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 520* | 4.0 | 691* | 6.0 |
| Japan | 471* | 3.0 | 663* | 3.3 |
| Chinese Taipei | 488* | 2.3 | 663* | 2.3 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | 435 | 9.1 | 653* | 7.3 |
| England | 429 | 5.2 | 647* | 4.9 |
| Russian Federation | 436 | 4.7 | $647 *$ | 6.9 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 444* | 2.2 | 628 | 3.9 |
| United States ${ }^{3,4}$ | 430 | 4.2 | 625 | 3.1 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | 430 | 3.3 | 624 | 3.6 |
| Hungary | 389* | 8.4 | 620 | 2.9 |
| Australia | 408* | 6.5 | 620 | 2.9 |
| Armenia | 385* | 5.1 | 617 | 8.2 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{5}$ | 454* | 4.9 | 612* | 2.6 |
| Denmark ${ }^{3}$ | 431 | 4.2 | 611* | 3.6 |
| Germany | 440 | 3.8 | $607 *$ | 3.2 |
| Italy | 406* | 5.6 | 601* | 3.8 |
| New Zealand | 377* | 4.8 | 598* | 2.6 |
| Slovak Republic | 389* | 9.7 | 597* | 4.5 |
| Scotland ${ }^{3}$ | 389* | 3.9 | 592* | 2.7 |
| Austria | 416* | 2.9 | 590* | 3.7 |
| Slovenia | 408* | 3.0 | 589* | 3.2 |
| Sweden | 417* | 4.4 | 586* | 3.0 |
| Czech Republic | 392* | 6.9 | 576* | 2.8 |
| Ukraine | 356* | 4.6 | 573* | 2.6 |
| Norway | 372* | 3.3 | 566* | 3.0 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 322* | 5.7 | $549 *$ | 4.1 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 290* | 4.4 | 508* | 2.9 |
| Algeria | 261* | 8.0 | 493* | 6.2 |
| Colombia | 238* | 4.7 | 470* | 5.2 |
| Tunisia | 178* | 5.5 | 469* | 3.9 |
| Morocco | 223* | 6.3 | 466* | 6.3 |
| El Salvador | 212* | 5.7 | 448* | 5.0 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 184* | 5.3 | 443* | 5.5 |
| Qatar | 179* | 1.8 | 413* | 1.6 |
| Yemen | 81* | 7.1 | 371* | 6.8 |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. Percentile cutpoint score is significantly different from U.S. cutpoint score.
${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{2}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A)
${ }^{4}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered based on the 90th percentile cutpoint score. Cutpoints are calculated based on distribution of student scores within each country. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-7. Standard errors for mathematics scores of eighthgrade students defining the 10 th and 90 th percentiles, by country: 2007

| Country | 10th percentile |  | 90th percentile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 339* | 0.9 | 559* | 0.7 |
| Chinese Taipei | 448* | 6.5 | 721* | 4.6 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 475* | 3.9 | 711* | 3.7 |
| Singapore | 463* | 8.7 | 706* | 4.3 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,2}$ | 438 | 14.9 | 681* | 4.3 |
| Japan | 460* | 5.5 | 677* | 4.0 |
| Hungary | 405 | 4.3 | 624* | 5.4 |
| England ${ }^{2}$ | 400 | 9.0 | 618 | 6.8 |
| Russian Federation | 402 | 6.9 | 617 | 4.7 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{3}$ | 402 | 5.3 | 609 | 3.6 |
| United States ${ }^{2,4}$ | 408 | 3.4 | 607 | 3.3 |
| Armenia | 390* | 5.3 | 601 | 6.3 |
| Australia | 394 | 8.3 | 600 | 7.9 |
| Czech Republic | 408 | 3.2 | 599 | 3.6 |
| Malta | 359* | 2.9 | $597 *$ | 1.8 |
| Serbia ${ }^{3,4}$ | 368* | 3.8 | 597 | 5.4 |
| Slovenia | 409 | 3.3 | 594* | 3.1 |
| Scotland ${ }^{2}$ | 381* | 6.5 | 590* | 4.7 |
| Romania | 328* | 7.5 | $587 *$ | 4.3 |
| Bulgaria | 324* | 9.4 | 586* | 4.6 |
| Israel ${ }^{5}$ | 328* | 8.3 | $584 *$ | 7.3 |
| Sweden | 399 | 4.1 | 582* | 2.8 |
| Turkey | 297* | 4.9 | 581* | 7.7 |
| Malaysia | 372* | 8.0 | 578* | 5.9 |
| Cyprus | $347 *$ | 2.5 | 575* | 5.1 |
| Italy | 381* | 5.3 | 574* | 6.3 |
| Ukraine | 346* | 7.0 | 572* | 4.6 |
| Thailand | $327 *$ | 4.7 | $562 *$ | 11.0 |
| Jordan | 290* | 7.2 | 556* | 3.9 |
| Norway | 382* | 2.3 | 552* | 2.3 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 352* | 3.6 | 552* | 2.6 |
| Lebanon | 354* | 5.8 | 549* | 3.9 |
| Georgia ${ }^{3}$ | 280* | 8.4 | $532 *$ | 10.1 |
| Egypt | 258* | 4.4 | 521* | 4.5 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 295* | 4.7 | 516* | 7.6 |
| Indonesia | 286* | 8.7 | 509* | 5.4 |
| Tunisia | 336* | 2.7 | $508 *$ | 2.2 |
| Bahrain | 289* | 5.3 | 505* | 5.3 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 290* | 5.0 | 502* | 6.2 |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | 233* | 6.4 | 498* | 2.5 |
| Oman | 245* | 6.5 | 492* | 2.8 |
| Colombia | 281* | 6.7 | 477* | 3.6 |
| Algeria | 311* | 3.2 | 465* | 1.9 |
| Botswana | 264* | 3.6 | 460* | 3.8 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 252* | 4.6 | 455* | 2.6 |
| El Salvador | 248* | 2.6 | 433* | 3.2 |
| Saudi Arabia | 231* | 4.3 | 429* | 4.5 |
| Ghana | 192* | 5.3 | 428* | 5.5 |
| Qatar | 186* | 3.1 | 427* | 2.3 |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. Percentile cutpoint score is significantly different from U.S. cutpoint score.
${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{2}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A). ${ }^{3}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered based on the 90th percentile cutpoint score. Cutpoints are calculated based on distribution of student scores within each country. Standard error is noted by s.e. SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-8. Standard errors for mathematics scores of U.S. fourthand eighth-grade students defining the 10th and 90th percentiles, by content domain: 2007

|  | 10th percentile |  | 90th percentile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 413 | 4.2 | 632 | 3.2 |
| Geometric shapes and measures | 428 | 4.2 | 615 | 3.7 |
| Data display | 464 | 3.2 | 621 | 3.0 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 406 | 3.7 | 615 | 4.9 |
| Algebra | 405 | 2.9 | 598 | 3.3 |
| Geometry | 388 | 2.7 | 572 | 3.6 |
| Data and chance | 418 | 3.9 | 643 | 3.8 |

NOTE: The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-9. Standard errors for trends in mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighthgrade students defining the 10th and 90th percentiles: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

|  | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10th percentile | 408* | 3.3 | - | $\dagger$ | 417* | 3.4 | 430 | 4.2 |
| 90th percentile | 619 | 3.6 | - | $\dagger$ | 614* | 2.8 | 625 | 3.1 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10th percentile | 380* | 6.5 | 387* | 4.9 | 400 | 4.7 | 408 | 3.4 |
| 90th percentile | 594* | 5.1 | 611 | 5.6 | 608 | 4.5 | 607 | 3.3 |

[^1]Table E-10. Standard errors for average mathematics scores of fourth-grade students, by sex and country: 2007

| Country | Total |  |  |  | Male-female difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male |  | Female |  |  |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Score difference | s.e. |
| Colombia | 364* | 5.5 | 347 | 5.2 | 17 | 3.9 |
| Italy | 514* | 3.6 | 499 | 3.2 | 15 | 2.5 |
| Austria | 512* | 2.3 | 498 | 2.5 | 14 | 2.6 |
| Germany | 531* | 2.5 | 519 | 2.5 | 12 | 2.1 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{1}$ | 540* | 2.4 | 530 | 2.7 | 10 | 2.7 |
| El Salvador | 334 | 5.5 | 325 | 4.6 | 9 | 5.8 |
| Scotland ${ }^{2}$ | 499* | 2.8 | 490 | 2.6 | 9 | 3.1 |
| Norway | 477* | 3.0 | 470 | 3.2 | 7 | 3.6 |
| Denmark ${ }^{2}$ | 526 | 3.2 | 520 | 2.9 | 7 | 3.7 |
| Slovak Republic | 499* | 4.7 | 493 | 4.6 | 6 | 2.7 |
| Sweden | 506* | 3.1 | 499 | 2.4 | 6 | 2.4 |
| Czech Republic | 489* | 3.0 | 483 | 3.3 | 6 | 2.8 |
| United States ${ }^{2,3}$ | 532* | 2.7 | 526 | 2.7 | 6 | 2.4 |
| Australia | 519 | 3.6 | 513 | 4.2 | 6 | 3.4 |
| Slovenia | 504* | 2.1 | 499 | 2.4 | 5 | 2.6 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{4}$ | 609 | 4.4 | 605 | 3.2 | 4 | 2.9 |
| Hungary | 511 | 3.8 | 508 | 4.6 | 3 | 4.7 |
| Morocco | 343 | 5.4 | 339 | 5.0 | 3 | 4.6 |
| Chinese Taipei | 577 | 2.0 | 575 | 2.0 | 2 | 2.1 |
| New Zealand | 493 | 3.1 | 492 | 2.4 | 1 | 3.0 |
| Japan | 568 | 2.7 | 568 | 2.5 | \# | 3.1 |
| England | 542 | 3.6 | 541 | 3.2 | \# | 3.7 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{5}$ | 530 | 3.2 | 530 | 2.8 | \# | 3.6 |
| Ukraine | 469 | 3.4 | 469 | 3.3 | \# | 3.4 |
| Latvia ${ }^{5}$ | 536 | 3.0 | 539 | 2.9 | -3 | 3.7 |
| Georgia ${ }^{5}$ | 437 | 4.9 | 440 | 4.2 | -3 | 3.7 |
| Algeria | 375 | 5.2 | 380 | 5.9 | -5 | 3.8 |
| Singapore | 596 | 4.1 | 603* | 3.8 | -6 | 2.7 |
| Russian Federation | 540 | 4.9 | 548* | 5.5 | -7 | 3.6 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{5}$ | 545 | 7.9 | 553* | 6.7 | -8 | 3.7 |
| Armenia | 495 | 3.7 | 504* | 5.7 | -9 | 4.1 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 396 | 5.5 | 409 | 5.2 | -14 | 7.0 |
| Tunisia | 319 | 5.0 | 337* | 4.7 | -18 | 4.1 |
| Yemen | 214 | 6.6 | 236* | 8.0 | -22 | 8.4 |
| Qatar | 285 | 2.1 | 307* | 2.0 | -22 | 3.6 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 297 | 6.2 | 333* | 4.3 | -37 | 7.6 |

\# Rounds to zero.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly higher than other sex's average score.
${ }^{1}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{2}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target
Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{5}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population
defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by male-female difference. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-11. Standard errors for average mathematics scores of eighth-grade students, by sex and country: 2007

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

\# Rounds to zero.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly higher than other sex's average score.
${ }^{1}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included
(see appendix A).
${ }^{2}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A)
${ }^{4}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by male-female difference. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-12. Standard errors for average mathematics and content domain scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by sex: 2007

|  | Male |  |  | Female |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Grade/content domain | Average score | s.e. |  | Average score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total score | $532^{*}$ | 2.7 | 526 | 2.7 |  |
| Number | $528^{*}$ | 3.1 | 520 | 2.8 |  |
| Geometric shapes and measures | 523 | 2.7 | 522 | 2.6 |  |
| Data display | 544 | 2.9 | 543 | 2.6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade eight |  |  | 507 | 3.0 |  |
| Total score | 510 | 3.1 | 506 | 3.1 |  |
| Number | $515^{*}$ | 3.1 | 503 | 2.9 |  |
| Algebra | 498 | 3.2 | 477 | 2.7 |  |
| Geometry | $483^{*}$ | 2.8 | 527 | 3.1 |  |
| Data and chance | $535^{*}$ | 3.0 |  |  |  |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly higher than other sex's average score.
NOTE: The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e. SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-13. Standard errors for trends in average mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighthgrade students, by sex: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

| Grade/sex | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 520* | 3.1 | - | $\dagger$ | 522* | 2.7 | 532 | 2.7 |
| Female | 516* | 3.0 | - | $\dagger$ | 514* | 2.4 | 526 | 2.7 |
| Gap (male-female) | 3 | 1.8 | - | $\dagger$ | 8 | 1.8 | 6 | 2.4 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 495* | 5.5 | 505 | 4.8 | 507 | 3.5 | 510 | 3.1 |
| Female | 490* | 4.7 | 498 | 3.8 | 502 | 3.4 | 507 | 3.0 |
| Gap (male-female) | 5 | 3.1 | 7 | 3.5 | 6 | 1.9 | 4 | 2.2 |

— Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from 2007 average score.
NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. In 2007, the United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

Table E-14. Standard errors for average mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by race/ ethnicity: 2007

|  | Grade four |  |  | Grade eight |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Race/ethnicity | Average score | s.e. |  | Average score | s.e. |
| White students | 550 | 2.3 |  | 533 | 2.7 |
| Black students | 482 | 4.1 |  | 457 | 3.7 |
| Hispanic students | 504 | 3.4 |  | 475 | 4.6 |
| Asian students | 582 | 7.7 | 549 | 5.4 |  |
| Multiracial students | 534 | 6.5 | 506 | 6.8 |  |
| Other students | 504 | 10.4 | 498 | 8.8 |  |

NOTE: Reporting standards were not met for American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander. Black includes African American. Racial categories exclude Hispanic origin. Students who identified themselves as being of Hispanic origin were classified as Hispanic, regardless of their race. Although data for some race/ethnicities are not shown separately because the reporting standards were not met, they are included in the U.S. totals shown throughout the report. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-15. Standard errors for trends in average mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by race/ethnicity: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

| Race/ethnicity | Grade four |  |  |  |  |  | Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1995 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| White students | 541* | 3.5 | 542* | 2.2 | 550 | 2.3 | 516* | 3.5 | 525 | 4.6 | 525 | 3.0 | 533 | 2.7 |
| Black students | 457* | 4.4 | 471* | 3.4 | 482 | 4.1 | 419* | 6.8 | 444* | 5.3 | 447 | 5.2 | 457 | 3.7 |
| Hispanic students | 493 | 5.7 | 492* | 3.6 | 504 | 3.4 | 443* | 3.8 | 457* | 6.3 | 465 | 5.4 | 475 | 4.6 |
| Asian students | 525* | 9.0 | 550* | 8.0 | 582 | 7.7 | 514* | 12.9 | 539 | 10.5 | 537 | 8.4 | 549 | 5.4 |
| Multiracial students | - | $\dagger$ | 535 | 4.9 | 534 | 6.5 | - | $\dagger$ | - | t | 504 | 5.4 | 506 | 6.8 |
| Other students | 510 | 4.3 | 479 | 8.5 | 504 | 10.4 | 471 | 17.9 | 490 | 7.7 | 473 | 8.8 | 498 | 8.8 |

- Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from 2007 average score.
NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. Multiracial data were not collected in 1995 and 1999. Reporting standards were not met for American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Black includes African American. Racial categories exclude Hispanic origin. Students who identified themselves as being of Hispanic origin were classified as Hispanic, regardless of their race. Although data for some race/ethnicities are not shown separately because the reporting standards were not met, they are included in the U.S. totals shown throughout the report. In 2007, the United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). The tests for significance take into account the standard error for the reported difference. Thus, a small difference between averages for one student group may be significant while a large difference for another student group may not be significant. See appendix $A$ in this report for more information. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

Table E-16. Standard errors for average mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by percentage of students in public school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch: 2007

| Percentage in school eligible for free or <br> reduced-price lunch | Grade four |  |  | Grade eight |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 583 | 4.7 | 557 | 6.4 |  |
| 10 to 24.9 percent | 553 | 3.7 | 543 | 4.7 |  |
| 25 to 49.9 percent | 537 | 4.0 | 514 | 4.9 |  |
| 50 to 74.9 percent | 510 | 4.1 | 482 | 5.1 |  |
| 75 percent or more | 479 | 4.6 | 465 | 6.1 |  |

NOTE: Analyses are limited to public schools only, based on school reports of the percentage of students in school eligible for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-17. Standard errors for trends in average mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by percentage of students in public school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch: 1999, 2003, and 2007

| Percentage in school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch | Grade four |  |  |  | Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Average } \\ \text { score } \end{array}$ | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| Less than 10 percent | 566* | 5.0 | 583 | 4.7 | 546 | 11.0 | 547 | 7.3 | 557 | 6.4 |
| 10 to 24.9 percent | 543* | 3.6 | 553 | 3.7 | 533 | 3.4 | 531 | 7.4 | 543 | 4.7 |
| 25 to 49.9 percent | 533 | 4.0 | 537 | 4.0 | 495* | 7.5 | 505 | 5.2 | 514 | 4.9 |
| 50 to 74.9 percent | 499* | 3.0 | 510 | 4.1 | 476 | 6.6 | 480 | 5.1 | 482 | 5.1 |
| 75 percent or more | 471 | 4.2 | 479 | 4.6 | 449 | 10.8 | 444 | 10.4 | 465 | 6.1 |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from 2007 average score.
NOTE: Information on the percentage of students in school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch was not collected in 1995. No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. Analyses are limited to public schools only, based on school reports of the percentage of students in school eligible for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. In 2007, the United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e. SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1999, 2003, and 2007.

# Table E-18. Standard deviations of mathematics scores of fourthand eighth-grade students, by country: 2007 

| Grade four |  | Grade eight |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country | Standard deviation | Country | Standard deviation |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 67 | Chinese Taipei | 106 |
| Singapore | 84 | Korea, Rep. of | 92 |
| Chinese Taipei | 69 | Singapore | 93 |
| Japan | 76 | Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,4}$ | 94 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | 84 | Japan | 85 |
| Russian Federation | 83 | Hungary | 85 |
| England | 86 | England ${ }^{4}$ | 84 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 72 | Russian Federation | 83 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{3}$ | 61 | United States ${ }^{4,5}$ | 77 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | 76 | Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | 80 |
| United States ${ }^{4,5}$ | 75 | Czech Republic | 74 |
| Germany | 68 | Slovenia | 72 |
| Denmark ${ }^{4}$ | 71 | Armenia | 85 |
| Australia | 83 | Australia | 79 |
| Hungary | 91 | Sweden | 70 |
| Italy | 77 | Malta | 92 |
| Austria | 68 | Scotland ${ }^{4}$ | 80 |
| Sweden | 66 | Serbia ${ }^{2,5}$ | 89 |
| Slovenia | 71 | Italy | 76 |
| Armenia | 90 | Malaysia | 79 |
| Slovak Republic | 85 | Norway | 66 |
| Scotland ${ }^{4}$ | 79 | Cyprus | 89 |
| New Zealand | 86 | Bulgaria | 102 |
| Czech Republic | 71 | Israel ${ }^{7}$ | 99 |
| Norway | 76 | Ukraine | 89 |
| Ukraine | 84 | Romania | 100 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 88 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 78 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 84 | Lebanon | 75 |
| Algeria | 90 | Thailand | 92 |
| Colombia | 90 | Turkey | 109 |
| Morocco | 95 | Jordan | 102 |
| El Salvador | 91 | Tunisia | 67 |
| Tunisia | 111 | Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 96 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 99 | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 86 |
| Qatar | 90 | Bahrain | 84 |
| Yemen | 110 | Indonesia | 87 |
|  |  | Syrian Arab Republic | 82 |
|  |  | Egypt | 100 |
|  |  | Algeria | 59 |
|  |  | Colombia | 79 |
|  |  | Oman | 95 |
|  |  | Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | 102 |
|  |  | Botswana | 77 |
|  |  | Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 79 |
|  |  | El Salvador | 73 |
|  |  | Saudi Arabia | 76 |
|  |  | Ghana | 92 |
|  |  | Qatar | 93 |

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${ }^{2}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
${ }^{7}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 average score.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-19. Standard deviations of mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by selected characteristics: 2007

| Selected characteristic | Grade four | Grade eight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Standard deviation | Standard deviation |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 77 | 78 |
| Female | 74 | 75 |
| Race/ethnicity |  |  |
| White | 68 | 69 |
| Black | 70 | 70 |
| Hispanic | 70 | 73 |
| Asian | 74 | 68 |
| Multiracial | 84 | 73 |
| Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |
| Less than 10 percent | 64 | 65 |
| 10 to 24.9 percent | 66 | 68 |
| 25 to 49.9 percent | 69 | 71 |
| 50 to 74.9 percent | 71 | 71 |
| 75 percent or more | 72 | 74 |

NOTE: Reporting standards were not met for American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Black includes African American. Racial categories exclude Hispanic origin. Students who identified themselves as being of Hispanic origin were classified as Hispanic, regardless of their race. Although data for some race/ethnicities are not shown separately because the reporting standards were not met, they are included in the U.S. totals shown throughout the report. Analyses based on percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch are limited to public schools only. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-20. Standard errors for average science scores of fourthgrade students, by country: 1995 and 2007

| Country | 1995 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |
| Singapore | 523 | 4.8 | 587 | 4.1 |
| Chinese Taipei | - | $\dagger$ | 557 | 2.0 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 508 | 3.3 | 554 | 3.5 |
| Japan | 553 | 1.8 | 548 | 2.1 |
| Russian Federation | - | $\dagger$ | 546 | 4.8 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 486 | 4.9 | 542 | 2.3 |
| England | 528 | 3.1 | 542 | 2.9 |
| United States ${ }^{3,4}$ | 542 | 3.3 | 539 | 2.7 |
| Hungary | 508 | 3.4 | 536 | 3.3 |
| Italy | - | $\dagger$ | 535 | 3.2 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | - | $t$ | 533 | 5.6 |
| Germany | - | $\dagger$ | 528 | 2.4 |
| Australia | 521 | 3.8 | 527 | 3.3 |
| Slovak Republic | - | $\dagger$ | 526 | 4.8 |
| Austria | 538 | 3.6 | 526 | 2.5 |
| Sweden | - | $\dagger$ | 525 | 2.9 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{5}$ | 530 | 3.2 | 523 | 2.6 |
| Slovenia | 464 | 3.1 | 518 | 1.9 |
| Denmark ${ }^{3}$ | - | $t$ | 517 | 2.9 |
| Czech Republic | 532 | 3.0 | 515 | 3.1 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | - | $t$ | 514 | 2.4 |
| New Zealand | 505 | 5.3 | 504 | 2.6 |
| Scotland | 514 | 4.5 | 500 | 2.3 |
| Armenia | - | $t$ | 484 | 5.7 |
| Norway | 504 | 3.7 | 477 | 3.5 |
| Ukraine | - | $\dagger$ | 474 | 3.1 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 380 | 4.6 | 436 | 4.3 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | - | $t$ | 418 | 4.6 |
| Colombia | - | $t$ | 400 | 5.4 |
| El Salvador | - | $t$ | 390 | 3.4 |
| Algeria | - | $t$ | 354 | 6.0 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | - | $t$ | 348 | 4.4 |
| Tunisia | - | $\dagger$ | 318 | 5.9 |
| Morocco | - | $\dagger$ | 297 | 5.9 |
| Qatar | - | $\dagger$ | 294 | 2.6 |
| Yemen | - | $t$ | 197 | 7.2 |

— Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{2}$ In 2007, National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ In 2007, met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ In 2007, National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ In 2007, nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ In 2007, Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in the year, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 average score. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995 and 2007.

Table E-21. Standard errors for average science scores of eighthgrade students, by country: 1995 and 2007

| Country | 1995 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |
| Singapore | 580 | 5.5 | 567 | 4.4 |
| Chinese Taipei | - | $\dagger$ | 561 | 3.7 |
| Japan | 554 | 1.8 | 554 | 1.9 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 546 | 2.0 | 553 | 2.0 |
| England ${ }^{1}$ | 533 | 3.6 | 542 | 4.5 |
| Hungary | 537 | 3.1 | 539 | 2.9 |
| Czech Republic | 555 | 4.5 | 539 | 1.9 |
| Slovenia | 514 | 2.7 | 538 | 2.2 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,2}$ | 510 | 5.8 | 530 | 4.9 |
| Russian Federation | 523 | 4.5 | 530 | 3.9 |
| United States ${ }^{1,3}$ | 513 | 5.6 | 520 | 2.9 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 464 | 4.0 | 519 | 2.6 |
| Australia | 514 | 3.9 | 515 | 3.6 |
| Sweden | 553 | 4.4 | 511 | 2.6 |
| Scotland ${ }^{1}$ | 501 | 5.6 | 496 | 3.4 |
| Italy | - | $\dagger$ | 495 | 2.8 |
| Armenia | - | $\dagger$ | 488 | 5.8 |
| Norway | 514 | 2.4 | 487 | 2.2 |
| Ukraine | - | $\dagger$ | 485 | 3.5 |
| Jordan | - | $\dagger$ | 482 | 4.0 |
| Malaysia | - | $\dagger$ | 471 | 6.0 |
| Thailand | - | $\dagger$ | 471 | 4.3 |
| Serbia ${ }^{3,4}$ | - | $t$ | 470 | 3.2 |
| Bulgaria ${ }^{5}$ | - | $\dagger$ | 470 | 5.9 |
| Israel ${ }^{5}$ | - | $\dagger$ | 468 | 4.3 |
| Bahrain | - | $t$ | 467 | 1.7 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | - | $\dagger$ | 466 | 2.8 |
| Romania | 471 | 5.1 | 462 | 3.9 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 463 | 3.6 | 459 | 3.6 |
| Malta | - | $\dagger$ | 457 | 1.4 |
| Turkey | - | $t$ | 454 | 3.7 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | - | $\dagger$ | 452 | 2.9 |
| Cyprus | 452 | 2.1 | 452 | 2.0 |
| Tunisia | - | $\dagger$ | 445 | 2.1 |
| Indonesia | - | $\dagger$ | 427 | 3.4 |
| Oman | - | $\dagger$ | 423 | 3.0 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | - | $t$ | 421 | 4.8 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | - | $t$ | 418 | 2.8 |
| Colombia | 365 | 6.2 | 417 | 3.5 |
| Lebanon | - | $\dagger$ | 414 | 5.9 |
| Egypt | - | $\dagger$ | 408 | 3.6 |
| Algeria | - | $t$ | 408 | 1.7 |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | - | $t$ | 404 | 3.5 |
| Saudi Arabia | - | $t$ | 403 | 2.4 |
| El Salvador | - | + | 387 | 2.9 |
| Botswana | - | $t$ | 355 | 3.1 |
| Qatar | - | $t$ | 319 | 1.7 |
| Ghana | - | $\dagger$ | 303 | 5.4 |

- Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{1}$ In 2007, met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{2}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{3}$ In 2007, National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A)
${ }^{4}$ In 2007, National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ In 2007, National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ In 2007, Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in the year, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 average score. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995 and 2007.

Table E-22. Standard errors for average science content and cognitive domain scores of fourth-grade students, by country: 2007

| Country | Content domain |  |  |  |  |  | Cognitive domain |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Life science |  | Physical science |  | Earth science |  | Knowing |  | Applying |  | Reasoning |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 500* | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 |
| Singapore | 582* | 4.1 | 585* | 3.9 | 554* | 3.3 | 579* | 3.7 | 587* | 4.1 | 568* | 3.7 |
| Chinese Taipei | 541 | 2.1 | 559* | 2.5 | 553* | 1.9 | 556* | 2.1 | 536 | 2.5 | 571* | 2.4 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 532 | 3.5 | $558{ }^{*}$ | 3.5 | 560* | 3.2 | 549* | 3.0 | 546 | 3.2 | 561* | 4.4 |
| Japan | 530* | 2.0 | 564* | 2.3 | 529 | 2.7 | 542* | 2.7 | 528* | 2.2 | 567* | 2.1 |
| Russian Federation | 539 | 4.1 | $547 *$ | 4.6 | 536 | 4.3 | 546* | 4.7 | 542 | 4.8 | 542 | 4.6 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 535 | 2.1 | 544* | 2.4 | 536 | 2.2 | 535 | 2.4 | 540 | 2.2 | 551* | 2.7 |
| England | $532 *$ | 2.7 | $543 *$ | 2.7 | 538 | 2.9 | 536 | 2.7 | 543 | 2.9 | 537 | 2.7 |
| United States ${ }^{3,4}$ | 540 | 2.5 | 534 | 2.4 | 533 | 2.6 | 533 | 2.8 | 541 | 2.3 | 535 | 2.6 |
| Hungary | $548 *$ | 2.9 | 529 | 3.3 | 517* | 3.5 | 531 | 3.2 | 540 | 3.0 | 529 | 3.7 |
| Italy | 549* | 3.0 | 521* | 3.1 | 526 | 3.0 | 539 | 3.1 | 530* | 3.9 | 526* | 3.8 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | 528* | 5.0 | 528 | 5.8 | 534 | 5.2 | 536 | 4.9 | 534 | 5.8 | 519* | 5.3 |
| Germany | 529* | 2.0 | 524* | 2.5 | 524* | 2.4 | 526 | 2.2 | $527 *$ | 2.2 | $525 *$ | 2.3 |
| Australia | 528* | 3.4 | 522* | 3.1 | 534 | 3.2 | 523* | 3.3 | 529* | 3.1 | 530 | 3.4 |
| Slovak Republic | 532 | 4.0 | 513* | 4.6 | 530 | 4.8 | 527 | 4.4 | $527 *$ | 4.4 | 513* | 4.9 |
| Austria | 526* | 2.0 | 514* | 2.4 | 532 | 1.9 | 526* | 2.2 | 529* | 2.0 | $513 *$ | 2.3 |
| Sweden | 531* | 2.5 | 508* | 2.7 | 535 | 2.7 | 521* | 2.9 | 526* | 2.5 | 527 | 3.5 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{5}$ | 536 | 2.2 | 503* | 2.3 | 524* | 2.5 | 525* | 2.2 | 518* | 2.5 | 525* | 2.3 |
| Slovenia | 511* | 2.2 | 530 | 1.6 | 517* | 2.5 | 525* | 2.1 | 511* | 1.6 | 527* | 1.8 |
| Denmark ${ }^{3}$ | $527 *$ | 2.4 | 502* | 2.5 | 522* | 2.7 | 515* | 2.6 | $516{ }^{*}$ | 2.9 | $525 *$ | 3.8 |
| Czech Republic | 520* | 2.9 | 511* | 2.8 | 518* | 2.6 | 516* | 3.1 | 520* | 2.7 | 510* | 2.9 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | 516* | 1.8 | 514* | 1.4 | 511* | 2.5 | 515* | 2.8 | 511* | 1.7 | 524* | 2.4 |
| New Zealand | 507* | 2.5 | 498* | 2.5 | 515* | 2.6 | 500* | 2.4 | 511* | 2.5 | 505* | 2.9 |
| Scotland ${ }^{3}$ | 504* | 2.2 | 499* | 1.9 | 508* | 2.5 | 494* | 2.4 | 511* | 2.0 | 501* | 2.2 |
| Armenia | 489* | 5.9 | 492* | 5.1 | 479* | 5.5 | 487* | 5.6 | 486* | 5.2 | 484* | 5.3 |
| Norway | 487* | 2.5 | 469* | 2.7 | 497* | 2.9 | 478* | 2.8 | 485* | 2.4 | 480* | 3.2 |
| Ukraine | 482* | 2.5 | 475* | 2.7 | 474* | 3.1 | 477* | 3.2 | 476* | 2.4 | 478* | 3.0 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 442* | 4.4 | 454* | 4.2 | 433* | 4.1 | 451* | 4.3 | 437* | 4.3 | 436* | 4.4 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 427* | 3.5 | 414* | 4.0 | 432* | 5.0 | 424* | 4.1 | 434* | 3.8 | $388 *$ | 4.9 |
| Colombia | 408* | 5.2 | 411* | 4.9 | 401* | 5.6 | 404* | 5.4 | 409* | 5.5 | 409* | 5.1 |
| El Salvador | 410* | 3.6 | 392* | 3.8 | 393* | 3.3 | 393* | 3.6 | 410* | 3.9 | 376* | 4.0 |
| Algeria | 351* | 6.2 | 377* | 5.3 | 365* | 5.7 | 379* | 5.7 | $350 *$ | 5.8 | 357* | 5.8 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 353* | 4.9 | $345 *$ | 5.2 | 363* | 3.8 | 338* | 4.3 | $360 *$ | 3.9 | 331* | 5.4 |
| Tunisia | 323* | 5.6 | $340 *$ | 6.4 | 325* | 5.8 | 329* | 6.3 | $316 *$ | 5.9 | $349 *$ | 5.3 |
| Morocco | 292* | 6.8 | 324* | 5.5 | 293* | 6.2 | 311* | 6.3 | 291* | 5.8 | $318 *$ | 5.4 |
| Qatar | 291* | 1.4 | 303* | 2.1 | 305* | 2.2 | 283* | 2.7 | 304* | 2.3 | 293* | 2.9 |
| Yemen | - | $\dagger$ | - | $\dagger$ | - | $t$ | - | $\dagger$ | - | $t$ | - | $\dagger$ |

— Not available. Average achievement could not be estimated.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from U.S. average score.
${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{2}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
(TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 overall science average scale score. The tests for significance take into account the standard error for the reported difference. Thus, a small difference between the United States and one country may be significant while a large difference between the United States and another country may not be significant. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-23. Standard errors for average science content and cognitive domain scores of eighth-grade students, by country: 2007

| Country | Content domain |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cognitive domain |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Biology |  | Chemistry |  | Physics |  | Earth science |  | Knowing |  | Applying |  | Reasoning |  |
|  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  | Average |  |
|  | score |  | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. | score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | $500 *$ | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 | $500 *$ | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 | 500* | 0.0 |
| Singapore | 564* | 4.2 | 560* | 4.1 | 575* | 3.9 | 541* | 4.1 | 567* | 4.2 | 554* | 4.5 | 564* | 4.1 |
| Chinese Taipei | 549* | 3.4 | 573* | 4.2 | 554* | 3.7 | 545* | 2.9 | 560* | 3.4 | 565* | 3.5 | 541* | 3.5 |
| Japan | 553* | 1.9 | 551* | 1.9 | 558* | 1.9 | 533 | 2.5 | 555* | 2.0 | 534* | 2.2 | 560* | 2.0 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 548* | 1.9 | 536* | 2.4 | 571* | 2.4 | 538* | 2.2 | 547* | 2.0 | 543* | 2.0 | 558* | 2.0 |
| England | 541* | 4.4 | 534* | 4.0 | 545* | 4.0 | 529 | 4.3 | 538* | 4.0 | 530* | 4.9 | 547* | 4.0 |
| Hungary | 534 | 2.7 | 536* | 3.5 | 541* | 3.2 | 531 | 2.9 | 549* | 3.0 | 524* | 3.0 | 530 | 3.0 |
| Czech Republic | 531 | 2.1 | 535* | 2.7 | 537* | 2.1 | 534* | 2.0 | 539* | 1.9 | 533* | 2.1 | 534 | 2.3 |
| Slovenia | 530 | 2.3 | 539* | 2.5 | 524* | 2.0 | 542* | 2.2 | 533* | 2.2 | 533* | 2.0 | 538* | 2.2 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,2}$ | 527 | 4.6 | 517 | 4.6 | 528* | 4.8 | 532 | 4.5 | 522 | 4.9 | 532* | 4.5 | 533 | 5.0 |
| Russian Federation | 525 | 3.6 | 535* | 3.7 | 519* | 4.0 | 525 | 3.4 | 527* | 3.8 | 534* | 4.3 | 520 | 3.7 |
| United States ${ }^{1,3}$ | 530 | 2.8 | 510 | 2.7 | 503 | 2.7 | 525 | 3.1 | 516 | 2.7 | 512 | 2.9 | 529 | 2.9 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 527 | 2.3 | 507 | 2.3 | 505 | 2.9 | 515* | 2.5 | 512 | 2.2 | 513 | 2.4 | 527 | 2.5 |
| Australia | 518* | 3.4 | 505 | 3.6 | 508 | 4.2 | 519 | 3.8 | 510 | 3.2 | 501* | 3.1 | 530 | 3.6 |
| Sweden | 515* | 2.4 | 499* | 2.4 | 506 | 2.7 | 510* | 3.0 | 509 | 2.7 | 505 | 2.3 | 517* | 2.6 |
| Scotland ${ }^{1}$ | 495* | 3.2 | 497* | 3.2 | 494 | 3.7 | 498* | 3.2 | 495* | 3.1 | 480* | 3.9 | 511* | 3.6 |
| Italy | 502* | 3.0 | 481* | 2.9 | 489* | 3.1 | 503* | 3.1 | 498* | 2.9 | 494* | 3.3 | 493* | 2.6 |
| Armenia | 490* | 5.9 | 478* | 6.3 | 503 | 5.6 | 475* | 5.8 | 502* | 5.4 | $493 *$ | 6.4 | 459* | 6.5 |
| Norway | 487* | 2.3 | 483* | 2.2 | 475* | 3.0 | 502* | 2.5 | 486* | 2.3 | 486* | 2.0 | 491* | 2.8 |
| Ukraine | 477* | 3.4 | 490* | 3.3 | 492* | 3.9 | 482* | 4.0 | 488* | 3.7 | 477* | 3.8 | 488* | 3.9 |
| Jordan | 478* | 3.8 | 491* | 4.1 | 479* | 4.2 | 484* | 3.6 | 485* | 4.1 | 491* | 4.5 | 471* | 4.1 |
| Malaysia | 469* | 5.8 | 479* | 5.0 | 484* | 5.8 | 463* | 5.4 | 473* | 5.9 | 458* | 6.5 | 487* | 4.9 |
| Thailand | 478* | 4.5 | 462* | 4.1 | 458* | 4.2 | 488* | 3.8 | 472* | 4.1 | 473* | 4.4 | 473* | 4.0 |
| Serbia ${ }^{3,4}$ | 474* | 3.2 | 467* | 3.7 | 467* | 3.0 | 466* | 3.8 | 469* | 3.6 | 485* | 2.8 | 455* | 3.5 |
| Bulgaria ${ }^{5}$ | 467* | 6.0 | 472* | 6.1 | 466* | 5.6 | 480* | 5.5 | 471* | 6.1 | 489* | 5.8 | 448* | 6.1 |
| Israel ${ }^{5}$ | 472* | 4.2 | 467* | 4.6 | 472* | 4.6 | 462* | 4.1 | 472* | 4.2 | 456* | 5.0 | 481* | 4.2 |
| Bahrain | 473* | 2.0 | 468* | 2.4 | 466* | 1.5 | 465* | 2.4 | 468* | 2.1 | 469* | 2.1 | 469* | 2.0 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 464* | 3.0 | 468* | 2.9 | 463* | 3.1 | 469* | 3.4 | 463* | 2.8 | 486* | 3.7 | 452* | 3.1 |
| Romania | 459* | 3.2 | 463* | 4.0 | 458* | 3.4 | 471* | 3.3 | 470* | 3.5 | 451* | 4.2 | 460* | 3.5 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 449* | 3.6 | 463* | 3.5 | 470* | 3.6 | 476* | 3.7 | 454* | 3.8 | 468* | 3.9 | 462* | 3.8 |
| Malta | 453* | 1.7 | 461* | 2.1 | 470* | 1.7 | 456* | 1.5 | 462* | 1.6 | 436* | 1.5 | 473* | 1.4 |
| Turkey | 462* | 3.4 | 435* | 5.2 | 445* | 4.3 | 466* | 3.3 | 450* | 3.6 | 462* | 3.6 | 462* | 3.4 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 459* | 2.7 | 450* | 2.9 | 447* | 2.7 | 448* | 3.2 | 445* | 3.0 | 474* | 2.9 | 440* | 2.7 |
| Cyprus | 447* | 1.9 | 452* | 2.5 | 458* | 2.8 | 457* | 2.3 | 456* | 2.0 | 438* | 2.6 | 460* | 2.3 |
| Tunisia | 452* | 2.2 | 458* | 2.5 | 432* | 2.5 | 447* | 1.8 | 445* | 2.3 | 441* | 2.0 | 458* | 2.9 |
| Indonesia | 428* | 3.1 | 421* | 3.4 | 432* | 3.1 | 442* | 3.3 | 425* | 3.1 | 426* | 3.6 | 438* | 3.2 |
| Oman | 414* | 3.1 | 416* | 3.6 | 443* | 2.9 | 439* | 2.5 | 423* | 3.2 | 428* | 3.5 | 428* | 3.5 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | 423* | 3.9 | 418* | 4.6 | 416* | 5.8 | 425* | 4.1 | 422* | 4.5 | 440* | 5.1 | 394* | 4.6 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 419* | 2.6 | 418* | 3.8 | 438* | 2.8 | 410* | 3.0 | 417* | 2.9 | 430* | 2.5 | 411* | 2.9 |
| Colombia | 434* | 3.7 | 420* | 3.1 | 407* | 3.5 | 407* | 3.9 | 417* | 3.1 | 418* | 4.0 | 428* | 2.7 |
| Lebanon | 405* | 6.2 | $447 *$ | 5.5 | 431* | 5.1 | 389* | 6.4 | 422* | 5.8 | $403 *$ | 5.9 | 420* | 5.6 |
| Egypt | 406* | 3.4 | 413* | 4.0 | 413* | 3.3 | 426* | 3.8 | 404* | 3.6 | 434* | 3.9 | 395* | 3.4 |
| Algeria | 411* | 1.9 | 414* | 1.7 | 397* | 2.2 | 413* | 1.6 | 410* | 2.4 | 409* | 1.9 | 414* | 1.9 |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | 402* | 4.1 | 413* | 4.2 | 414* | 3.7 | 408* | 3.7 | 412* | 4.0 | 407* | 3.5 | 396* | 3.8 |
| Saudi Arabia | 407* | 2.4 | 390* | 2.5 | 408* | 2.3 | 423* | 2.3 | 403* | 2.7 | 417* | 2.1 | 395* | 2.5 |
| El Salvador | 398* | 3.0 | 377* | 3.2 | 380* | 3.5 | 400* | 2.9 | 388* | 3.2 | 394* | 3.2 | 384* | 3.4 |
| Botswana | 359* | 2.9 | 371* | 2.4 | 351* | 3.2 | 361* | 4.0 | 358* | 3.2 | 361* | 2.9 | 362* | 2.7 |
| Qatar | 318* | 1.7 | 322* | 1.8 | 347* | 2.1 | $312^{*}$ | 1.9 | 322* | 1.5 | 325* | 1.7 | - | $t$ |
| Ghana | 304* | 5.0 | $342 *$ | 4.9 | 276* | 5.8 | 294* | 5.8 | 291* | 5.5 | 316* | 5.7 | - | t |

- Not available. Average achievement could not be estimated.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from U.S. average score.
${ }^{1}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{2}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{3}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered based on the 2007 overall science average scale score. The tests for significance take into account the standard error for the reported difference. Thus, a small difference between the United States and one country may be significant while a large difference between the United States and another country may not be significant. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-24. Standard errors for percentage of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students who reached each international science benchmark compared with the international median percentage, by international benchmark: 2007

|  | Low |  | Intermediate |  | High |  | Advanced |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent | s.e. | Percent | s.e. | Percent | s.e. | Percent | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TIMSS international median | 93 | 0.0 | 74 | 0.0 | 34 | 0.0 | 7 | 0.0 |
| United States | 94 | 0.6 | 78* | 1.1 | 47* | 1.4 | 15* | 0.9 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TIMSS international median | 78 | 0.0 | 49 | 0.0 | 17 | 0.0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| United States | 92* | 0.7 | 71* | 1.3 | 38* | 1.4 | 10* | 0.7 |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. U.S. percentage is significantly different from the Trends in International Mathematics and Science (TIMSS) international median percentage. NOTE: The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). The TIMSS international median represents all participating TIMSS jurisdictions, including the United States. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-25. Standard errors for science scores of fourth-grade students defining 10th and 90th percentiles, by country: 2007

| Country | 10th percentile |  | 90th percentile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | 359* | 1.1 | $586 *$ | 0.9 |
| Singapore | 464* | 7.0 | 701* | 5.0 |
| Chinese Taipei | 457* | 3.0 | 653* | 2.2 |
| Russian Federation | 443* | 4.9 | 646 | 4.9 |
| United States ${ }^{1,2}$ | 427 | 4.3 | 643 | 2.8 |
| England | 438 | 3.7 | 641 | 4.8 |
| Armenia | 336* | 8.6 | 640 | 15.2 |
| Hungary | 425 | 6.1 | 637 | 6.3 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{3}$ | 466* | 4.5 | 637 | 4.1 |
| Italy | 429 | 6.3 | 636 | 3.8 |
| Japan | 459* | 3.4 | 633* | 3.4 |
| Slovak Republic | 416 | 8.3 | $627 *$ | 4.0 |
| Australia | 423 | 3.7 | 626* | 1.4 |
| Latvia ${ }^{4}$ | 454* | 4.5 | $625 *$ | 3.3 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{4}$ | 433 | 9.2 | 623* | 3.8 |
| Germany | 427 | 4.3 | 623* | 4.2 |
| Austria | 423 | 4.8 | 620* | 4.1 |
| Sweden | 429 | 4.0 | $617 *$ | 2.4 |
| New Zealand | 382* | 4.7 | 614* | 3.1 |
| Denmark ${ }^{1}$ | 417 | 9.9 | 610* | 1.6 |
| Slovenia | 416* | 1.7 | 610* | 2.7 |
| Czech Republic | 416* | 3.5 | 610* | 5.1 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{5}$ | 445* | 3.6 | 598* | 4.1 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 428 | 3.3 | 595* | 2.2 |
| Scotland ${ }^{1}$ | 400* | 3.7 | 593* | 4.1 |
| Ukraine | 364* | 5.1 | 576* | 4.2 |
| Norway | 374* | 7.7 | 570* | 3.4 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 304* | 5.5 | 558* | 3.4 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | 306* | 7.3 | 524* | 5.2 |
| Colombia | 271* | 7.9 | 522* | 4.9 |
| El Salvador | 267* | 6.2 | 507* | 3.4 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 182* | 8.0 | 505* | 5.9 |
| Tunisia | 119* | 14.0 | 497* | 4.6 |
| Algeria | 220* | 10.0 | 483* | 6.8 |
| Morocco | 139* | 7.5 | 465* | 9.4 |
| Qatar | 121* | 3.8 | 464* | 2.0 |
| Yemen | 20* | 8.3 | 379* | 8.6 |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. Percentile cutpoint score is significantly different from U.S. cutpoint score.
${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{2}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered based on the 90th percentile cutpoint scores. Cutpoints are calculated based on distribution of student scores within each country. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in
International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-26. Standard errors for science scores of eighth-grade students defining 10th and 90th percentiles, by country: 2007

| Country | 10th percentile |  | 90th percentile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| TIMSS average | $352^{*}$ | 0.9 | $573 *$ | 0.6 |
| Singapore | 421 | 7.9 | 694* | 3.0 |
| Chinese Taipei | 439* | 6.4 | 665* | 3.3 |
| England ${ }^{1}$ | 427* | 6.9 | $649 *$ | 4.9 |
| Japan | 454* | 4.3 | $648 *$ | 3.1 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 452* | 4.2 | 646* | 2.1 |
| Hungary | 437* | 5.2 | 635* | 3.5 |
| Czech Republic | 447* | 2.3 | 630 | 3.4 |
| Slovenia | 442* | 3.2 | 628 | 3.3 |
| Russian Federation | 427* | 6.6 | 627 | 5.1 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,2}$ | 419 | 11.2 | 625 | 4.4 |
| United States ${ }^{1,3}$ | 410 | 3.5 | 623 | 2.6 |
| Australia | 410 | 6.0 | 617 | 6.2 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 414 | 6.8 | 616 | 3.9 |
| Armenia | 366* | 7.0 | 612 | 13.7 |
| Sweden | 405 | 4.1 | 608* | 2.6 |
| Jordan | 349* | 5.3 | 601* | 5.0 |
| Scotland ${ }^{1}$ | 388* | 5.4 | 597* | 5.1 |
| Bulgaria ${ }^{5}$ | $330 *$ | 16.9 | 595* | 6.8 |
| Malta | 298* | 2.9 | 595* | 2.3 |
| Israel ${ }^{5}$ | 329* | 6.0 | 591* | 4.3 |
| Italy | 393* | 5.3 | 590* | 3.4 |
| Ukraine | 374* | 7.3 | 588* | 3.3 |
| Malaysia | 357* | 9.9 | 581* | 7.6 |
| Norway | 389* | 5.6 | 578* | 1.7 |
| Thailand | 363* | 5.7 | 578* | 5.6 |
| Turkey | 336* | 4.3 | 577* | 4.0 |
| Bahrain | 351* | 3.8 | 575* | 2.4 |
| Romania | 345* | 6.3 | 572* | 4.5 |
| Serbia ${ }^{3,4}$ | 359* | 6.6 | 571* | 2.5 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 355* | 4.0 | 566* | 5.2 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 359* | 5.5 | 565* | 3.8 |
| Cyprus | 339* | 3.7 | 556* | 3.1 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 355* | 5.1 | 546* | 3.0 |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | 255* | 8.1 | 543* | 4.4 |
| Oman | 293* | 5.3 | 541* | 3.3 |
| Lebanon | 284* | 7.2 | 539* | 5.7 |
| Egypt | 275* | 5.6 | $537 *$ | 4.3 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 298* | 4.8 | 530* | 3.2 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | 309* | 7.3 | $527 *$ | 4.4 |
| Tunisia | 367* | 2.2 | 524* | 2.3 |
| Indonesia | 330* | 4.8 | 520* | 3.9 |
| Colombia | 319* | 4.7 | 514* | 3.9 |
| Saudi Arabia | 300* | 5.6 | 503* | 3.4 |
| Algeria | $327 *$ | 2.6 | 488* | 1.5 |
| Qatar | 146* | 4.5 | 480* | 2.3 |
| Botswana | 220* | 4.9 | 478* | 3.0 |
| El Salvador | 298* | 4.9 | 477* | 3.4 |
| Ghana | $163 *$ | 8.0 | 445* | 8.6 |

[^2]Table E-27. Standard errors for science scores of U.S. fourthand eighth-grade students defining the 10th and 90th percentiles, by content domain: 2007

|  | 10th percentile |  | 90th percentile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |
| Life science | 433 | 4.6 | 641 | 3.8 |
| Physical science | 433 | 4.1 | 630 | 3.1 |
| Earth science | 433 | 4.5 | 630 | 3.5 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |
| Biology | 421 | 3.8 | 633 | 3.5 |
| Chemistry | 410 | 3.8 | 607 | 3.1 |
| Physics | 399 | 4.4 | 603 | 3.4 |
| Earth science | 410 | 5.0 | 634 | 3.5 |

NOTE: The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-28. Standard errors for trends in science scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students defining the 10th and 90th percentiles: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

|  | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. | Cutpoint score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10th percentile | 419 | 5.3 | - | $\dagger$ | 426 | 3.4 | 427 | 4.3 |
| 90th percentile | 654* | 4.0 | - | $\dagger$ | 636 | 3.1 | 643 | 2.8 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10th percentile | 384* | 9.8 | 386* | 6.9 | 419 | 5.2 | 410 | 3.5 |
| 90th percentile | 628 | 4.3 | 636* | 4.7 | 628 | 3.5 | 623 | 2.6 |

[^3]NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. In 2007, the United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). Cutpoints are calculated based on distribution of U.S. student scores. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

Table E-29. Standard errors for average science scores of fourth-grade students, by sex and country: 2007

| Country | Total |  |  |  | Male-female difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male |  | Female |  |  |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Score difference | s.e. |
| Colombia | 408* | 6.0 | 393 | 5.5 | 15 | 3.7 |
| Germany | 535* | 2.9 | 520 | 2.6 | 15 | 2.7 |
| Austria | 532* | 2.9 | 519 | 2.7 | 13 | 2.6 |
| El Salvador | 396* | 4.6 | 383 | 4.5 | 13 | 6.1 |
| Italy | 541* | 3.7 | 529 | 3.2 | 13 | 2.6 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{1}$ | 528* | 2.8 | 518 | 3.0 | 11 | 2.5 |
| Slovak Republic | 530* | 4.8 | 521 | 5.2 | 8 | 2.9 |
| Czech Republic | 518* | 3.4 | 511 | 3.7 | 7 | 3.3 |
| Denmark ${ }^{2}$ | 520 | 3.6 | 514 | 3.2 | 6 | 3.9 |
| Australia | 530 | 3.5 | 525 | 4.0 | 5 | 3.5 |
| United States ${ }^{3}$ | 541 | 3.1 | 536 | 3.0 | 5 | 2.7 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{4}$ | 556 | 4.3 | 553 | 3.6 | 3 | 3.7 |
| Hungary | 538 | 3.6 | 535 | 4.4 | 3 | 4.5 |
| Norway | 478 | 4.2 | 475 | 3.8 | 2 | 3.9 |
| Chinese Taipei | 558 | 2.4 | 556 | 2.3 | 2 | 2.5 |
| Scotland ${ }^{2}$ | 501 | 2.4 | 500 | 3.0 | 2 | 3.0 |
| Singapore | 587 | 4.4 | 587 | 4.4 | \# | 3.0 |
| Slovenia | 518 | 2.4 | 518 | 2.4 | \# | 2.8 |
| Japan | 547 | 2.4 | 548 | 2.5 | -1 | 2.6 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{5}$ | 532 | 6.3 | 533 | 5.5 | -1 | 3.6 |
| Sweden | 524 | 3.7 | 526 | 2.7 | -2 | 2.9 |
| Ukraine | 473 | 3.5 | 475 | 3.4 | -2 | 3.1 |
| England | 540 | 3.4 | 543 | 3.1 | -3 | 3.0 |
| Russian Federation | 544 | 5.0 | 548 | 5.1 | -4 | 3.2 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{5}$ | 512 | 2.9 | 516 | 2.7 | -4 | 3.0 |
| New Zealand | 502 | 3.5 | 506 | 2.8 | -4 | 3.5 |
| Latvia ${ }^{5}$ | 539 | 3.0 | 545 | 2.8 | -6 | 3.6 |
| Morocco | 292 | 6.8 | 302 | 6.4 | -10 | 6.1 |
| Algeria | 349 | 6.0 | 359* | 6.5 | -10 | 3.2 |
| Georgia ${ }^{5}$ | 413 | 5.1 | 423* | 4.7 | -10 | 3.6 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 429 | 6.0 | 443 | 5.6 | -14 | 7.9 |
| Armenia | 476 | 5.2 | 493* | 7.3 | -17 | 5.3 |
| Yemen | 188 | 8.1 | 209 | 9.9 | -21 | 10.8 |
| Qatar | 281 | 2.8 | 307* | 2.9 | -26 | 2.7 |
| Tunisia | 304 | 6.2 | 335* | 6.4 | -31 | 4.8 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 315 | 7.3 | 379* | 4.6 | -64 | 8.6 |

\# Rounds to zero.

* $p<.05$. Average score is significantly higher than other sex's average score.
${ }^{1}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{2}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{5}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
NOTE: Countries are ordered by male-female difference. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.


## Table E-30. Standard errors for average science scores of eighthgrade students, by sex and country: 2007

| Country | Total |  |  |  | Male-female difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male |  | Female |  |  |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Score difference | s.e. |
| Colombia | 435* | 3.7 | 400 | 4.4 | 35 | 4.5 |
| Ghana | 316* | 5.6 | 288 | 5.9 | 29 | 4.2 |
| El Salvador | 399* | 4.1 | 377 | 3.7 | 22 | 5.1 |
| Tunisia | 455* | 2.6 | 436 | 2.3 | 19 | 2.4 |
| Australia | 524* | 5.4 | 505 | 5.1 | 18 | 7.7 |
| Hungary | 545* | 3.3 | 533 | 3.5 | 12 | 3.3 |
| United States ${ }^{1,2}$ | 526* | 3.2 | 514 | 3.0 | 12 | 2.3 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 457* | 4.2 | 448 | 3.3 | 9 | 4.7 |
| Czech Republic | 543* | 2.4 | 534 | 2.2 | 9 | 2.7 |
| England ${ }^{1}$ | 546 | 5.8 | 537 | 4.6 | 9 | 5.5 |
| Italy | 499* | 3.1 | 491 | 3.3 | 8 | 3.1 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 557* | 2.5 | 549 | 2.7 | 8 | 3.2 |
| Lebanon | 417 | 6.7 | 410 | 6.2 | 7 | 4.9 |
| Russian Federation | 533 | 4.2 | 527 | 4.3 | 6 | 3.4 |
| Scotland ${ }^{1}$ | 498 | 4.2 | 493 | 3.5 | 5 | 3.7 |
| Chinese Taipei | 563 | 4.4 | 559 | 3.7 | 5 | 3.5 |
| Japan | 556 | 2.5 | 552 | 2.8 | 4 | 3.8 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 467 | 2.9 | 464 | 3.4 | 3 | 2.8 |
| Malta | 458 | 2.2 | 456 | 1.8 | 2 | 2.9 |
| Slovenia | 539 | 2.7 | 536 | 2.6 | 2 | 3.0 |
| Ukraine | 486 | 3.6 | 484 | 3.9 | 2 | 3.0 |
| Indonesia | 428 | 3.6 | 426 | 3.8 | 2 | 3.2 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{3}$ | 519 | 2.7 | 518 | 3.2 | 1 | 2.9 |
| Algeria | 408 | 2.2 | 408 | 1.9 | -1 | 2.3 |
| Norway | 486 | 3.0 | 487 | 2.4 | -1 | 3.2 |
| Sweden | 510 | 2.8 | 512 | 3.0 | -2 | 2.8 |
| Serbia ${ }^{1,3}$ | 469 | 3.8 | 472 | 3.7 | -3 | 4.0 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{4}$ | 528 | 6.6 | 533 | 4.5 | -5 | 5.6 |
| Turkey | 452 | 4.0 | 457 | 4.0 | -5 | 3.0 |
| Singapore | 563 | 5.2 | 571 | 4.7 | -8 | 4.4 |
| Armenia | 484 | 5.2 | 492 | 7.1 | -8 | 4.8 |
| Romania | 458 | 4.6 | 466* | 4.1 | -8 | 4.1 |
| Israel ${ }^{5}$ | 463 | 5.2 | 472 | 4.9 | -9 | 5.2 |
| Malaysia | 466 | 6.7 | 475 | 6.4 | -9 | 5.5 |
| Bulgaria ${ }^{5}$ | 464 | 6.8 | 477* | 6.2 | -12 | 5.9 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 453 | 5.4 | 466 | 4.6 | -12 | 7.2 |
| Cyprus | 444 | 2.4 | 460* | 2.8 | -16 | 3.2 |
| Egypt | 400 | 4.6 | 417* | 4.8 | -17 | 6.3 |
| Thailand | 462 | 4.9 | 480* | 4.5 | -18 | 4.2 |
| Botswana | 343 | 3.6 | 365* | 3.7 | -22 | 4.1 |
| Georgia ${ }^{3}$ | 410 | 5.2 | 432* | 4.8 | -22 | 3.2 |
| Jordan | 466 | 5.5 | 499* | 5.8 | -34 | 8.2 |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | 386 | 5.1 | 422* | 4.5 | -36 | 6.5 |
| Saudi Arabia | 383 | 3.9 | 426* | 2.9 | -43 | 4.6 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 391 | 4.2 | 441* | 3.4 | -49 | 5.1 |
| Oman | 391 | 4.6 | 452* | 3.6 | -61 | 5.9 |
| Bahrain | 437 | 2.6 | 499* | 1.9 | -62 | 3.0 |
| Qatar | 284 | 2.3 | 354* | 2.3 | -70 | 3.1 |

[^4]Table E-31. Standard errors for average science and content domain scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by sex: 2007

|  | Male |  |  | Female |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade/content domain | Average score | s.e. |  | Average score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total score | 541 | 3.1 | 536 | 3.0 |  |
| Life science | 541 | 2.9 | 538 | 3.0 |  |
| Physical science | 536 | 2.7 | 532 | 2.5 |  |
| Earth science | $536^{*}$ | 2.7 | 531 | 2.9 |  |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total score | $526^{*}$ | 3.2 | 514 | 3.0 |  |
| Biology | $533^{*}$ | 2.9 | 527 | 3.2 |  |
| Chemistry | 512 | 2.9 | 508 | 3.2 |  |
| Physics | $514^{*}$ | 3.1 | 491 | 3.2 |  |
| Earth science | $534^{*}$ | 3.7 | 516 | 3.5 |  |

[^5]Table E-32. Standard errors for trends in average science scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by sex: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

| Grade/sex | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 548 | 3.4 | - | $\dagger$ | 538 | 2.8 | 541 | 3.1 |
| Female | 536 | 3.7 | - | $\dagger$ | 533 | 2.5 | 536 | 3.0 |
| Gap (male-female) | 12* | 2.5 | - | $\dagger$ | 5 | 1.7 | 5 | 2.7 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 520 | 5.9 | 524 | 5.2 | 536* | 3.4 | 526 | 3.2 |
| Female | 505 | 5.5 | 505 | 4.6 | 519 | 3.2 | 514 | 3.0 |
| Gap (male-female) | 14 | 3.0 | 19 | 4.1 | 16 | 2.1 | 12 | 2.3 |

— Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from 2007 average score.
NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. In 2007, the United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

Table E-33. Standard errors for average science scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by race/ ethnicity: 2007

|  | Grade four |  |  | Grade eight |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Race/ethnicity | Average score | s.e. |  | Average score | s.e. |
| White students | 567 | 2.5 |  | 551 | 2.5 |
| Black students | 488 | 3.5 |  | 455 | 3.5 |
| Hispanic students | 502 | 3.6 |  | 480 | 4.6 |
| Asian students | 573 | 7.7 |  | 543 | 6.7 |
| Multiracial students | 550 | 6.4 | 522 | 7.0 |  |
| Other students | 508 | 11.5 | 512 | 9.0 |  |

NOTE: Reporting standards were not met for American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander. Black includes African American. Racial categories exclude Hispanic origin. Students who identified themselves as being of Hispanic origin were classified as Hispanic,
regardless of their race. Although data for some race/ethnicities are not shown separately because the reporting standards were not met, they are included in the U.S. totals shown throughout the report. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National
Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-34. Standard errors for trends in average science scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by race/ethnicity: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

| Race/ethnicity | Grade four |  |  |  |  |  | Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1995 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| White students | 572 | 3.0 | 565 | 2.2 | 567 | 2.5 | 544 | 3.3 | 547 | 4.0 | 552 | 2.6 | 551 | 2.5 |
| Black students | 462* | 5.1 | 486 | 3.3 | 488 | 3.5 | 422* | 8.3 | 438* | 5.7 | 461 | 5.0 | 455 | 3.5 |
| Hispanic students | 503 | 5.3 | 498 | 3.6 | 502 | 3.6 | 446* | 5.0 | 462* | 7.4 | 482 | 5.3 | 480 | 4.6 |
| Asian students | 525* | 8.9 | 543* | 6.7 | 573 | 7.7 | 506* | 12.6 | 527 | 9.3 | 536 | 7.5 | 543 | 6.7 |
| Multiracial students | - | $\dagger$ | 556 | 4.9 | 550 | 6.4 | - | $\dagger$ | - | $t$ | 532 | 6.0 | 522 | 7.0 |
| Other students | 539* | 6.3 | 507 | 8.9 | 508 | 11.5 | 491 | 22.2 | 499 | 11.3 | 486 | 10.5 | 512 | 9.0 |

— Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
*p < . 05. Average score is significantly different from 2007 average score.
NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. Multiracial data were not collected in 1995 and 1999. Reporting standards were not met for American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Black includes African American. Racial categories exclude Hispanic origin. Students who identified themselves as being of Hispanic origin were classified as Hispanic, regardless of their race. Although data for some race/ethnicities are not shown separately because the reporting standards were not met, they are included in the U.S. totals shown throughout the report. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). The tests for significance take into account the standard error for the reported difference. Thus, a small difference between averages for one student group may be significant while a large difference for another student group may not be significant. See appendix A in this report for more information. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

Table E-35. Standard errors for average science scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by percentage of students in public school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch: 2007

| Percentage in school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch | Grade four |  | Grade eight |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| Less than 10 percent | 590 | 5.2 | 572 | 5.9 |
| 10 to 24.9 percent | 567 | 3.4 | 559 | 4.0 |
| 25 to 49.9 percent | 550 | 4.0 | 528 | 4.9 |
| 50 to 74.9 percent | 520 | 4.7 | 495 | 5.5 |
| 75 percent or more | 477 | 4.9 | 466 | 6.3 |

NOTE: Analyses are limited to public schools only, based on school reports of the percentage of students in school eligible for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-36. Standard errors for trends in average science scores of U.S. fourthand eighth-grade students, by percentage of students in public school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch: 1999, 2003, and 2007

| Percentage in school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch | Grade four |  |  |  | Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | vage score | s.e. |
| Less than 10 percent | 580 | 5.0 | 590 | 5.2 | 568 | 8.8 | 571 | 6.6 | 572 | 5.9 |
| 10 to 24.9 percent | 567 | 4.0 | 567 | 3.4 | 556 | 5.0 | 554 | 6.8 | 559 | 4.0 |
| 25 to 49.9 percent | 551 | 4.0 | 550 | 4.0 | 513 | 8.6 | 529 | 5.1 | 528 | 4.9 |
| 50 to 74.9 percent | 519 | 4.2 | 520 | 4.7 | 484 | 7.2 | 504 | 5.3 | 495 | 5.5 |
| 75 percent or more | 480 | 4.3 | 477 | 4.9 | 440* | 9.8 | 461 | 10.2 | 466 | 6.3 |

${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from 2007 average score.
NOTE: Information on the percentage of students in school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch was not collected in 1995. No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. Analyses are limited to public schools only, based on school reports of the percentage of students in school eligible for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. In 2007, the United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted by s.e. SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International
Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1999, 2003, and 2007.

# Table E-37. Standard deviations of science scores of fourth- and eighthgrade students, by country: 2007 

| Grade four |  | Grade eight |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country | Standard deviation | Country | Standard deviation |
| Singapore | 93 | Singapore | 104 |
| Chinese Taipei | 77 | Chinese Taipei | 89 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 68 | Japan | 77 |
| Japan | 70 | Korea, Rep. of | 76 |
| Russian Federation | 81 | England ${ }^{3}$ | 85 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 67 | Hungary | 77 |
| England | 80 | Czech Republic | 71 |
| United States ${ }^{3,4}$ | 84 | Slovenia | 72 |
| Hungary | 85 | Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,3}$ | 81 |
| Italy | 81 | Russian Federation | 78 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | 74 | United States ${ }^{3,4}$ | 82 |
| Germany | 79 | Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | 78 |
| Australia | 80 | Australia | 80 |
| Slovak Republic | 87 | Sweden | 78 |
| Austria | 77 | Scotland ${ }^{3}$ | 81 |
| Sweden | 74 | Italy | 78 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{5}$ | 60 | Armenia | 101 |
| Slovenia | 76 | Norway | 73 |
| Denmark ${ }^{3}$ | 77 | Ukraine | 84 |
| Czech Republic | 76 | Jordan | 98 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | 65 | Malaysia | 88 |
| New Zealand | 90 | Thailand | 83 |
| Scotland ${ }^{3}$ | 76 | Serbia ${ }^{2,4}$ | 85 |
| Armenia | 119 | Bulgaria ${ }^{7}$ | 103 |
| Norway | 77 | Israel ${ }^{7}$ | 101 |
| Ukraine | 83 | Bahrain | 86 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 97 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 79 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 85 | Romania | 88 |
| Colombia | 97 | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 81 |
| El Salvador | 93 | Malta | 114 |
| Algeria | 102 | Turkey | 92 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 123 | Syrian Arab Republic | 75 |
| Tunisia | 141 | Cyprus | 85 |
| Morocco | 124 | Tunisia | 60 |
| Qatar | 129 | Indonesia | 74 |
| Yemen | 130 | Oman | 96 |
|  |  | Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 83 |
|  |  | Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | 89 |
|  |  | Colombia | 77 |
|  |  | Lebanon | 97 |
|  |  | Egypt | 99 |
|  |  | Algeria | 63 |
|  |  | Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | 111 |
|  |  | Saudi Arabia | 78 |
|  |  | El Salvador | 70 |
|  |  | Botswana | 99 |
|  |  | Qatar | 126 |
|  |  | Ghana | 108 |

[^6]Table E-38. Standard deviations of science scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students, by selected characteristics: 2007

| Selected characteristic | Grade four | Grade eight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Standard deviation | Standard deviation |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 86 | 85 |
| Female | 82 | 79 |
| Race/ethnicity |  |  |
| White | 73 | 70 |
| Black | 76 | 73 |
| Hispanic | 81 | 77 |
| Asian | 81 | 69 |
| Multiracial | 85 | 77 |
| Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |
| Less than 10 percent | 67 | 68 |
| 10 to 24.9 percent | 72 | 69 |
| 25 to 49.9 percent | 76 | 77 |
| 50 to 74.9 percent | 82 | 78 |
| 75 percent or more | 81 | 79 |

NOTE: Reporting standards were not met for American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Black includes African American. Racial categories exclude Hispanic origin. Students who identified themselves as being of Hispanic origin were classified as Hispanic, regardless of their race. Although data for some race/ethnicities are not shown separately because the reporting standards were not met, they are included in the U.S. totals shown throughout the report.
Analyses based on percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch are limited to public schools only. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

Table E-39. Standard errors for average mathematics scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students and the TIMSS scale average: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

|  | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 518* | 3.0 | - | $\dagger$ | 518* | 2.4 | 529* | 2.4 |
| TIMSS scale average | 500 | 0.0 | - | $\dagger$ | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 492 | 4.7 | 502 | 4.0 | 504 | 3.3 | 508* | 2.8 |
| TIMSS scale average | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |

—Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Difference between U.S. average and Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) scale average is statistically significant. NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). Difference calculated by subtracting the TIMSS scale average (500) from the U.S. average mathematics score. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

Table E-40. Standard errors for average science scores of U.S. fourth- and eighth-grade students and the TIMSS scale average: 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007

|  | 1995 |  | 1999 |  | 2003 |  | 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. | Average score | s.e. |
| Grade four |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 542* | 3.3 | - | $\dagger$ | 536* | 2.5 | 539* | 2.7 |
| TIMSS scale average | 500 | 0.0 | - | $\dagger$ | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |
| Grade eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 513* | 5.6 | 515* | 4.6 | 527* | 3.1 | 520* | 2.9 |
| TIMSS scale average | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 | 500 | 0.0 |

— Not available.
$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{*} p<.05$. Difference between U.S. average and Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) scale average is statistically significant. NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). Difference calculated by subtracting the TIMSS scale average (500) from the U.S. average science score. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

## Table E-41. Standard errors for the percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade students who reached the TIMSS advanced international benchmark in mathematics, by country: 2007

| Grade four |  |  | Grade eight |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country | Percent | s.e. | Country | Percent | s.e. |
| International median | 5 | 0.0 | International median | 2 | 0.0 |
| Singapore | 41 | 2.1 | Chinese Taipei | 45 | 1.9 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1}$ | 40 | 2.2 | Korea, Rep. of | 40 | 1.2 |
| Chinese Taipei | 24 | 1.2 | Singapore | 40 | 1.9 |
| Japan | 23 | 1.2 | Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{1,3}$ | 31 | 2.1 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{2}$ | 19 | 2.1 | Japan | 26 | 1.3 |
| England | 16 | 1.2 | Hungary | 10 | 1.0 |
| Russian Federation | 16 | 1.8 | England ${ }^{3}$ | 8 | 1.5 |
| Latvia ${ }^{2}$ | 11 | 0.8 | Russian Federation | 8 | 0.9 |
| United States ${ }^{3,4}$ | 10 | 0.8 | Lithuania ${ }^{2}$ | 6 | 0.7 |
| Lithuania | 10 | 0.7 | United States ${ }^{3,4}$ | 6 | 0.6 |
| Hungary | 9 | 0.8 | Australia | 6 | 1.3 |
| Australia | 9 | 0.8 | Armenia | 6 | 0.9 |
| Armenia | 8 | 1.5 | Czech Republic | 6 | 0.7 |
| Denmark ${ }^{3}$ | 7 | 0.7 | Turkey | 5 | 0.6 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{5}$ | 7 | 0.7 | Serbia ${ }^{2,4}$ | 5 | 0.8 |
| Germany | 6 | 0.5 | Malta | 5 | 0.4 |
| Italy | 6 | 0.7 | Bulgaria | 4 | 0.8 |
| New Zealand | 5 | 0.5 | Slovenia | 4 | 0.6 |
| Slovak Republic | 5 | 0.7 | Israel ${ }^{7}$ | 4 | 0.5 |
| Scotland ${ }^{3}$ | 4 | 0.5 | Romania | 4 | 0.6 |
| Slovenia | 3 | 0.4 | Scotland ${ }^{3}$ | 4 | 0.6 |
| Austria | 3 | 0.3 | Thailand | 3 | 0.8 |
| Sweden | 3 | 0.3 | Ukraine | 3 | 0.5 |
| Ukraine | 2 | 0.5 | Italy | 3 | 0.6 |
| Czech Republic | 2 | 0.4 | Malaysia | 2 | 0.5 |
| Norway | 2 | 0.3 | Cyprus | 2 | 0.3 |
| Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 1 | 0.4 | Sweden | 2 | 0.3 |
| Colombia | \# | 0.1 | Jordan | 1 | 0.2 |
| Morocco | \# | 0.2 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 | 0.2 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | \# | 0.1 | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 1 | 0.2 |
| Algeria | \# | 0.1 | Lebanon | 1 | 0.2 |
| Tunisia | \# | 0.1 | Georgia ${ }^{2}$ | 1 | 0.3 |
| El Salvador | \# | \# | Egypt | 1 | 0.1 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | \# | \# | Indonesia | \# | 0.2 |
| Qatar | \# | \# | Norway | \# | 0.1 |
| Yemen | \# | \# | Palestinian Nat'I Auth. | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Colombia | \# | 0.0 |
|  |  |  | Bahrain | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Syrian Arab Republic | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Tunisia | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Oman | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Qatar | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Botswana | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | El Salvador | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Ghana | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Algeria | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Saudi Arabia | \# | \# |

## \# Rounds to zero.

${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{2}$ National Target Population does not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{4}$ National Defined Population covers 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A)
${ }^{5}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
${ }^{7}$ National Defined Population covers less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A). NOTE: The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) international median represents all participating TIMSS jurisdictions, including the United States. The international median represents the percentage at which half of the participating countries have that percentage of students at or above the median and half have that percentage of students below the median. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

# Table E-42. Standard errors for the percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade students who reached the TIMSS advanced international benchmark in science, by country: 2007 

| Grade four |  |  | Grade eight |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country | Percent | s.e. | Country | Percent | s.e. |
| International median | 7 | 0.0 | International median | 3 | 0.0 |
| Singapore | 36 | 1.9 | Singapore | 32 | 1.6 |
| Chinese Taipei | 19 | 1.0 | Chinese Taipei | 25 | 1.5 |
| Russian Federation | 16 | 1.9 | Japan | 17 | 0.9 |
| United States ${ }^{1,2}$ | 15 | 0.9 | England ${ }^{2}$ | 17 | 1.6 |
| England | 14 | 1.2 | Korea, Rep. of | 17 | 0.9 |
| Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{3}$ | 14 | 1.4 | Hungary | 13 | 1.1 |
| Hungary | 13 | 1.0 | Czech Republic | 11 | 0.9 |
| Italy | 13 | 1.0 | Slovenia | 11 | 0.7 |
| Japan | 12 | 1.0 | Russian Federation | 11 | 1.0 |
| Armenia | 12 | 1.8 | Hong Kong SAR ${ }^{2,3}$ | 10 | 1.0 |
| Slovak Republic | 11 | 0.8 | United States ${ }^{1,2}$ | 10 | 0.7 |
| Australia | 10 | 0.7 | Armenia | 8 | 1.7 |
| Latvia ${ }^{4}$ | 10 | 1.1 | Australia | 8 | 1.4 |
| Germany | 10 | 0.7 | Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 8 | 0.6 |
| Kazakhstan ${ }^{4}$ | 10 | 1.3 | Sweden | 6 | 0.6 |
| Austria | 9 | 0.7 | Jordan | 5 | 0.6 |
| Sweden | 8 | 0.6 | Malta | 5 | 0.3 |
| New Zealand | 8 | 0.5 | Bulgaria ${ }^{7}$ | 5 | 0.9 |
| Czech Republic | 7 | 0.7 | Scotland ${ }^{2}$ | 5 | 0.6 |
| Denmark ${ }^{2}$ | 7 | 0.8 | Israel ${ }^{7}$ | 5 | 0.6 |
| Slovenia | 6 | 0.6 | Italy | 4 | 0.7 |
| Scotland ${ }^{2}$ | 4 | 0.6 | Turkey | 3 | 0.5 |
| Netherlands ${ }^{5}$ | 4 | 0.8 | Ukraine | 3 | 0.4 |
| Lithuania ${ }^{4}$ | 3 | 0.4 | Thailand | 3 | 0.8 |
| Ukraine | 2 | 0.3 | Malaysia | 3 | 0.7 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 2 | 0.3 | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 2 | 0.5 |
| Norway | 1 | 0.4 | Bahrain | 2 | 0.4 |
| Colombia | 1 | 0.2 | Serbia ${ }^{1,4}$ | 2 | 0.3 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | 1 | 0.2 | Romania | 2 | 0.3 |
| El Salvador | \# | 0.1 | Norway | 2 | 0.2 |
| Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | \# | 0.2 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2 | 0.3 |
| Morocco | \# | 0.2 | Cyprus | 1 | 0.3 |
| Algeria | \# | 0.1 | Palestinian Nat'I Auth. | 1 | 0.2 |
| Tunisia | \# | 0.1 | Lebanon | 1 | 0.4 |
| Qatar | \# | \# | Syrian Arab Republic | 1 | 0.2 |
| Yemen | \# | \# | Egypt | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Oman | 1 | 0.2 |
|  |  |  | Colombia | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Kuwait ${ }^{6}$ | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Indonesia | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Tunisia | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Saudi Arabia | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Qatar | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Ghana | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | El Salvador | \# | 0.1 |
|  |  |  | Botswana | \# | \# |
|  |  |  | Algeria | \# | \# |

## \# Rounds to zero.

${ }^{1}$ National Defined Population covers 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A)
${ }^{2}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{3}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
${ }^{4}$ National Target Population does not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
${ }^{5}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
${ }^{7}$ National Defined Population covers less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A). NOTE: The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) international median represents all participating TIMSS jurisdictions, including the United States. The international median represents the percentage at which half of the participating countries have that percentage of students at or above the median and half have that percentage of students below the median. Standard error is noted by s.e.
SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.


[^0]:    — Not available. Average achievement could not be estimated.
    $\dagger$ Not applicable.
    ${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly different from U.S. average score.
    ${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
    ${ }^{2}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{3}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{4}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{5}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
    ${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
    NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 overall mathematics average scale score. The tests for significance take into account the standard error for the reported difference. Thus, a small difference between the United States and one country may be significant while a large difference between the United States and another country may not be significant. Standard error is noted by s.e.
    SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

[^1]:    — Not available.
    $\dagger$ Not applicable.
    *p < .05. Percentile cutpoint score is significantly different from 2007 cutpoint score.
    NOTE: No fourth-grade assessment was conducted in 1999. In 2007, the United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of the National Target Population (see appendix A). Cutpoints are calculated based on distribution of U.S. student scores. Standard error is noted by s.e. SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

[^2]:    ${ }^{*} p<.05$. Percentile cutpoint score is significantly different from U.S. cutpoint score.
    ${ }^{1}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A). ${ }^{2}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
    ${ }^{3}$ National Defined Population covers 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population
    (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{4}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{5}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
    ${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
    NOTE: Countries are ordered based on the 90th percentile cutpoint scores. Cutpoints are calculated based on distribution of student scores within each country. Standard error is noted by s.e. SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

[^3]:    — Not available.
    $\dagger$ Not applicable.
    *p < . 05 . Cutpoint score is significantly different from 2007 cutpoint score.

[^4]:    ${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly higher than other sex's average score.
    ${ }^{1}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{2}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{3}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{4}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
    ${ }^{5}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
    ${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
    NOTE: Countries are ordered by male-female difference. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Standard error is noted by s.e.
    SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

[^5]:    ${ }^{*} p<.05$. Average score is significantly higher than other sex's average score.
    NOTE: The United States met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included. The National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A). Standard error is noted as s.e.
    SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in
    International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China.
    ${ }^{2}$ National Target Population did not include all of the International Target Population defined by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{3}$ Met guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{4}$ National Defined Population covered 90 percent to 95 percent of National Target Population (see appendix A)
    ${ }^{5}$ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation rates only after substitute schools were included (see appendix A).
    ${ }^{6}$ Kuwait tested the same cohort of students as other countries, but later in 2007, at the beginning of the next school year.
    ${ }^{7}$ National Defined Population covered less than 90 percent of National Target Population (but at least 77 percent, see appendix A).
    NOTE: Countries are ordered by 2007 average score.
    SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2007.

