

Appendix table 1-10  
**Average mathematics score of eighth grade students, by country: 2003**

Country	Score
International average .....	466
Singapore .....	605
South Korea .....	589
Hong Kong, China .....	586
Chinese Taipei .....	585
Japan .....	570
Belgium .....	537
Netherlands .....	536
Estonia .....	531
Hungary .....	529
Malaysia .....	508
Latvia .....	508
Russian Federation .....	508
Slovak Republic .....	508
Australia .....	505
United States .....	504
Lithuania .....	502
Sweden .....	499
Scotland .....	498
Israel .....	496
New Zealand .....	494
Slovenia .....	493
Italy .....	484
Armenia .....	478
Serbia .....	477
Bulgaria .....	476
Romania .....	475
Norway .....	461
Moldova .....	460
Cyprus .....	459
Macedonia .....	435
Lebanon .....	433
Jordan .....	424
Iran .....	411
Indonesia .....	411
Tunisia .....	410
Egypt .....	406
Bahrain .....	401
Palestinian National Authority .....	390
Chile .....	387
Morocco .....	387
Philippines .....	378
Botswana .....	366
Saudi Arabia .....	332
Ghana .....	276
South Africa .....	264

Average higher than U.S. average

Average not measurably different from U.S. average

Average lower than U.S. average

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