## 2019

## School Discipline and Safety

## School Discipline

Continuing from previous TIMSS assessments, TIMSS 2019 asked school principals for their perceptions about the extent that discipline, disorder, and bullying behaviors are problems in their school. As described in Exhibit 8.1, fourth grade students were assigned scores on the School Discipline scale according to their principals' characterizations of 10 discipline and safety problems (see About the Scale). The eighth grade scale included one additional problem more suited to older students"physical injury to teachers or staff." Since TIMSS first reported results on the School Discipline scale in 2011, data have shown that attending schools with fewer discipline and safety problems was associated with higher average achievement in mathematics and science.

Exhibit 8.2 presents the results for the School Discipline scale at the fourth grade in relation to mathematics achievement. Countries are ordered according to the percentage of students in schools where principals reported "hardly any problems" with discipline and safety. On average, the majority of fourth grade students ( $60 \%$ ) attended schools with "hardly any problems," and 32 percent attended schools with "minor problems." Only 8 percent of students, on average, attended schools for which principals reported "moderate to severe problems" with discipline and safety. Consistent with previous TIMSS results, average mathematics achievement was higher for students in schools with "hardly any problems" than for students in schools with "minor problems" ( 508 vs. 494). At 466 points, on average, mathematics achievement for students in schools with "moderate to severe problems" with school discipline and safety was substantially lower (42 points) than for students in schools with "hardly any problems."

Exhibit 8.3 presents the same percentages of fourth grade students in the three categories of the scale, but in relation to science achievement. Similar to the results for mathematics, fewer discipline problems were related to higher average science achievement. Students in schools with "hardly any problems" with discipline and safety had the highest average science achievement (498), followed by students in schools with "minor problems" (483) and "moderate to severe problems" (457).

Exhibits 8.4 and 8.5 present the School Discipline results for eighth grade students in relation to mathematics achievement and science achievement, respectively. Compared with the fourth grade, fewer eighth grade students attended schools with "hardly any problems" ( $45 \%$ vs. $60 \%$ ) and more eighth grade students attended schools with "minor problems" ( $43 \%$ vs. $32 \%$ ). Similar to fourth grade results, the 11 percent of eighth grade students in the "moderate to severe problems" category had the lowest average achievement (448 and 452 in mathematics and science, respectively). However, eighth grade results showed a greater difference in average achievement between students in schools with "hardly any problems" and those in schools with "moderate to severe problems." There was a 55 -point gap in average mathematics achievement between the two categories ( 503 vs .448 ) and a 52 -point gap in average science achievement ( 504 vs. 452).

## About the Scale

Students were scored according to their principals' reports regarding eleven potential problems on the School Discipline scale. Cut scores divide the scale into three categories. Students in schools with Hardly Any Problems had a score at or above the cut score corresponding to their principals reporting that six of the eleven issues are "not a problem" and the other five are a "minor problem," on average. Students in schools with Moderate to Severe Problems had a score at or below the cut score corresponding to their principals reporting that six of the eleven issues are a "moderate problem" and the other five are a "minor problem," on average. All other students were in schools with Minor Problems.


| Country |  | Hardly Any Problems |  | Minor Problems |  | Moderate to Severe Problems |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Albania |  | 82 (3.4) | 495 (3.8) | 16 (3.2) | 491 (9.3) | 2 (1.1) | ~ ~ | 10.9 (0.14) |
| Ireland |  | 82 (3.2) | 552 (3.1) | 16 (3.1) | 540 (5.5) | 2 (1.2) | ~ ~ | 10.8 (0.11) |
| Kazakhstan |  | 82 (3.3) | 514 (3.0) | 7 (2.0) | 500 (11.4) | 12 (2.6) | 506 (7.8) | 10.9 (0.19) |
| Netherlands | s | 81 (5.0) | 540 (2.8) | 19 (5.0) | 527 (4.6) | 0 (0.0) | ~~ | 10.9 (0.15) |
| Hong Kong SAR |  | 77 (4.3) | 607 (3.2) | 23 (4.2) | 583 (7.7) | 1 (0.7) | ~ ~ | 10.7 (0.14) |
| Singapore |  | 76 (0.0) | 628 (4.3) | 24 (0.0) | 616 (8.3) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 10.6 (0.00) |
| Armenia |  | 76 (3.4) | 501 (3.2) | 13 (3.2) | 484 (6.1) | 11 (2.3) | 498 (7.6) | 10.4 (0.15) |
| Croatia |  | 76 (3.6) | 509 (2.6) | 22 (3.5) | 513 (5.4) | 2 (1.3) | ~ | 10.5 (0.12) |
| Spain |  | 75 (3.4) | 508 (2.8) | 22 (3.1) | 486 (8.1) | 3 (1.2) | 493 (14.7) | 10.6 (0.13) |
| Slovak Republic |  | 73 (3.6) | 517 (4.1) | 20 (3.5) | 504 (6.9) | 6 (1.7) | 447 (14.5) | 10.3 (0.11) |
| Japan |  | 73 (3.6) | 595 (2.1) | 23 (3.6) | 588 (3.5) | 4 (1.8) | 584 (9.1) | 10.4 (0.12) |
| Korea, Rep. of |  | 73 (3.7) | 602 (2.7) | 16 (2.8) | 595 (5.7) | 12 (3.0) | 588 (7.1) | 10.6 (0.18) |
| Northern Ireland | r | 73 (3.8) | 573 (4.2) | 27 (3.9) | 552 (6.2) | 1 (0.8) | ~~ | 10.4 (0.11) |
| Chinese Taipei |  | 73 (3.2) | 600 (2.2) | 26 (3.2) | 597 (3.7) | 1 (1.0) | ~ | 10.8 (0.12) |
| Lithuania |  | 72 (3.8) | 537 (3.4) | 28 (3.8) | 556 (7.4) | 0 (0.3) | ~ | 10.4 (0.11) |
| Latvia |  | 72 (3.2) | 548 (3.3) | 27 (3.2) | 541 (4.7) | 1 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.4 (0.09) |
| Czech Republic |  | 71 (3.5) | 538 (3.1) | 26 (3.3) | 525 (4.8) | 3 (1.2) | 494 (6.6) | 10.3 (0.11) |
| Azerbaijan |  | 71 (3.2) | 514 (3.5) | 17 (2.9) | 529 (6.2) | 12 (2.7) | 508 (5.5) | 10.0 (0.16) |
| United Arab Emirates | r | 70 (2.0) | 494 (2.0) | 26 (2.0) | 444 (3.6) | 4 (0.3) | 446 (9.9) | 10.5 (0.07) |
| Bulgaria |  | 70 (4.1) | 528 (4.1) | 24 (3.9) | 477 (11.9) | 6 (2.0) | 517 (17.7) | 10.4 (0.17) |
| Malta |  | 69 (0.4) | 519 (1.4) | 29 (0.4) | 490 (3.0) | 2 (0.1) | ~~ | 10.4 (0.01) |
| North Macedonia |  | 68 (3.7) | 478 (5.8) | 24 (4.2) | 461 (11.1) | 8 (2.7) | 458 (24.9) | 10.4 (0.16) |
| Qatar |  | 68 (3.8) | 455 (4.7) | 24 (3.6) | 439 (8.8) | 8 (1.8) | 434 (13.1) | 10.2 (0.13) |
| Russian Federation |  | 68 (3.6) | 569 (4.5) | 32 (3.5) | 563 (4.1) | 1 (0.6) | ~ ~ | 10.2 (0.08) |
| England | s | 67 (5.1) | 566 (5.5) | 33 (5.1) | 540 (7.6) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 10.1 (0.10) |
| Italy |  | 66 (4.0) | 517 (2.8) | 29 (4.2) | 510 (4.9) | 5 (1.8) | 509 (7.6) | 10.0 (0.12) |
| Georgia |  | 66 (4.4) | 486 (4.6) | 23 (3.8) | 473 (6.0) | 11 (2.9) | 479 (11.6) | 10.1 (0.19) |
| Bahrain |  | 65 (2.8) | 486 (2.7) | 27 (2.8) | 476 (5.0) | 8 (0.7) | 442 (7.8) | 10.2 (0.09) |
| Saudi Arabia |  | 64 (3.5) | 404 (4.7) | 23 (3.2) | 394 (7.8) | 14 (2.7) | 385 (15.5) | 10.0 (0.16) |
| Belgium (Flemish) |  | 61 (4.5) | 540 (2.7) | 37 (4.6) | 523 (3.8) | 2 (1.4) | ~ ~ | 10.1 (0.12) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of |  | 59 (3.7) | 450 (5.4) | 33 (3.6) | 436 (8.2) | 8 (1.8) | 423 (15.4) | 10.1 (0.12) |
| New Zealand |  | 59 (3.6) | 504 (3.8) | 38 (3.7) | 466 (5.5) | 3 (1.4) | 438 (9.9) | 10.1 (0.10) |
| Norway (5) | r | 58 (4.3) | 547 (3.7) | 33 (4.1) | 540 (4.9) | 9 (3.2) | 533 (7.4) | 9.7 (0.12) |
| France |  | 57 (4.1) | 494 (4.3) | 39 (4.3) | 476 (4.8) | 4 (1.4) | 445 (9.2) | 9.9 (0.11) |
| Australia |  | 57 (3.5) | 529 (4.0) | 40 (3.4) | 500 (4.8) | 3 (1.3) | 442 (15.7) | 9.9 (0.11) |
| Serbia |  | 55 (4.3) | 505 (4.4) | 32 (3.7) | 513 (5.8) | 12 (2.8) | 512 (8.9) | 9.7 (0.16) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |  | 55 (3.7) | 453 (3.6) | 29 (3.5) | 453 (4.8) | 16 (3.1) | 447 (7.6) | 9.6 (0.18) |
| United States |  | 55 (2.6) | 547 (3.9) | 41 (2.6) | 521 (4.4) | 4 (1.1) | 501 (18.4) | 9.9 (0.08) |
| Finland |  | 53 (3.8) | 537 (3.4) | 42 (3.8) | 529 (3.1) | 5 (1.9) | 499 (11.9) | 9.9 (0.10) |
| Canada |  | 53 (2.9) | 516 (2.4) | 43 (3.0) | 510 (4.7) | 4 (1.0) | 470 (9.4) | 9.9 (0.09) |
| Montenegro |  | 52 (0.5) | 452 (2.3) | 34 (0.4) | 457 (3.6) | 14 (0.3) | 447 (3.8) | 9.7 (0.02) |
| Pakistan |  | 51 (6.5) | 321 (16.7) | 38 (6.4) | 331 (20.2) | 11 (2.7) | 352 (17.7) | 9.4 (0.19) |
| Hungary |  | 50 (4.7) | 532 (4.1) | 42 (4.5) | 520 (6.0) | 8 (2.3) | 474 (15.0) | 9.7 (0.12) |
| Cyprus |  | 49 (4.8) | 540 (3.4) | 45 (4.6) | 527 (5.0) | 6 (2.3) | 502 (12.5) | 9.8 (0.16) |
| Austria |  | 49 (3.7) | 548 (3.3) | 41 (3.8) | 535 (3.3) | 10 (2.3) | 515 (9.2) | 9.6 (0.11) |
| Kosovo |  | 47 (4.4) | 439 (4.9) | 26 (3.6) | 447 (5.7) | 27 (3.7) | 451 (4.5) | 8.9 (0.21) |
| Denmark | r | 47 (4.0) | 534 (3.4) | 52 (3.9) | 517 (2.7) | 1 (1.0) | ~ | 9.7 (0.11) |
| Portugal |  | 46 (3.8) | 533 (4.1) | 45 (3.8) | 521 (4.2) | 9 (2.1) | 511 (6.9) | 9.6 (0.14) |
| Philippines |  | 44 (4.1) | 319 (9.5) | 52 (3.9) | 276 (8.3) | 4 (1.6) | 317 (13.7) | 9.5 (0.11) |
| Kuwait |  | 44 (3.9) | 401 (7.1) | 37 (4.1) | 373 (8.5) | 19 (3.2) | 364 (11.6) | 9.1 (0.15) |
| Chile |  | 41 (4.1) | 454 (5.8) | 49 (4.4) | 435 (4.0) | 9 (2.5) | 416 (11.8) | 9.4 (0.13) |
| Oman |  | 36 (3.2) | 436 (5.6) | 36 (3.1) | 422 (5.2) | 28 (3.3) | 435 (11.1) | 8.7 (0.18) |
| Poland |  | 36 (4.1) | 522 (4.9) | 60 (4.2) | 518 (3.2) | 4 (1.6) | 538 (7.6) | 9.3 (0.10) |
| Germany |  | 36 (3.2) | 541 (2.9) | 52 (3.5) | 516 (3.3) | 12 (2.0) | 484 (9.2) | 9.2 (0.09) |
| Turkey (5) |  | 33 (3.4) | 552 (6.1) | 40 (3.7) | 517 (7.5) | 27 (3.3) | 496 (9.4) | 8.8 (0.16) |
| Sweden |  | 30 (3.8) | 529 (3.9) | 65 (4.1) | 518 (4.4) | 5 (1.5) | 491 (13.4) | 9.2 (0.10) |
| Morocco |  | 28 (2.8) | 406 (12.9) | 24 (2.7) | 365 (10.8) | 48 (3.5) | 380 (7.4) | 7.8 (0.18) |
| South Africa (5) |  | 19 (2.6) | 397 (12.0) | 53 (3.8) | 373 (5.9) | 28 (3.7) | 364 (7.3) | 8.5 (0.09) |
| International Average |  | 60 (0.5) | 508 (0.7) | 32 (0.5) | 494 (0.9) | 8 (0.3) | 466 (1.8) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE | r | 89 (0.1) | 546 (1.8) | 10 (0.1) | 530 (4.8) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 11.1 (0.01) |
| Madrid, Spain |  | 77 (3.8) | 523 (2.1) | 19 (3.6) | 497 (7.4) | 4 (1.4) | 528 (9.3) | 10.7 (0.14) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. |  | 73 (4.2) | 595 (2.6) | 26 (4.3) | 587 (4.1) | 1 (0.6) | ~ ~ | 10.4 (0.11) |
| Quebec, Canada |  | 60 (4.4) | 534 (3.2) | 37 (4.4) | 528 (3.6) | 2 (0.8) | ~ | 10.1 (0.13) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | $r$ | 59 (1.1) | 452 (2.8) | 38 (1.1) | 414 (4.1) | 3 (0.1) | 392 (11.3) | 10.1 (0.04) |
| Ontario, Canada |  | 42 (5.3) | 519 (5.5) | 51 (5.5) | 513 (7.8) | 7 (2.0) | 456 (9.9) | 9.6 (0.14) |

This TIMSS context questionnaire scale was established in 2011 based on the combined response distribution of all countries that participated in TIMSS 2011. To provide a point of reference for country comparisons, the scale centerpoint of 10 was located at the mean of the combined distribution. The units of the scale were chosen so that 2 scale score points corresponded to the standard deviation of the distribution.
() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.

A tilde ( $\sim$ ) indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An "r" indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An " s " indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students.

| Country |  | Hardly Any Problems |  | Minor Problems |  | Moderate to Severe Problems |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Albania |  | 82 (3.4) | 490 (3.9) | 16 (3.2) | 483 (10.5) | 2 (1.1) | ~ ~ | 10.9 (0.14) |
| Ireland |  | 82 (3.2) | 530 (3.9) | 16 (3.1) | 524 (5.9) | 2 (1.2) | ~ | 10.8 (0.11) |
| Kazakhstan |  | 82 (3.3) | 497 (3.5) | 7 (2.0) | 481 (15.6) | 12 (2.6) | 488 (10.3) | 10.9 (0.19) |
| Netherlands | s | 81 (5.0) | 522 (3.6) | 19 (5.0) | 504 (6.4) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 10.9 (0.15) |
| Hong Kong SAR |  | 77 (4.3) | 538 (3.2) | 23 (4.2) | 510 (7.7) | 1 (0.7) | ~ ~ | 10.7 (0.14) |
| Singapore |  | 76 (0.0) | 597 (3.8) | 24 (0.0) | 585 (7.5) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 10.6 (0.00) |
| Armenia |  | 76 (3.4) | 469 (3.9) | 13 (3.2) | 448 (7.0) | 11 (2.3) | 468 (8.6) | 10.4 (0.15) |
| Croatia |  | 76 (3.6) | 524 (2.6) | 22 (3.5) | 526 (4.4) | 2 (1.3) | ~ | 10.5 (0.12) |
| Spain |  | 75 (3.4) | 517 (2.6) | 22 (3.1) | 495 (7.1) | 3 (1.2) | 498 (13.0) | 10.6 (0.13) |
| Slovak Republic |  | 73 (3.6) | 529 (4.1) | 20 (3.5) | 519 (7.4) | 6 (1.7) | 429 (17.1) | 10.3 (0.11) |
| Japan |  | 73 (3.6) | 564 (2.1) | 23 (3.6) | 557 (3.2) | 4 (1.8) | 554 (8.2) | 10.4 (0.12) |
| Korea, Rep. of |  | 73 (3.7) | 590 (2.5) | 16 (2.8) | 582 (5.6) | 12 (3.0) | 579 (6.2) | 10.6 (0.18) |
| Northern Ireland | r | 73 (3.8) | 524 (3.3) | 27 (3.9) | 508 (5.0) | 1 (0.8) | ~ ~ | 10.4 (0.11) |
| Chinese Taipei |  | 73 (3.2) | 558 (2.0) | 26 (3.2) | 557 (3.6) | 1 (1.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.8 (0.12) |
| Lithuania |  | 72 (3.8) | 533 (3.2) | 28 (3.8) | 551 (6.8) | 0 (0.3) | ~ | 10.4 (0.11) |
| Latvia |  | 72 (3.2) | 544 (3.1) | 27 (3.2) | 535 (4.1) | 1 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.4 (0.09) |
| Czech Republic |  | 71 (3.5) | 538 (3.1) | 26 (3.3) | 527 (4.4) | 3 (1.2) | 497 (7.5) | 10.3 (0.11) |
| Azerbaijan |  | 71 (3.2) | 424 (4.2) | 17 (2.9) | 446 (7.8) | 12 (2.7) | 418 (6.5) | 10.0 (0.16) |
| United Arab Emirates | r | 70 (2.0) | 489 (2.4) | 26 (2.0) | 428 (4.2) | 4 (0.3) | 433 (11.6) | 10.5 (0.07) |
| Bulgaria |  | 70 (4.1) | 537 (5.5) | 24 (3.9) | 477 (13.1) | 6 (2.0) | 520 (25.5) | 10.4 (0.17) |
| Malta |  | 69 (0.4) | 507 (1.5) | 29 (0.4) | 475 (2.9) | 2 (0.1) | ~ | 10.4 (0.01) |
| North Macedonia |  | 68 (3.7) | 435 (6.5) | 24 (4.2) | 409 (13.8) | 8 (2.7) | 410 (23.9) | 10.4 (0.16) |
| Qatar |  | 68 (3.8) | 456 (5.0) | 24 (3.6) | 439 (10.3) | 8 (1.8) | 430 (13.0) | 10.2 (0.13) |
| Russian Federation |  | 68 (3.6) | 570 (4.1) | 32 (3.5) | 562 (3.8) | 1 (0.6) | ~ ~ | 10.2 (0.08) |
| England | s | 67 (5.1) | 545 (4.8) | 33 (5.1) | 521 (7.3) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 10.1 (0.10) |
| Italy |  | 66 (4.0) | 513 (3.1) | 29 (4.2) | 503 (5.8) | 5 (1.8) | 507 (9.8) | 10.0 (0.12) |
| Georgia |  | 66 (4.4) | 458 (4.9) | 23 (3.8) | 446 (5.7) | 11 (2.9) | 449 (11.2) | 10.1 (0.19) |
| Bahrain |  | 65 (2.8) | 505 (3.5) | 27 (2.8) | 483 (7.9) | 8 (0.7) | 431 (11.4) | 10.2 (0.09) |
| Saudi Arabia |  | 64 (3.5) | 410 (5.2) | 23 (3.2) | 390 (9.8) | 14 (2.7) | 389 (16.9) | 10.0 (0.16) |
| Belgium (Flemish) |  | 61 (4.5) | 508 (2.9) | 37 (4.6) | 491 (4.3) | 2 (1.4) | ~ ~ | 10.1 (0.12) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of |  | 59 (3.7) | 449 (5.7) | 33 (3.6) | 432 (8.7) | 8 (1.8) | 415 (11.1) | 10.1 (0.12) |
| New Zealand |  | 59 (3.6) | 519 (3.3) | 38 (3.7) | 482 (4.9) | 3 (1.4) | 451 (10.7) | 10.1 (0.10) |
| Norway (5) | r | 58 (4.3) | 543 (3.2) | 33 (4.1) | 539 (4.7) | 9 (3.2) | 525 (7.6) | 9.7 (0.12) |
| France |  | 57 (4.1) | 497 (4.3) | 39 (4.3) | 480 (4.7) | 4 (1.4) | 442 (8.0) | 9.9 (0.11) |
| Australia |  | 57 (3.5) | 545 (3.6) | 40 (3.4) | 519 (4.2) | 3 (1.3) | 467 (14.3) | 9.9 (0.11) |
| Serbia |  | 55 (4.3) | 515 (4.6) | 32 (3.7) | 519 (6.1) | 12 (2.8) | 523 (8.8) | 9.7 (0.16) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |  | 55 (3.7) | 462 (4.0) | 29 (3.5) | 459 (5.5) | 16 (3.1) | 447 (6.9) | 9.6 (0.18) |
| United States |  | 55 (2.6) | 552 (4.2) | 41 (2.6) | 524 (4.4) | 4 (1.1) | 503 (16.7) | 9.9 (0.08) |
| Finland |  | 53 (3.8) | 560 (3.6) | 42 (3.8) | 552 (2.9) | 5 (1.9) | 518 (13.4) | 9.9 (0.10) |
| Canada |  | 53 (2.9) | 528 (2.3) | 43 (3.0) | 521 (3.6) | 4 (1.0) | 489 (9.6) | 9.9 (0.09) |
| Montenegro |  | 52 (0.5) | 452 (3.0) | 34 (0.4) | 458 (4.0) | 14 (0.3) | 447 (4.2) | 9.7 (0.02) |
| Pakistan |  | 51 (6.5) | 281 (19.4) | 38 (6.4) | 296 (20.1) | 11 (2.7) | 318 (23.7) | 9.4 (0.19) |
| Hungary |  | 50 (4.7) | 538 (3.9) | 42 (4.5) | 526 (5.8) | 8 (2.3) | 485 (14.7) | 9.7 (0.12) |
| Cyprus |  | 49 (4.8) | 518 (3.7) | 45 (4.6) | 508 (4.8) | 6 (2.3) | 483 (7.4) | 9.8 (0.16) |
| Austria |  | 49 (3.7) | 533 (3.8) | 41 (3.8) | 517 (4.4) | 10 (2.3) | 488 (11.9) | 9.6 (0.11) |
| Kosovo |  | 47 (4.4) | 406 (5.7) | 26 (3.6) | 417 (6.9) | 27 (3.7) | 423 (6.2) | 8.9 (0.21) |
| Denmark | r | 47 (4.0) | 530 (3.8) | 52 (3.9) | 516 (3.0) | 1 (1.0) | ~ ~ | 9.7 (0.11) |
| Portugal |  | 46 (3.8) | 510 (3.5) | 45 (3.8) | 500 (3.6) | 9 (2.1) | 494 (5.9) | 9.6 (0.14) |
| Philippines |  | 44 (4.1) | 275 (11.2) | 52 (3.9) | 225 (10.0) | 4 (1.6) | 268 (19.5) | 9.5 (0.11) |
| Kuwait |  | 44 (3.9) | 419 (8.6) | 37 (4.1) | 377 (10.7) | 19 (3.2) | 366 (14.6) | 9.1 (0.15) |
| Chile |  | 41 (4.1) | 481 (5.0) | 49 (4.4) | 465 (4.1) | 9 (2.5) | 443 (10.8) | 9.4 (0.13) |
| Oman |  | 36 (3.2) | 437 (6.0) | 36 (3.1) | 429 (6.0) | 28 (3.3) | 438 (11.8) | 8.7 (0.18) |
| Poland |  | 36 (4.1) | 533 (4.6) | 60 (4.2) | 528 (3.0) | 4 (1.6) | 549 (7.7) | 9.3 (0.10) |
| Germany |  | 36 (3.2) | 541 (3.1) | 52 (3.5) | 514 (3.3) | 12 (2.0) | 473 (8.9) | 9.2 (0.09) |
| Turkey (5) |  | 33 (3.4) | 553 (5.3) | 40 (3.7) | 521 (7.3) | 27 (3.3) | 502 (9.5) | 8.8 (0.16) |
| Sweden |  | 30 (3.8) | 545 (3.9) | 65 (4.1) | 534 (5.1) | 5 (1.5) | 509 (15.9) | 9.2 (0.10) |
| Morocco |  | 28 (2.8) | 396 (15.4) | 24 (2.7) | 356 (11.8) | 48 (3.5) | 371 (9.5) | 7.8 (0.18) |
| South Africa (5) |  | 19 (2.6) | 355 (16.5) | 53 (3.8) | 323 (8.1) | 28 (3.7) | 313 (10.8) | 8.5 (0.09) |
| International Average |  | 60 (0.5) | 498 (0.8) | 32 (0.5) | 483 (1.0) | 8 (0.3) | 457 (1.9) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE | r | 89 (0.1) | 547 (2.0) | 10 (0.1) | 532 (6.1) | 0 (0.0) | ~~ | 11.1 (0.01) |
| Madrid, Spain |  | 77 (3.8) | 527 (2.0) | 19 (3.6) | 507 (5.9) | 4 (1.4) | 522 (8.7) | 10.7 (0.14) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. |  | 73 (4.2) | 597 (2.6) | 26 (4.3) | 589 (4.1) | 1 (0.6) | ~ | 10.4 (0.11) |
| Quebec, Canada |  | 60 (4.4) | 525 (2.8) | 37 (4.4) | 518 (4.0) | 2 (0.8) | ~ | 10.1 (0.13) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | $r$ | 59 (1.1) | 434 (3.6) | 38 (1.1) | 384 (4.8) | 3 (0.1) | 350 (12.3) | 10.1 (0.04) |
| Ontario, Canada |  | 42 (5.3) | 529 (4.5) | 51 (5.5) | 525 (5.6) | 7 (2.0) | 480 (10.2) | 9.6 (0.14) |

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( ) Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.
A tilde ( $\sim$ ) indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An " $r$ " indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An " $s$ " indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students.

| Country |  | Hardly Any Problems |  | Minor Problems |  | Moderate to Severe Problems |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Kazakhstan |  | 78 (3.7) | 491 (3.9) | 11 (2.6) | 480 (9.6) | 11 (2.6) | 467 (18.0) | 11.7 (0.21) |
| Hong Kong SAR |  | 76 (3.6) | 586 (4.9) | 24 (3.6) | 555 (13.3) | 0 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.7 (0.12) |
| United Arab Emirates |  | 72 (1.5) | 486 (2.2) | 25 (1.5) | 437 (4.0) | 3 (0.2) | 383 (8.4) | 11.6 (0.05) |
| Singapore |  | 70 (0.0) | 624 (4.6) | 30 (0.0) | 597 (7.6) | 0 (0.0) | ~~ | 11.4 (0.00) |
| Chinese Taipei |  | 68 (3.0) | 619 (3.4) | 32 (3.0) | 600 (5.7) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 11.7 (0.11) |
| Japan |  | 68 (3.5) | 598 (3.6) | 25 (3.3) | 590 (5.1) | 7 (2.2) | 576 (8.0) | 11.0 (0.14) |
| Ireland |  | 60 (4.1) | 534 (3.3) | 36 (4.0) | 515 (4.4) | 3 (1.5) | 467 (19.4) | 10.9 (0.14) |
| Bahrain |  | 59 (0.2) | 487 (1.9) | 28 (0.2) | 470 (2.7) | 13 (0.1) | 476 (8.0) | 10.7 (0.01) |
| Saudi Arabia |  | 58 (3.6) | 399 (3.2) | 24 (2.8) | 391 (4.8) | 18 (2.8) | 381 (5.5) | 10.8 (0.21) |
| Qatar |  | 53 (3.9) | 451 (5.9) | 39 (3.5) | 439 (9.3) | 8 (1.9) | 415 (14.6) | 10.8 (0.15) |
| Oman |  | 51 (3.4) | 420 (4.6) | 27 (3.5) | 412 (7.1) | 22 (3.1) | 388 (7.7) | 10.3 (0.20) |
| Russian Federation |  | 51 (4.0) | 547 (5.4) | 48 (3.9) | 540 (6.4) | 1 (0.6) | ~ | 10.7 (0.11) |
| Korea, Rep. of |  | 50 (4.6) | 608 (4.1) | 40 (4.3) | 605 (4.3) | 9 (2.6) | 610 (7.1) | 10.8 (0.19) |
| Australia |  | 50 (3.2) | 549 (5.5) | 44 (3.4) | 491 (5.8) | 6 (1.7) | 467 (7.6) | 10.7 (0.10) |
| Romania |  | 49 (4.1) | 497 (6.5) | 43 (4.1) | 464 (5.5) | 8 (2.6) | 454 (15.7) | 10.6 (0.19) |
| Lithuania |  | 49 (4.5) | 521 (4.3) | 50 (4.5) | 517 (4.8) | 1 (0.7) | ~~ | 10.7 (0.12) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of |  | 47 (3.8) | 465 (6.4) | 46 (3.9) | 431 (5.3) | 7 (1.9) | 419 (12.8) | 10.6 (0.13) |
| Georgia |  | 46 (4.3) | 466 (5.9) | 41 (4.1) | 468 (6.4) | 13 (3.0) | 425 (11.3) | 10.3 (0.19) |
| Israel |  | 46 (3.6) | 541 (7.2) | 49 (3.8) | 504 (6.4) | 5 (1.6) | 464 (20.2) | 10.5 (0.11) |
| Hungary |  | 45 (4.0) | 535 (6.7) | 50 (4.2) | 508 (4.7) | 5 (1.7) | 436 (20.1) | 10.4 (0.14) |
| Malaysia |  | 45 (4.1) | 477 (5.5) | 49 (4.0) | 450 (5.1) | 6 (2.0) | 424 (14.1) | 10.5 (0.15) |
| Cyprus | $r$ | 44 (0.5) | 529 (2.8) | 40 (0.5) | 483 (2.4) | 17 (0.4) | 475 (5.5) | 10.2 (0.02) |
| England | s | 43 (5.2) | 534 (10.0) | 57 (5.2) | 511 (9.1) | 0 (0.0) | ~ | 10.8 (0.13) |
| Lebanon |  | 41 (4.3) | 436 (4.3) | 35 (4.0) | 420 (5.9) | 24 (3.7) | 428 (7.9) | 9.6 (0.22) |
| United States |  | 40 (3.0) | 549 (6.3) | 54 (2.9) | 503 (6.4) | 6 (1.7) | 466 (15.2) | 10.3 (0.10) |
| Chile |  | 38 (3.9) | 464 (5.5) | 51 (3.9) | 429 (5.0) | 12 (2.4) | 418 (8.4) | 10.1 (0.14) |
| New Zealand |  | 37 (4.8) | 510 (6.3) | 61 (4.6) | 474 (4.6) | 2 (1.3) | ~ | 10.4 (0.16) |
| France | r | 37 (4.3) | 502 (4.3) | 56 (4.7) | 481 (3.6) | 7 (2.5) | 427 (7.7) | 10.1 (0.14) |
| Turkey |  | 36 (3.6) | 519 (6.6) | 44 (4.0) | 482 (6.7) | 19 (3.2) | 483 (14.0) | 9.8 (0.18) |
| Norway (9) | r | 36 (4.7) | 511 (3.7) | 60 (4.8) | 501 (4.3) | 4 (1.7) | 497 (10.3) | 10.2 (0.14) |
| Jordan |  | 36 (3.6) | 432 (9.0) | 41 (3.6) | 418 (6.5) | 23 (3.1) | 406 (5.3) | 9.8 (0.20) |
| Italy |  | 33 (4.1) | 508 (4.9) | 62 (4.2) | 493 (3.6) | 5 (1.7) | 497 (10.8) | 10.1 (0.13) |
| Portugal |  | 32 (3.8) | 511 (6.0) | 60 (4.1) | 497 (4.4) | 8 (2.4) | 485 (15.1) | 10.0 (0.13) |
| Kuwait |  | 28 (3.9) | 421 (9.7) | 45 (4.2) | 401 (5.9) | 28 (3.8) | 384 (9.7) | 9.3 (0.21) |
| Finland |  | 26 (3.3) | 519 (4.6) | 71 (3.3) | 506 (2.9) | 3 (1.6) | 468 (11.4) | 10.0 (0.10) |
| Egypt |  | 25 (3.7) | 432 (8.9) | 34 (3.9) | 407 (8.6) | 41 (4.0) | 407 (7.9) | 8.6 (0.19) |
| Morocco |  | 17 (3.1) | 400 (7.3) | 31 (3.2) | 380 (5.6) | 52 (3.5) | 390 (3.5) | 8.1 (0.19) |
| Sweden |  | 14 (3.1) | 522 (8.4) | 78 (3.8) | 503 (2.8) | 9 (2.4) | 475 (6.4) | 9.4 (0.09) |
| South Africa (9) |  | 11 (1.9) | 420 (13.0) | 50 (3.0) | 395 (3.7) | 39 (2.7) | 373 (2.9) | 8.7 (0.09) |
| International Average |  | 45 (0.6) | 503 (1.0) | 43 (0.6) | 481 (1.0) | 11 (0.4) | 448 (2.1) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE | r | 87 (0.2) | 543 (2.5) | 12 (0.2) | 486 (7.4) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 12.0 (0.01) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | $r$ | 64 (1.3) | 447 (4.4) | 31 (1.3) | 417 (4.7) | 5 (0.1) | 361 (11.0) | 11.3 (0.06) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. |  | 56 (4.6) | 579 (5.4) | 44 (4.6) | 570 (6.4) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 10.8 (0.09) |
| Quebec, Canada |  | 46 (4.7) | 555 (5.0) | 49 (4.9) | 540 (6.4) | 5 (2.2) | 538 (7.0) | 10.5 (0.15) |
| Ontario, Canada | r | 37 (5.1) | 542 (5.9) | 56 (5.5) | 522 (8.1) | 6 (2.3) | 499 (15.6) | 10.2 (0.15) |
| Western Cape, RSA (9) |  | 13 (2.3) | 559 (9.4) | 43 (3.9) | 445 (7.2) | 43 (3.9) | 402 (5.1) | 8.7 (0.12) |
| Gauteng, RSA (9) |  | 10 (2.1) | 502 (13.2) | 44 (4.3) | 427 (5.5) | 46 (3.9) | 395 (3.9) | 8.5 (0.10) |

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( ) Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.
A tilde ( $\sim$ ) indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An " $r$ " indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An "s" indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students.

# Exhibit 8.5: School Discipline - Principals' Reports <br> Students' Results based on Principals' Reports 

| Country |  | Hardly Any Problems |  | Minor Problems |  | Moderate to Severe Problems |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Kazakhstan |  | 78 (3.7) | 481 (3.7) | 11 (2.6) | 472 (10.9) | 11 (2.6) | 464 (18.0) | 11.7 (0.21) |
| Hong Kong SAR |  | 76 (3.6) | 505 (6.2) | 24 (3.6) | 499 (13.2) | 0 (0.0) | ~~ | 11.7 (0.12) |
| United Arab Emirates |  | 72 (1.5) | 489 (2.7) | 25 (1.5) | 430 (5.0) | 3 (0.2) | 345 (7.6) | 11.6 (0.05) |
| Singapore |  | 70 (0.0) | 615 (4.4) | 30 (0.0) | 590 (7.7) | 0 (0.0) | ~~ | 11.4 (0.00) |
| Chinese Taipei |  | 68 (3.0) | 579 (2.4) | 32 (3.0) | 564 (4.3) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 11.7 (0.11) |
| Japan |  | 68 (3.5) | 572 (2.7) | 25 (3.3) | 565 (4.0) | 7 (2.2) | 559 (6.6) | 11.0 (0.14) |
| Ireland |  | 60 (4.1) | 535 (3.5) | 36 (4.0) | 513 (5.1) | 3 (1.5) | 469 (23.4) | 10.9 (0.14) |
| Bahrain |  | 59 (0.2) | 496 (2.4) | 28 (0.2) | 465 (2.7) | 13 (0.1) | 485 (4.8) | 10.7 (0.01) |
| Saudi Arabia |  | 58 (3.6) | 438 (3.7) | 24 (2.8) | 427 (5.9) | 18 (2.8) | 416 (5.6) | 10.8 (0.21) |
| Qatar |  | 53 (3.9) | 479 (5.7) | 39 (3.5) | 470 (10.0) | 8 (1.9) | 462 (11.2) | 10.8 (0.15) |
| Oman |  | 51 (3.4) | 466 (4.8) | 27 (3.5) | 456 (8.1) | 22 (3.1) | 437 (8.7) | 10.3 (0.20) |
| Russian Federation |  | 51 (4.0) | 546 (4.8) | 48 (3.9) | 540 (5.7) | 1 (0.6) | ~~ | 10.7 (0.11) |
| Korea, Rep. of |  | 50 (4.6) | 561 (3.3) | 40 (4.3) | 560 (3.3) | 9 (2.6) | 560 (5.5) | 10.8 (0.19) |
| Australia |  | 50 (3.2) | 556 (4.1) | 44 (3.4) | 506 (5.1) | 6 (1.7) | 482 (7.7) | 10.7 (0.10) |
| Romania |  | 49 (4.1) | 486 (6.2) | 43 (4.1) | 457 (4.8) | 8 (2.6) | 445 (11.2) | 10.6 (0.19) |
| Lithuania |  | 49 (4.5) | 534 (4.1) | 50 (4.5) | 531 (4.5) | 1 (0.7) | ~~ | 10.7 (0.12) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of |  | 47 (3.8) | 466 (6.1) | 46 (3.9) | 436 (5.3) | 7 (1.9) | 426 (12.6) | 10.6 (0.13) |
| Georgia |  | 46 (4.3) | 451 (5.3) | 41 (4.1) | 451 (5.7) | 13 (3.0) | 420 (11.1) | 10.3 (0.19) |
| Israel |  | 46 (3.6) | 533 (6.5) | 49 (3.8) | 499 (6.5) | 5 (1.6) | 472 (20.8) | 10.5 (0.11) |
| Hungary |  | 45 (4.0) | 546 (5.7) | 50 (4.2) | 523 (4.3) | 5 (1.7) | 457 (18.5) | 10.4 (0.14) |
| Malaysia |  | 45 (4.1) | 476 (5.7) | 49 (4.0) | 449 (5.5) | 6 (2.0) | 430 (16.0) | 10.5 (0.15) |
| Cyprus | $r$ | 44 (0.5) | 509 (3.0) | 40 (0.5) | 466 (3.3) | 17 (0.4) | 461 (5.9) | 10.2 (0.02) |
| England | s | 43 (5.2) | 535 (9.7) | 57 (5.2) | 512 (8.3) | 0 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.8 (0.13) |
| Lebanon |  | 41 (4.3) | 390 (7.7) | 35 (4.0) | 362 (8.7) | 24 (3.7) | 374 (12.1) | 9.6 (0.22) |
| United States |  | 40 (3.0) | 555 (5.0) | 54 (2.9) | 511 (6.6) | 6 (1.7) | 473 (14.6) | 10.3 (0.10) |
| Chile |  | 38 (3.9) | 486 (5.1) | 51 (3.9) | 451 (4.9) | 12 (2.4) | 439 (8.7) | 10.1 (0.14) |
| New Zealand |  | 37 (4.8) | 524 (7.6) | 61 (4.6) | 493 (4.7) | 2 (1.3) | ~ | 10.4 (0.16) |
| France | r | 37 (4.3) | 511 (4.3) | 56 (4.7) | 484 (3.9) | 7 (2.5) | 426 (8.3) | 10.1 (0.14) |
| Turkey |  | 36 (3.6) | 535 (5.7) | 44 (4.0) | 504 (5.7) | 19 (3.2) | 505 (12.5) | 9.8 (0.18) |
| Norway (9) | r | 36 (4.7) | 506 (5.1) | 60 (4.8) | 492 (4.7) | 4 (1.7) | 488 (12.6) | 10.2 (0.14) |
| Jordan |  | 36 (3.6) | 468 (10.2) | 41 (3.6) | 446 (7.0) | 23 (3.1) | 437 (7.4) | 9.8 (0.20) |
| Italy |  | 33 (4.1) | 509 (4.5) | 62 (4.2) | 498 (3.6) | 5 (1.7) | 498 (11.1) | 10.1 (0.13) |
| Portugal |  | 32 (3.8) | 527 (5.1) | 60 (4.1) | 516 (4.0) | 8 (2.4) | 506 (15.0) | 10.0 (0.13) |
| Kuwait |  | 28 (3.9) | 468 (9.6) | 45 (4.2) | 440 (7.5) | 28 (3.8) | 423 (10.7) | 9.3 (0.21) |
| Finland |  | 26 (3.3) | 555 (5.4) | 71 (3.3) | 540 (3.7) | 3 (1.6) | 491 (8.7) | 10.0 (0.10) |
| Egypt |  | 25 (3.7) | 409 (8.8) | 34 (3.9) | 386 (9.9) | 41 (4.0) | 381 (8.3) | 8.6 (0.19) |
| Morocco |  | 17 (3.1) | 406 (8.7) | 31 (3.2) | 384 (7.0) | 52 (3.5) | 396 (4.2) | 8.1 (0.19) |
| Sweden |  | 14 (3.1) | 545 (9.6) | 78 (3.8) | 522 (3.5) | 9 (2.4) | 484 (10.2) | 9.4 (0.09) |
| South Africa (9) |  | 11 (1.9) | 406 (18.4) | 50 (3.0) | 377 (5.0) | 39 (2.7) | 350 (4.3) | 8.7 (0.09) |
| International Average |  | 45 (0.6) | 504 (1.0) | 43 (0.6) | 482 (1.0) | 11 (0.4) | 452 (2.1) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE | $r$ | 87 (0.2) | 554 (2.3) | 12 (0.2) | 499 (7.6) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 12.0 (0.01) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | r | 64 (1.3) | 436 (5.4) | 31 (1.3) | 395 (6.3) | 5 (0.1) | 305 (8.0) | 11.3 (0.06) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. |  | 56 (4.6) | 568 (4.0) | 44 (4.6) | 565 (4.5) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 10.8 (0.09) |
| Quebec, Canada |  | 46 (4.7) | 547 (4.5) | 49 (4.9) | 535 (6.0) | 5 (2.2) | 531 (8.9) | 10.5 (0.15) |
| Ontario, Canada | $r$ | 37 (5.1) | 531 (5.4) | 56 (5.5) | 516 (5.2) | 6 (2.3) | 494 (14.7) | 10.2 (0.15) |
| Western Cape, RSA (9) |  | 13 (2.3) | 585 (11.5) | 43 (3.9) | 443 (8.9) | 43 (3.9) | 392 (6.2) | 8.7 (0.12) |
| Gauteng, RSA (9) |  | 10 (2.1) | 524 (16.6) | 44 (4.3) | 432 (7.0) | 46 (3.9) | 388 (5.2) | 8.5 (0.10) |

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( ) Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.
A tilde ( $\sim$ ) indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An " $r$ " indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An " $s$ " indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students.

## Safe and Orderly School

In addition to principals' reports, previous TIMSS assessments have also asked teachers about their perceptions of school safety and found that a strong perception of safety and order in school was related to higher average achievement in mathematics and science. For TIMSS 2019, teachers of students in both the fourth and eighth grade assessments were asked the degree to which they agreed or disagreed with eight statements on the Safe and Orderly School scale (see About the Scale in Exhibit 8.6). Based on their teachers' responses, students were categorized as being in "very safe and orderly" schools, "somewhat safe and orderly" schools, and "less than safe and orderly" schools.

Exhibits 8.7 and 8.8 present the percentages of fourth grade students in the three categories in relation to average mathematics achievement and average science achievement, respectively. Across countries, on average, more than half the fourth grade students ( $61 \%$ ) attended schools judged by their teachers to be "very safe and orderly," with almost all of the remaining students ( $36 \%$ ) in schools perceived to be "somewhat safe and orderly." Internationally, on average, students attending "very safe and orderly" schools as reported by their teachers had the highest average mathematics achievement (507) and science achievement (497) compared with students in "somewhat safe and orderly" schools (495 in mathematics and 484 in science). Only small percentages of students ( $4 \%$, on average) were in schools judged to be "less than safe and orderly."

Exhibits 8.9 and 8.10 present the corresponding Safe and Orderly School scale results at the eighth grade in relation to mathematics achievement and science achievement, respectively. Similar to the fourth grade, almost all the eighth grade students ( $93 \%$ on average across countries) were in "very safe and orderly" or "somewhat safe and orderly" schools, but smaller percentages of eighth grade students were in the "very safe and orderly" category, and larger percentages of were in the "somewhat safe and orderly" category. On average, 48 percent of eighth grade students attended schools judged by their teachers to be "very safe and orderly", 45 percent were in "somewhat safe and orderly" schools, and 6 percent were in "less than safe and orderly" schools. There was a strong positive association between eighth grade students' average achievement and their teachers' reports about school safety, with students in "very safe and orderly" schools having average mathematics achievement 41 points higher than students in "less than safe and orderly" schools ( 501 vs. 460). Similarly, students in "very safe and orderly" schools had average science achievement 35 points higher than students in "less than safe and orderly" schools (501 vs. 466).

## About the Scale

Students were scored according to their teachers' responses to eight statements on the Safe and Orderly School scale. Cut scores divide the scale into three categories. Students in Very Safe and Orderly schools had a score at or above the cut score corresponding to their teachers "agreeing a lot" with four of the eight statements and "agreeing a little" with the other four, on average. Students in Less than Safe and Orderly schools had a score at or below the cut score corresponding to their teachers "disagreeing a little" with four of the eight statements and "agreeing a little" with the other four, on average. All other students were in Somewhat Safe and Orderly schools.



This TIMSS context questionnaire scale was established in 2011 based on the combined response distribution of all countries that participated in TIMSS 2011. To provide a point of reference for country comparisons, the scale centerpoint of 10 was located at the mean of the combined distribution. The units of the scale were chosen so that 2 scale score points corresponded to the standard deviation of the distribution.
() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.

A tilde $(\sim)$ indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An "r" indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An " s " indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students.

| Country | Very Safe and Orderly |  | Somewhat Safe and Orderly |  | Less than Safe and Orderly |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Albania | 97 (1.2) | 489 (3.7) | 3 (1.2) | 504 (18.3) | 0 (0.0) | $\sim \sim$ | 12.6 (0.10) |
| Kosovo | 91 (2.3) | 414 (4.0) | 9 (2.4) | 396 (12.3) | 0 (0.5) | ~ | 12.2 (0.12) |
| Armenia | 88 (2.2) | 468 (3.9) | 12 (2.2) | 466 (6.1) | 0 (0.2) | ~ | 11.5 (0.12) |
| Azerbaijan | 85 (2.8) | 425 (3.4) | 13 (2.6) | 441 (9.4) | 1 (0.8) | ~ | 11.5 (0.14) |
| Montenegro | 85 (1.7) | 453 (2.8) | 14 (1.7) | 455 (8.6) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 11.5 (0.07) |
| Pakistan | 81 (3.4) | 303 (15.5) | 17 (3.0) | 249 (17.2) | 2 (1.4) | ~ ~ | 11.2 (0.25) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 80 (2.8) | 459 (3.7) | 18 (2.7) | 460 (5.7) | 1 (0.7) | ~ ~ | 11.3 (0.13) |
| Kuwait | 78 (3.3) | 401 (7.5) | 22 (3.3) | 360 (10.6) | 0 (0.0) | ~ | 11.2 (0.15) |
| Georgia | 78 (3.5) | 453 (4.3) | 21 (3.4) | 458 (8.9) | 1 (0.5) | ~ | 11.1 (0.13) |
| Ireland | 78 (3.1) | 533 (3.7) | 19 (2.9) | 512 (6.4) | 3 (1.4) | 491 (10.4) | 11.5 (0.15) |
| Philippines | 77 (3.3) | 251 (8.4) | 21 (3.3) | 237 (15.4) | 1 (0.9) | ~ ~ | 11.2 (0.14) |
| North Macedonia | 76 (3.4) | 422 (7.3) | 22 (3.4) | 442 (10.8) | 1 (0.7) | ~ ~ | 11.2 (0.15) |
| Saudi Arabia | 76 (3.6) | 412 (4.4) | 21 (3.5) | 387 (10.7) | 2 (1.4) | ~ | 11.3 (0.17) |
| Spain | 76 (3.4) | 514 (2.6) | 23 (3.3) | 502 (6.3) | 2 (0.9) | ~ ~ | 11.1 (0.14) |
| United Arab Emirates | 75 (1.0) | 490 (2.7) | 22 (1.1) | 419 (4.6) | 2 (0.6) | ~ | 11.4 (0.05) |
| Northern Ireland | 75 (3.6) | 524 (2.6) | 23 (3.4) | 503 (4.4) | 2 (1.5) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.6 (0.18) |
| Qatar | 75 (2.9) | 447 (5.1) | 22 (2.8) | 455 (12.0) | 3 (1.4) | 457 (18.4) | 11.3 (0.15) |
| Kazakhstan | 73 (3.4) | 497 (4.0) | 26 (3.3) | 488 (6.6) | 1 (0.6) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.3 (0.14) |
| Serbia | 73 (4.2) | 514 (4.2) | 24 (4.0) | 523 (6.3) | 3 (1.4) | 527 (10.2) | 10.8 (0.15) |
| Bulgaria | 72 (3.0) | 531 (6.4) | 25 (2.8) | 498 (8.7) | 3 (1.4) | 466 (39.6) | 10.6 (0.15) |
| Portugal | 71 (2.9) | 510 (2.6) | 27 (2.9) | 491 (4.6) | 1 (0.4) | ~ | 10.7 (0.12) |
| Oman | 70 (3.2) | 436 (5.5) | 29 (3.1) | 438 (8.9) | 2 (0.8) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.7 (0.13) |
| Netherlands | 69 (3.6) | 525 (3.9) | 28 (3.6) | 507 (4.9) | 3 (1.5) | 487 (9.7) | 10.6 (0.17) |
| Bahrain | 68 (3.0) | 500 (3.9) | 28 (2.7) | 480 (8.3) | 4 (1.6) | 450 (15.9) | 10.6 (0.12) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 67 (3.1) | 444 (5.1) | 30 (3.1) | 435 (8.7) | 2 (1.1) | ~~ | 10.7 (0.13) |
| Singapore | 67 (2.0) | 594 (4.2) | 31 (2.0) | 597 (5.7) | 2 (0.7) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.9 (0.08) |
| New Zealand | 66 (2.8) | 510 (3.0) | 29 (2.5) | 491 (5.1) | 4 (1.3) | 467 (16.6) | 10.8 (0.13) |
| Australia | 65 (3.5) | 544 (3.0) | 26 (2.9) | 518 (6.1) | 8 (2.3) | 497 (5.8) | 10.6 (0.17) |
| Lithuania | 65 (3.6) | 540 (3.3) | 35 (3.5) | 534 (3.0) | 1 (0.6) | ~ | 10.4 (0.11) |
| Norway (5) | 62 (4.2) | 541 (3.1) | 34 (4.0) | 539 (4.5) | 4 (1.6) | 531 (6.8) | 10.3 (0.19) |
| Austria | 62 (2.4) | 532 (2.9) | 36 (2.5) | 509 (4.3) | 2 (0.9) | ~~ | 10.2 (0.10) |
| Russian Federation | 61 (3.6) | 565 (4.0) | 37 (3.5) | 570 (4.0) | 2 (1.0) | ~ | 10.3 (0.13) |
| Cyprus | 57 (3.9) | 515 (4.1) | 40 (3.9) | 509 (3.9) | 3 (1.3) | 505 (15.7) | 10.4 (0.17) |
| Italy | 57 (3.7) | 513 (3.6) | 41 (3.5) | 506 (4.3) | 2 (1.2) | ~ ~ | 10.0 (0.12) |
| Latvia | 56 (4.0) | 545 (2.7) | 44 (3.9) | 538 (4.3) | 1 (0.5) | ~ ~ | 10.0 (0.11) |
| Hong Kong SAR | 55 (4.2) | 536 (4.5) | 42 (4.2) | 528 (5.5) | 2 (1.4) | $\sim$ | 10.3 (0.17) |
| England | 55 (5.6) | 542 (5.5) | 41 (5.6) | 535 (6.8) | 4 (1.9) | 515 (21.4) | 10.4 (0.22) |
| Poland | 55 (4.1) | 529 (3.2) | 42 (4.0) | 536 (4.4) | 3 (1.4) | 528 (10.6) | 9.8 (0.13) |
| Morocco | 55 (3.3) | 393 (9.1) | 43 (3.6) | 354 (6.5) | 2 (1.1) | ~~ | 10.2 (0.14) |
| Slovak Republic | 54 (3.0) | 528 (4.1) | 43 (3.0) | 512 (6.0) | 3 (1.1) | 510 (26.5) | 9.9 (0.12) |
| Czech Republic | 52 (3.9) | 540 (3.2) | 47 (3.9) | 527 (3.9) | 1 (0.5) | $\sim \sim$ | 9.9 (0.13) |
| Turkey (5) | 52 (3.9) | 538 (5.2) | 41 (3.4) | 519 (6.4) | 7 (2.0) | 481 (20.0) | 9.9 (0.16) |
| Germany | 50 (3.9) | 530 (3.3) | 44 (3.9) | 509 (4.0) | 6 (1.8) | 484 (14.5) | 9.7 (0.15) |
| Canada | 49 (2.5) | 532 (2.6) | 44 (2.5) | 520 (2.9) | 7 (1.3) | 500 (4.5) | 10.0 (0.11) |
| Hungary | 49 (3.7) | 534 (4.0) | 46 (3.9) | 529 (4.7) | 5 (1.8) | 487 (14.2) | 9.7 (0.12) |
| Denmark | 48 (3.6) | 528 (3.5) | 40 (3.9) | 519 (3.8) | 12 (2.1) | 512 (4.6) | 9.7 (0.14) |
| Croatia | 47 (3.2) | 523 (3.2) | 52 (3.2) | 524 (2.6) | 1 (0.7) | ~ | 10.0 (0.12) |
| United States | 46 (2.8) | 556 (3.8) | 44 (2.6) | 531 (3.8) | 10 (1.5) | 493 (6.4) | 9.8 (0.13) |
| Malta | 45 (0.4) | 504 (1.9) | 47 (0.4) | 490 (1.9) | 8 (0.2) | 481 (5.0) | 9.7 (0.02) |
| Chinese Taipei | 42 (3.5) | 560 (2.6) | 52 (3.7) | 557 (2.5) | 5 (1.8) | 551 (7.4) | 9.6 (0.15) |
| South Africa (5) | 42 (3.5) | 341 (9.1) | 46 (3.8) | 314 (7.8) | 12 (2.1) | 319 (12.2) | 9.3 (0.15) |
| Sweden | 38 (4.2) | 552 (4.1) | 56 (4.2) | 534 (3.7) | 6 (1.6) | 511 (13.1) | 9.3 (0.13) |
| France | 37 (3.0) | 501 (4.7) | 60 (3.1) | 482 (3.9) | 3 (1.0) | 452 (13.7) | 9.5 (0.11) |
| Korea, Rep. of | 35 (3.7) | 595 (3.9) | 59 (3.6) | 584 (2.6) | 6 (2.0) | 582 (7.0) | 9.5 (0.16) |
| Finland | 32 (2.8) | 562 (3.2) | 62 (3.0) | 552 (3.1) | 7 (1.5) | 538 (10.4) | 9.2 (0.11) |
| Chile | 28 (3.5) | 483 (5.7) | 60 (4.2) | 465 (3.4) | 12 (2.6) | 446 (8.7) | 8.9 (0.15) |
| Belgium (Flemish) | 28 (2.9) | 512 (3.3) | 66 (2.9) | 499 (2.5) | 6 (1.6) | 473 (10.2) | 9.1 (0.11) |
| Japan | 11 (2.8) | 564 (6.3) | 80 (3.4) | 562 (2.1) | 9 (2.2) | 553 (4.2) | 8.4 (0.11) |
| International Average | 61 (0.4) | 497 (0.6) | 35 (0.4) | 484 (0.9) | 4 (0.2) | 493 (2.7) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE | 85 (1.4) | 553 (2.4) | 14 (1.4) | 518 (7.3) | 0 (0.0) | ~ ~ | 12.1 (0.08) |
| Madrid, Spain | 75 (3.8) | 528 (2.1) | 22 (3.4) | 510 (3.6) | 3 (1.7) | 473 (18.1) | 11.0 (0.18) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 63 (2.0) | 449 (4.3) | 32 (2.1) | 370 (6.8) | 6 (1.3) | 357 (17.0) | 10.5 (0.10) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. | 60 (4.3) | 596 (2.6) | 39 (4.3) | 593 (4.0) | 1 (0.7) | ~ ~ | 10.4 (0.16) |
| Ontario, Canada | 52 (4.7) | 536 (4.9) | 38 (4.7) | 522 (5.5) | 10 (2.5) | 497 (7.2) | 10.1 (0.21) |
| Quebec, Canada | 30 (4.0) | 527 (3.7) | 64 (4.4) | 522 (3.3) | 6 (2.4) | 508 (6.4) | 9.1 (0.13) |

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( ) Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.
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| Country |  | Very Safe and Orderly |  | Somewhat Safe and Orderly |  | Less than Safe and Orderly |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Kuwait |  | 77 (3.3) | 405 (5.2) | 22 (3.3) | 392 (10.5) | 1 (0.5) | ~ ~ | 11.5 (0.13) |
| Kazakhstan |  | 74 (3.1) | 486 (4.2) | 26 (3.1) | 487 (6.8) | 0 (0.0) | ~ | 11.6 (0.12) |
| United Arab Emirates |  | 72 (1.6) | 491 (2.8) | 25 (1.6) | 432 (5.4) | 2 (0.4) | ~ | 11.9 (0.06) |
| Romania |  | 70 (3.4) | 486 (5.6) | 29 (3.5) | 465 (8.3) | 1 (0.6) | ~ ~ | 11.5 (0.14) |
| Saudi Arabia |  | 70 (3.5) | 397 (2.9) | 27 (3.4) | 383 (4.7) | 3 (1.5) | 379 (19.7) | 11.5 (0.16) |
| Georgia |  | 65 (4.1) | 465 (5.8) | 34 (4.1) | 456 (7.9) | 0 (0.4) | ~ ~ | 11.0 (0.12) |
| Qatar |  | 64 (3.4) | 451 (6.5) | 32 (3.3) | 429 (6.0) | 4 (1.2) | 441 (16.1) | 11.2 (0.15) |
| Ireland |  | 62 (2.8) | 537 (3.6) | 33 (2.6) | 509 (4.2) | 5 (1.3) | 475 (19.2) | 11.1 (0.13) |
| Egypt |  | 61 (4.4) | 421 (6.7) | 36 (4.3) | 405 (8.6) | 3 (1.4) | 356 (20.1) | 10.9 (0.16) |
| Oman |  | 61 (3.6) | 417 (4.2) | 39 (3.6) | 403 (5.2) | 0 (0.0) | ~ | 11.0 (0.12) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of |  | 59 (2.9) | 453 (5.2) | 36 (2.7) | 439 (8.0) | 4 (1.4) | 413 (18.6) | 10.9 (0.13) |
| Australia |  | 59 (3.0) | 535 (5.9) | 35 (2.9) | 502 (6.4) | 6 (1.7) | 472 (19.9) | 10.7 (0.14) |
| Singapore |  | 58 (2.9) | 621 (5.5) | 38 (2.9) | 610 (6.8) | 5 (0.8) | 599 (11.0) | 11.1 (0.12) |
| England | s | 57 (5.6) | 532 (9.4) | 35 (5.4) | 505 (14.7) | 8 (3.1) | 519 (24.0) | 10.7 (0.22) |
| Lithuania |  | 55 (3.6) | 524 (4.8) | 43 (3.5) | 517 (4.5) | 2 (0.8) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.6 (0.14) |
| Israel |  | 55 (2.9) | 533 (7.5) | 37 (3.0) | 516 (9.1) | 8 (1.8) | 442 (15.6) | 10.7 (0.14) |
| Hong Kong SAR |  | 54 (4.1) | 587 (7.3) | 44 (4.0) | 568 (7.2) | 3 (1.3) | 522 (24.4) | 10.6 (0.15) |
| Norway (9) | r | 53 (4.0) | 511 (3.3) | 43 (3.9) | 498 (4.4) | 4 (2.4) | 493 (6.0) | 10.4 (0.16) |
| Bahrain |  | 53 (2.6) | 486 (2.9) | 44 (2.6) | 477 (2.9) | 4 (1.0) | 455 (7.0) | 10.8 (0.09) |
| Lebanon |  | 48 (4.4) | 444 (4.8) | 48 (4.5) | 419 (4.4) | 4 (1.5) | 372 (11.3) | 10.4 (0.17) |
| Russian Federation |  | 48 (3.1) | 546 (5.8) | 50 (3.0) | 541 (5.2) | 2 (0.9) | ~ ~ | 10.5 (0.13) |
| Jordan |  | 47 (4.4) | 432 (7.3) | 46 (4.4) | 417 (5.6) | 7 (2.3) | 375 (11.3) | 10.4 (0.17) |
| New Zealand |  | 47 (3.5) | 503 (5.2) | 45 (3.1) | 470 (6.1) | 9 (2.0) | 437 (9.7) | 10.4 (0.15) |
| Morocco |  | 45 (3.6) | 398 (3.4) | 42 (3.4) | 381 (4.0) | 12 (2.5) | 382 (6.3) | 9.9 (0.18) |
| Portugal |  | 45 (3.7) | 511 (4.9) | 47 (4.0) | 492 (5.3) | 8 (2.5) | 484 (12.7) | 10.2 (0.17) |
| Hungary |  | 43 (3.6) | 533 (5.6) | 52 (3.8) | 504 (5.7) | 5 (1.5) | 465 (16.4) | 10.2 (0.13) |
| Chinese Taipei |  | 42 (3.5) | 619 (4.5) | 55 (3.6) | 608 (3.9) | 2 (1.1) | ~ | 10.2 (0.11) |
| Cyprus | s | 38 (3.4) | 521 (5.7) | 47 (3.6) | 501 (5.3) | 15 (2.7) | 481 (6.6) | 9.8 (0.13) |
| United States |  | 38 (2.6) | 532 (6.5) | 52 (2.7) | 517 (6.1) | 11 (1.5) | 459 (10.3) | 10.0 (0.11) |
| Turkey |  | 38 (3.7) | 508 (8.8) | 52 (3.4) | 494 (6.5) | 10 (2.3) | 465 (13.2) | 10.0 (0.19) |
| Chile |  | 31 (3.3) | 468 (5.8) | 51 (3.9) | 439 (4.4) | 18 (3.2) | 399 (6.3) | 9.4 (0.16) |
| Malaysia |  | 30 (3.1) | 477 (6.8) | 66 (3.2) | 453 (4.7) | 4 (1.3) | 468 (12.2) | 9.6 (0.11) |
| France | $r$ | 29 (4.0) | 496 (5.8) | 54 (4.6) | 483 (4.3) | 16 (3.2) | 454 (6.6) | 9.5 (0.16) |
| Sweden |  | 28 (2.7) | 523 (5.0) | 66 (3.1) | 497 (3.2) | 6 (2.0) | 478 (12.2) | 9.5 (0.08) |
| Korea, Rep. of |  | 24 (2.9) | 615 (6.1) | 70 (3.3) | 606 (3.4) | 6 (2.0) | 590 (8.9) | 9.5 (0.15) |
| Finland |  | 23 (2.6) | 520 (4.2) | 66 (2.6) | 507 (3.1) | 11 (2.0) | 495 (6.7) | 9.3 (0.12) |
| Italy |  | 20 (3.3) | 507 (5.7) | 75 (3.5) | 498 (3.3) | 5 (1.7) | 461 (9.6) | 9.4 (0.12) |
| South Africa (9) |  | 18 (2.0) | 423 (7.7) | 58 (2.9) | 384 (3.1) | 24 (2.6) | 378 (4.5) | 8.7 (0.12) |
| Japan |  | 17 (2.6) | 608 (8.1) | 69 (3.2) | 594 (3.3) | 14 (2.5) | 583 (4.5) | 8.9 (0.11) |
| International Average |  | 48 (0.5) | 501 (0.9) | 45 (0.6) | 482 (1.0) | 6 (0.3) | 460 (2.5) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE |  | 75 (2.5) | 547 (3.2) | 23 (2.5) | 509 (6.1) | 2 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 12.0 (0.12) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | $r$ | 63 (2.1) | 467 (4.8) | 33 (2.2) | 381 (5.6) | 4 (1.1) | 371 (17.0) | 11.3 (0.11) |
| Ontario, Canada |  | 57 (3.9) | 544 (6.6) | 37 (3.9) | 520 (5.0) | 6 (2.1) | 491 (10.5) | 10.7 (0.20) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. |  | 46 (4.1) | 587 (5.9) | 51 (4.1) | 566 (5.2) | 3 (1.3) | 563 (16.8) | 10.3 (0.14) |
| Quebec, Canada |  | 35 (4.1) | 557 (6.3) | 57 (4.2) | 538 (5.8) | 7 (2.4) | 511 (11.3) | 9.8 (0.16) |
| Gauteng, RSA (9) |  | 19 (2.6) | 468 (8.8) | 52 (4.1) | 419 (4.7) | 29 (4.2) | 391 (4.2) | 8.6 (0.16) |
| Western Cape, RSA (9) |  | 18 (3.0) | 521 (14.9) | 50 (4.4) | 437 (6.7) | 32 (3.8) | 401 (5.6) | 8.5 (0.15) |

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| Country |  | Very Safe and Orderly |  | Somewhat Safe and Orderly |  | Less than Safe and Orderly |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Romania |  | 79 (2.4) | 477 (4.8) | 20 (2.3) | 453 (6.0) | 1 (0.7) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.9 (0.11) |
| Kuwait |  | 75 (3.6) | 446 (6.1) | 25 (3.7) | 439 (10.9) | 0 (0.3) | ~ ~ | 11.5 (0.15) |
| United Arab Emirates |  | 73 (1.2) | 493 (3.1) | 24 (1.3) | 429 (6.5) | 3 (0.4) | 338 (14.0) | 11.7 (0.06) |
| Qatar |  | 70 (4.1) | 477 (5.9) | 27 (4.1) | 468 (8.5) | 3 (1.2) | 477 (18.3) | 11.4 (0.16) |
| Saudi Arabia |  | 69 (3.7) | 440 (3.0) | 28 (3.5) | 415 (6.6) | 3 (1.4) | 406 (20.9) | 11.3 (0.17) |
| Singapore |  | 68 (2.7) | 613 (4.5) | 29 (2.8) | 594 (7.9) | 2 (0.7) | ~ ~ | 11.4 (0.12) |
| Kazakhstan |  | 68 (1.9) | 482 (3.6) | 32 (1.8) | 470 (4.5) | 1 (0.5) | ~ | 11.4 (0.09) |
| Georgia |  | 67 (2.9) | 450 (4.3) | 32 (2.8) | 441 (4.5) | 1 (0.6) | ~ | 11.1 (0.10) |
| Egypt |  | 64 (4.0) | 396 (7.1) | 33 (3.8) | 383 (9.5) | 2 (1.2) | ~ | 11.1 (0.17) |
| Ireland |  | 62 (3.4) | 539 (3.3) | 30 (3.3) | 516 (6.9) | 8 (1.9) | 485 (10.2) | 11.1 (0.17) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of |  | 62 (3.3) | 457 (4.6) | 31 (2.9) | 443 (6.4) | 7 (1.7) | 413 (6.7) | 10.9 (0.15) |
| Oman |  | 60 (3.6) | 469 (4.5) | 37 (3.6) | 442 (5.9) | 2 (1.0) | ~~ | 10.8 (0.10) |
| Norway (9) | r | 58 (3.6) | 505 (3.7) | 37 (3.5) | 489 (5.2) | 4 (2.4) | 476 (14.4) | 10.5 (0.15) |
| Hong Kong SAR |  | 56 (4.2) | 514 (8.3) | 43 (4.1) | 494 (8.6) | 1 (0.8) | ~ ~ | 11.0 (0.15) |
| Israel |  | 56 (2.7) | 520 (6.3) | 39 (3.1) | 514 (8.4) | 5 (1.7) | 455 (25.5) | 10.6 (0.13) |
| Australia | $r$ | 54 (3.4) | 547 (5.4) | 37 (3.2) | 518 (4.6) | 10 (2.0) | 509 (10.6) | 10.6 (0.15) |
| Russian Federation |  | 53 (2.6) | 548 (3.8) | 44 (2.4) | 538 (5.3) | 3 (0.8) | 533 (8.0) | 10.6 (0.08) |
| Lithuania |  | 52 (2.5) | 538 (3.4) | 45 (2.3) | 528 (3.2) | 4 (0.9) | 522 (9.1) | 10.5 (0.10) |
| Jordan |  | 49 (3.9) | 466 (4.7) | 45 (4.2) | 440 (8.2) | 6 (1.7) | 429 (18.9) | 10.4 (0.16) |
| New Zealand |  | 49 (3.6) | 516 (6.0) | 44 (3.3) | 487 (4.9) | 7 (1.8) | 481 (13.9) | 10.4 (0.17) |
| Bahrain |  | 49 (3.1) | 498 (4.0) | 48 (3.3) | 478 (3.9) | 3 (1.5) | 439 (19.8) | 10.5 (0.10) |
| Lebanon |  | 47 (3.4) | 401 (6.5) | 48 (3.4) | 356 (6.2) | 5 (1.3) | 347 (15.7) | 10.4 (0.14) |
| Turkey |  | 47 (3.7) | 534 (6.1) | 45 (3.7) | 504 (6.2) | 8 (2.2) | 471 (13.5) | 10.3 (0.16) |
| Portugal |  | 46 (3.0) | 527 (3.5) | 47 (2.9) | 515 (3.8) | 7 (1.6) | 500 (8.6) | 10.2 (0.12) |
| England | s | 45 (4.8) | 532 (9.4) | 49 (4.8) | 518 (11.3) | 7 (2.7) | 512 (16.9) | 10.5 (0.23) |
| Cyprus | s | 44 (2.0) | 496 (3.4) | 44 (2.5) | 484 (3.3) | 12 (1.6) | 465 (6.9) | 10.0 (0.09) |
| Chinese Taipei |  | 43 (3.4) | 583 (3.7) | 50 (3.5) | 566 (2.9) | 6 (1.8) | 581 (9.1) | 10.2 (0.14) |
| Hungary |  | 43 (2.6) | 541 (3.7) | 52 (2.4) | 523 (3.5) | 5 (1.1) | 473 (11.3) | 10.2 (0.10) |
| Morocco |  | 42 (2.5) | 400 (5.1) | 45 (2.4) | 390 (4.2) | 13 (1.9) | 398 (4.7) | 9.9 (0.11) |
| United States |  | 34 (2.3) | 545 (6.4) | 49 (2.6) | 528 (7.8) | 16 (2.1) | 471 (10.4) | 9.6 (0.12) |
| Korea, Rep. of |  | 33 (3.6) | 565 (3.7) | 62 (3.9) | 560 (2.5) | 6 (1.9) | 543 (10.8) | 9.7 (0.16) |
| Malaysia |  | 32 (3.0) | 483 (7.2) | 63 (3.0) | 449 (5.1) | 4 (1.6) | 446 (27.3) | 9.8 (0.12) |
| Sweden |  | 29 (2.7) | 545 (5.8) | 64 (3.2) | 513 (3.6) | 7 (2.1) | 500 (22.4) | 9.6 (0.12) |
| France | $r$ | 26 (2.8) | 508 (4.1) | 64 (2.8) | 486 (3.2) | 10 (1.7) | 448 (7.2) | 9.4 (0.13) |
| Chile |  | 26 (3.3) | 486 (5.8) | 59 (4.1) | 463 (4.2) | 16 (2.9) | 431 (7.2) | 9.2 (0.14) |
| South Africa (9) |  | 24 (2.8) | 390 (10.7) | 51 (2.9) | 371 (5.1) | 25 (2.1) | 350 (4.7) | 8.9 (0.12) |
| Italy |  | 20 (3.4) | 505 (4.6) | 76 (3.4) | 502 (3.2) | 4 (1.2) | 464 (10.2) | 9.3 (0.12) |
| Finland |  | 20 (2.0) | 555 (4.9) | 67 (2.2) | 542 (2.9) | 13 (1.7) | 526 (7.2) | 9.2 (0.09) |
| Japan |  | 13 (2.7) | 566 (3.9) | 77 (3.4) | 572 (2.7) | 11 (2.3) | 558 (4.8) | 8.9 (0.11) |
| International Average |  | 49 (0.5) | 501 (0.9) | 45 (0.5) | 483 (1.0) | 6 (0.3) | 466 (2.5) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE |  | 79 (2.0) | 556 (3.4) | 20 (2.1) | 530 (6.8) | 1 (0.4) | $\sim \sim$ | 12.1 (0.09) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE |  | 61 (2.7) | 452 (5.9) | 33 (2.5) | 375 (8.9) | 6 (0.8) | 302 (15.8) | 11.2 (0.11) |
| Ontario, Canada | s | 50 (5.6) | 537 (6.6) | 42 (5.8) | 507 (6.5) | 9 (2.8) | 505 (8.3) | 10.6 (0.27) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. |  | 45 (2.2) | 571 (3.3) | 51 (2.1) | 564 (3.1) | 4 (1.0) | 546 (8.1) | 10.3 (0.09) |
| Gauteng, RSA (9) |  | 23 (3.6) | 467 (12.5) | 51 (4.7) | 421 (6.5) | 26 (3.7) | 385 (6.3) | 8.8 (0.16) |
| Western Cape, RSA (9) |  | 20 (3.0) | 558 (13.9) | 47 (4.6) | 431 (8.2) | 33 (3.9) | 382 (6.2) | 8.4 (0.16) |
| Quebec, Canada | y | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - - |

This TIMSS context questionnaire scale was established in 2011 based on the combined response distribution of all countries that participated in TIMSS 2011. To provide a point of reference for country comparisons, the scale centerpoint of 10 was located at the mean of the combined distribution. The units of the scale were chosen so that 2 scale score points corresponded to the standard deviation of the distribution.
( ) Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.
A tilde $(\sim)$ indicates insufficient data to report achievement.
An " $r$ " indicates data are available for at least $70 \%$ but less than $85 \%$ of the students. An " $s$ " indicates data are available for at least $50 \%$ but less than $70 \%$ of the students.
A " $y$ " indicates data are available for less than $40 \%$ of the students.

## Student Bullying

Since 2011, TIMSS has asked students about how often they experienced various bullying behaviors by their school peers, such as being teased, excluded from activities, or physically hurt. The TIMSS 2019 fourth grade Student Bullying scale is described in Exhibit 8.11 (see About the Scale). Students were assigned to one of three categories of the scale ("never or almost never," "about monthly," "about weekly") according to their reports of how often they experienced 11 bullying behaviors.

Exhibits 8.12 and 8.13 present the scale results in relation to mathematics achievement and science achievement, respectively. Internationally, the majority of fourth grade students ( $63 \%$, on average) reported to be "never or almost never" bullied by school peers, 29 percent reported being bullied "about monthly," and only 8 percent were bullied "about weekly." Reports from fourth grade students' about being bullied were related to their average achievement in mathematics and science. Across countries, there was a negative association between fourth grade students' reports about the frequency of being bullied and average achievement, with students bullied "about weekly" having substantially lower average mathematics achievement (451) and lower average science achievement (437) than students bullied "about monthly" (495 and 486 in mathematics and science, respectively). Students in the "never or almost never" category had the highest achievement on average-512 in mathematics and 503 in science.

The eighth grade Student Bullying scale used in previous TIMSS assessments was revised in TIMSS 2019 to better reflect current trends related to social media and cyberbullying. As described in Exhibit 8.14, the scale in 2019 included 14 items with an emphasis on bullying experienced through digital devices (see About the Scale). Students were assigned to one of three scale categories ("never or almost never," "about monthly," "about weekly") according to their reports of how often they experienced these 14 behaviors.

Exhibits 8.15 and 8.16 provide the results for the TIMSS 2019 eighth grade Student Bullying scale in relation to mathematics achievement and science achievement, respectively. On average, more than two-thirds of eighth grade students (71\%) reported being bullied "never or almost never," and these students had the highest average achievement-496 in mathematics and 499 in science. With each reported increase in the frequency they experienced bullying, eighth grade students had progressively lower average achievement to the extent that there was a 68 -point difference in mathematics achievement and a 78-point difference in science achievement between students in the "never or almost never" category and students in the "about weekly" category. Students bullied "about monthly" also had much higher achievement than students bullied "about weekly" (482 vs. 428 in mathematics and 482 vs. 421 in science).

## About the Scale

Students were scored according to their reports regarding eleven bullying behaviors on the Student Bullying scale. Cut scores divide the scale into three categories. Students bullied Never or Almost Never had a score at or above the cut score corresponding to reporting that they "never" experienced six of the eleven bullying behaviors and experienced the other five "a few times a year," on average. Students bullied About Weekly had a score at or below the cut score corresponding to reporting that they experienced six of the eleven behaviors "once or twice a month" and the other five "a few times a year," on average. All other students were bullied About Monthly.


| Country | Never or Almost Never |  | About Monthly |  | About Weekly |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Albania | 85 (0.9) | 500 (3.2) | 12 (0.8) | 480 (5.7) | 3 (0.4) | 404 (15.7) | 11.3 (0.05) |
| Armenia | 84 (0.9) | 506 (2.5) | 11 (0.7) | 494 (4.5) | 5 (0.5) | 463 (7.1) | 11.3 (0.05) |
| Serbia | 83 (1.2) | 513 (3.3) | 15 (0.9) | 497 (5.6) | 3 (0.4) | 443 (12.6) | 11.1 (0.06) |
| Kosovo | 82 (1.0) | 453 (2.8) | 13 (0.8) | 435 (4.8) | 5 (0.5) | 368 (9.2) | 11.1 (0.06) |
| Montenegro | 81 (0.7) | 461 (1.8) | 15 (0.6) | 438 (4.0) | 4 (0.3) | 391 (7.4) | 11.1 (0.04) |
| Japan | 81 (0.9) | 595 (1.8) | 18 (0.9) | 585 (3.3) | 1 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.9 (0.05) |
| Georgia | 80 (1.1) | 486 (3.8) | 16 (0.9) | 470 (6.4) | 4 (0.4) | 418 (11.0) | 10.9 (0.06) |
| Finland | 79 (1.0) | 538 (2.2) | 19 (0.9) | 519 (4.0) | 2 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.7 (0.04) |
| Azerbaijan | 78 (1.1) | 528 (2.3) | 18 (0.9) | 511 (4.6) | 4 (0.4) | 465 (9.6) | 10.9 (0.06) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 78 (0.8) | 458 (2.3) | 17 (0.7) | 446 (3.7) | 5 (0.4) | 402 (5.2) | 10.8 (0.05) |
| Korea, Rep. of | 77 (1.1) | 601 (2.3) | 21 (1.0) | 596 (3.9) | 2 (0.3) | ~ | 10.6 (0.05) |
| Ireland | 76 (0.9) | 555 (2.6) | 21 (0.7) | 536 (3.8) | 3 (0.4) | 497 (8.5) | 10.5 (0.05) |
| France | 74 (1.0) | 494 (3.2) | 22 (0.9) | 463 (4.0) | 3 (0.4) | 430 (10.1) | 10.5 (0.05) |
| Norway (5) | 73 (1.2) | 548 (2.3) | 24 (1.1) | 536 (3.1) | 3 (0.4) | 503 (15.9) | 10.3 (0.05) |
| Croatia | 73 (1.3) | 513 (2.3) | 22 (1.2) | 506 (3.8) | 5 (0.4) | 476 (8.2) | 10.4 (0.05) |
| Poland | 73 (0.9) | 527 (2.8) | 22 (0.8) | 513 (3.4) | 5 (0.4) | 470 (8.4) | 10.4 (0.04) |
| Lithuania | 72 (1.3) | 548 (3.0) | 25 (1.2) | 534 (4.2) | 3 (0.3) | 475 (11.9) | 10.3 (0.06) |
| Kazakhstan | 69 (1.3) | 517 (2.7) | 25 (1.1) | 507 (3.7) | 6 (0.4) | 486 (5.1) | 10.5 (0.07) |
| Northern Ireland | 68 (1.4) | 574 (3.2) | 28 (1.3) | 556 (3.7) | 4 (0.4) | 501 (9.4) | 10.1 (0.06) |
| North Macedonia | 68 (2.3) | 489 (4.7) | 23 (2.0) | 464 (7.8) | 9 (0.8) | 403 (10.4) | 10.3 (0.09) |
| Chinese Taipei | 67 (1.2) | 604 (1.8) | 28 (1.0) | 593 (3.3) | 5 (0.4) | 576 (7.5) | 10.3 (0.05) |
| Austria | 67 (1.3) | 547 (2.3) | 28 (1.1) | 530 (2.9) | 5 (0.5) | 499 (5.0) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Sweden | 66 (1.5) | 530 (2.8) | 30 (1.5) | 511 (3.4) | 4 (0.4) | 474 (9.4) | 10.0 (0.06) |
| Czech Republic | 66 (1.1) | 542 (2.5) | 28 (0.9) | 526 (3.6) | 6 (0.6) | 470 (7.0) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Netherlands | 66 (1.3) | 541 (2.2) | 30 (1.1) | 535 (2.9) | 4 (0.5) | 512 (8.7) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Slovak Republic | 66 (1.3) | 519 (3.2) | 29 (1.1) | 500 (5.5) | 6 (0.5) | 461 (10.8) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| United States | 64 (0.8) | 548 (2.7) | 29 (0.8) | 527 (3.1) | 7 (0.4) | 477 (5.7) | 10.0 (0.03) |
| Hungary | 63 (1.2) | 530 (2.8) | 32 (1.2) | 516 (3.6) | 4 (0.5) | 492 (7.7) | 9.9 (0.04) |
| Cyprus | 63 (1.2) | 541 (2.8) | 30 (1.0) | 523 (3.7) | 7 (0.5) | 493 (6.2) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Germany | 62 (1.1) | 535 (2.4) | 32 (1.0) | 512 (3.4) | 6 (0.6) | 466 (6.9) | 9.8 (0.04) |
| Hong Kong SAR | 62 (1.2) | 608 (3.1) | 32 (1.0) | 595 (4.7) | 6 (0.5) | 576 (7.8) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Spain | 61 (1.1) | 512 (2.2) | 31 (0.9) | 495 (3.3) | 7 (0.6) | 460 (5.2) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 61 (1.3) | 450 (4.8) | 32 (1.2) | 443 (4.4) | 7 (0.4) | 405 (7.3) | 10.0 (0.06) |
| Portugal | 61 (0.9) | 532 (2.8) | 32 (0.9) | 523 (3.0) | 7 (0.5) | 480 (6.2) | 9.8 (0.04) |
| Denmark | 61 (1.4) | 532 (2.3) | 35 (1.3) | 519 (2.5) | 4 (0.4) | 481 (7.7) | 9.7 (0.05) |
| England | 60 (1.3) | 566 (4.4) | 34 (1.1) | 546 (4.1) | 6 (0.6) | 513 (8.5) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Bulgaria | 60 (1.9) | 528 (3.5) | 31 (1.3) | 511 (4.3) | 9 (1.0) | 463 (10.4) | 9.8 (0.08) |
| Chile | 60 (1.2) | 454 (2.3) | 29 (0.9) | 437 (3.6) | 11 (0.7) | 392 (5.9) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Turkey (5) | 60 (1.3) | 540 (4.3) | 32 (1.1) | 511 (5.8) | 9 (0.6) | 451 (9.0) | 9.9 (0.06) |
| Singapore | 59 (0.9) | 638 (3.6) | 34 (0.7) | 616 (4.0) | 7 (0.4) | 569 (9.1) | 9.7 (0.03) |
| Italy | 58 (1.3) | 522 (2.6) | 36 (1.1) | 510 (2.9) | 7 (0.6) | 482 (6.9) | 9.7 (0.05) |
| Malta | 57 (0.8) | 519 (1.7) | 35 (0.8) | 504 (2.6) | 8 (0.5) | 469 (5.2) | 9.7 (0.03) |
| Russian Federation | 56 (1.2) | 575 (3.2) | 37 (1.0) | 563 (4.0) | 8 (0.5) | 538 (6.3) | 9.6 (0.05) |
| Canada | 55 (0.7) | 520 (2.2) | 38 (0.7) | 505 (2.2) | 8 (0.3) | 477 (4.4) | 9.6 (0.03) |
| Australia | 54 (1.3) | 525 (3.1) | 39 (1.0) | 513 (3.4) | 7 (0.6) | 470 (6.2) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Belgium (Flemish) | 53 (1.4) | 538 (2.1) | 41 (1.2) | 529 (2.5) | 5 (0.4) | 506 (6.5) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Morocco | 53 (1.6) | 397 (4.4) | 37 (1.3) | 379 (5.6) | 10 (0.8) | 342 (8.0) | 9.6 (0.07) |
| Latvia | 52 (1.1) | 556 (2.7) | 38 (0.9) | 541 (2.8) | 10 (0.8) | 514 (6.0) | 9.4 (0.05) |
| United Arab Emirates | 51 (0.8) | 501 (1.9) | 34 (0.6) | 476 (2.1) | 15 (0.4) | 434 (3.2) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Saudi Arabia | 50 (1.2) | 421 (4.3) | 33 (1.0) | 399 (3.8) | 17 (0.7) | 349 (5.8) | 9.6 (0.06) |
| New Zealand | 48 (1.1) | 503 (2.8) | 40 (0.9) | 486 (3.1) | 12 (0.5) | 438 (4.4) | 9.3 (0.04) |
| Oman | 47 (1.4) | 451 (4.9) | 38 (1.2) | 429 (3.9) | 15 (0.8) | 385 (5.4) | 9.3 (0.06) |
| Bahrain | 46 (1.1) | 491 (3.0) | 37 (0.9) | 481 (3.4) | 17 (0.7) | 452 (4.4) | 9.3 (0.05) |
| Kuwait | 45 (1.3) | 406 (6.0) | 34 (0.9) | 392 (5.2) | 21 (1.1) | 344 (7.5) | 9.2 (0.07) |
| Pakistan | 45 (3.4) | 344 (13.0) | 36 (2.8) | 326 (13.2) | 19 (2.1) | 301 (13.0) | 9.3 (0.15) |
| Qatar | 42 (1.3) | 473 (4.1) | 37 (1.3) | 456 (4.0) | 21 (1.2) | 397 (3.8) | 9.0 (0.06) |
| South Africa (5) | 26 (1.1) | 423 (5.5) | 45 (1.1) | 376 (3.3) | 29 (1.4) | 333 (4.0) | 8.4 (0.05) |
| Philippines | 11 (1.0) | 351 (10.3) | 44 (1.3) | 314 (6.6) | 45 (1.8) | 269 (6.4) | 7.7 (0.06) |
| International Average | 63 (0.2) | 512 (0.5) | 29 (0.1) | 495 (0.6) | 8 (0.1) | 451 (1.1) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Madrid, Spain | 65 (1.3) | 523 (2.2) | 30 (1.1) | 514 (2.7) | 5 (0.5) | 483 (5.4) | 10.1 (0.06) |
| Dubai, UAE | 58 (1.2) | 552 (1.8) | 32 (0.9) | 538 (3.0) | 10 (0.5) | 514 (4.6) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Ontario, Canada | 55 (1.3) | 523 (3.9) | 38 (1.2) | 506 (3.5) | 7 (0.5) | 475 (7.8) | 9.6 (0.04) |
| Quebec, Canada | 54 (1.3) | 539 (3.0) | 39 (1.0) | 526 (3.0) | 7 (0.7) | 499 (6.2) | 9.5 (0.05) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. | 54 (1.2) | 602 (2.3) | 37 (0.9) | 587 (2.8) | 9 (0.6) | 563 (5.0) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 44 (1.0) | 462 (2.7) | 37 (0.8) | 439 (3.0) | 19 (0.7) | 399 (4.0) | 9.1 (0.05) |

This TIMSS context questionnaire scale was established in 2019 based on the combined response distribution of all countries that participated in TIMSS 2019. To provide a point of reference for country comparisons, the scale centerpoint of 10 was located at the mean of the combined distribution. The units of the scale were chosen so that 2 scale score points corresponded to the standard deviation of the distribution.
() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.

A tilde ( $\sim$ ) indicates insufficient data to report achievement.

| Country | Never or Almost Never |  | About Monthly |  | About Weekly |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Albania | 85 (0.9) | 495 (3.4) | 12 (0.8) | 481 (6.5) | 3 (0.4) | 398 (15.7) | 11.3 (0.05) |
| Armenia | 84 (0.9) | 476 (3.3) | 11 (0.7) | 459 (5.5) | 5 (0.5) | 420 (7.5) | 11.3 (0.05) |
| Serbia | 83 (1.2) | 522 (3.5) | 15 (0.9) | 505 (5.7) | 3 (0.4) | 451 (13.1) | 11.1 (0.06) |
| Kosovo | 82 (1.0) | 424 (3.4) | 13 (0.8) | 396 (6.4) | 5 (0.5) | 326 (9.9) | 11.1 (0.06) |
| Montenegro | 81 (0.7) | 460 (2.4) | 15 (0.6) | 444 (5.1) | 4 (0.3) | 390 (8.6) | 11.1 (0.04) |
| Japan | 81 (0.9) | 564 (1.7) | 18 (0.9) | 553 (3.4) | 1 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.9 (0.05) |
| Georgia | 80 (1.1) | 459 (4.0) | 16 (0.9) | 444 (6.7) | 4 (0.4) | 376 (10.5) | 10.9 (0.06) |
| Finland | 79 (1.0) | 560 (2.4) | 19 (0.9) | 542 (4.3) | 2 (0.2) | ~ | 10.7 (0.04) |
| Azerbaijan | 78 (1.1) | 441 (2.7) | 18 (0.9) | 424 (5.2) | 4 (0.4) | 364 (13.4) | 10.9 (0.06) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 78 (0.8) | 465 (2.7) | 17 (0.7) | 455 (5.1) | 5 (0.4) | 410 (8.5) | 10.8 (0.05) |
| Korea, Rep. of | 77 (1.1) | 589 (2.3) | 21 (1.0) | 585 (3.5) | 2 (0.3) | ~ ~ | 10.6 (0.05) |
| Ireland | 76 (0.9) | 534 (3.3) | 21 (0.7) | 517 (4.0) | 3 (0.4) | 471 (9.7) | 10.5 (0.05) |
| France | 74 (1.0) | 496 (3.1) | 22 (0.9) | 470 (4.2) | 3 (0.4) | 435 (9.3) | 10.5 (0.05) |
| Norway (5) | 73 (1.2) | 544 (2.4) | 24 (1.1) | 534 (3.0) | 3 (0.4) | 498 (12.8) | 10.3 (0.05) |
| Croatia | 73 (1.3) | 527 (2.5) | 22 (1.2) | 521 (4.1) | 5 (0.4) | 500 (7.5) | 10.4 (0.05) |
| Poland | 73 (0.9) | 538 (2.7) | 22 (0.8) | 523 (3.2) | 5 (0.4) | 481 (8.2) | 10.4 (0.04) |
| Lithuania | 72 (1.3) | 544 (2.8) | 25 (1.2) | 529 (4.1) | 3 (0.3) | 469 (11.7) | 10.3 (0.06) |
| Kazakhstan | 69 (1.3) | 500 (3.4) | 25 (1.1) | 490 (4.3) | 6 (0.4) | 468 (6.6) | 10.5 (0.07) |
| Northern Ireland | 68 (1.4) | 526 (2.4) | 28 (1.3) | 511 (3.7) | 4 (0.4) | 458 (8.2) | 10.1 (0.06) |
| North Macedonia | 68 (2.3) | 445 (5.5) | 23 (2.0) | 412 (10.0) | 9 (0.8) | 355 (11.2) | 10.3 (0.09) |
| Chinese Taipei | 67 (1.2) | 564 (1.9) | 28 (1.0) | 550 (2.9) | 5 (0.4) | 526 (7.2) | 10.3 (0.05) |
| Austria | 67 (1.3) | 532 (2.8) | 28 (1.1) | 509 (4.3) | 5 (0.5) | 473 (7.2) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Sweden | 66 (1.5) | 545 (3.3) | 30 (1.5) | 529 (4.1) | 4 (0.4) | 485 (10.3) | 10.0 (0.06) |
| Czech Republic | 66 (1.1) | 541 (2.6) | 28 (0.9) | 528 (3.3) | 6 (0.6) | 478 (6.2) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Netherlands | 66 (1.3) | 523 (2.8) | 30 (1.1) | 515 (4.0) | 4 (0.5) | 479 (10.4) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Slovak Republic | 66 (1.3) | 531 (3.0) | 29 (1.1) | 508 (6.3) | 6 (0.5) | 467 (12.3) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| United States | 64 (0.8) | 551 (2.8) | 29 (0.8) | 531 (3.3) | 7 (0.4) | 481 (5.6) | 10.0 (0.03) |
| Hungary | 63 (1.2) | 536 (2.9) | 32 (1.2) | 521 (3.5) | 4 (0.5) | 500 (9.0) | 9.9 (0.04) |
| Cyprus | 63 (1.2) | 520 (3.1) | 30 (1.0) | 505 (3.5) | 7 (0.5) | 473 (7.0) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Germany | 62 (1.1) | 533 (2.2) | 32 (1.0) | 511 (3.5) | 6 (0.6) | 459 (8.5) | 9.8 (0.04) |
| Hong Kong SAR | 62 (1.2) | 536 (3.3) | 32 (1.0) | 526 (4.2) | 6 (0.5) | 508 (9.2) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Spain | 61 (1.1) | 521 (1.9) | 31 (0.9) | 506 (3.0) | 7 (0.6) | 465 (5.5) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 61 (1.3) | 446 (5.1) | 32 (1.2) | 444 (4.6) | 7 (0.4) | 402 (8.1) | 10.0 (0.06) |
| Portugal | 61 (0.9) | 510 (2.8) | 32 (0.9) | 502 (3.2) | 7 (0.5) | 459 (5.5) | 9.8 (0.04) |
| Denmark | 61 (1.4) | 528 (2.6) | 35 (1.3) | 517 (3.4) | 4 (0.4) | 490 (6.9) | 9.7 (0.05) |
| England | 60 (1.3) | 545 (3.9) | 34 (1.1) | 531 (3.5) | 6 (0.6) | 505 (7.3) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Bulgaria | 60 (1.9) | 535 (4.3) | 31 (1.3) | 520 (5.5) | 9 (1.0) | 457 (11.6) | 9.8 (0.08) |
| Chile | 60 (1.2) | 482 (2.3) | 29 (0.9) | 466 (3.5) | 11 (0.7) | 419 (4.6) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Turkey (5) | 60 (1.3) | 541 (3.9) | 32 (1.1) | 520 (6.0) | 9 (0.6) | 461 (10.1) | 9.9 (0.06) |
| Singapore | 59 (0.9) | 606 (3.2) | 34 (0.7) | 586 (3.6) | 7 (0.4) | 542 (9.1) | 9.7 (0.03) |
| Italy | 58 (1.3) | 517 (3.1) | 36 (1.1) | 507 (3.3) | 7 (0.6) | 473 (6.8) | 9.7 (0.05) |
| Malta | 57 (0.8) | 505 (1.6) | 35 (0.8) | 492 (2.7) | 8 (0.5) | 450 (6.2) | 9.7 (0.03) |
| Russian Federation | 56 (1.2) | 574 (3.0) | 37 (1.0) | 563 (3.2) | 8 (0.5) | 542 (6.8) | 9.6 (0.05) |
| Canada | 55 (0.7) | 533 (2.2) | 38 (0.7) | 517 (2.2) | 8 (0.3) | 491 (4.3) | 9.6 (0.03) |
| Australia | 54 (1.3) | 541 (2.9) | 39 (1.0) | 530 (2.9) | 7 (0.6) | 490 (6.1) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Belgium (Flemish) | 53 (1.4) | 508 (2.2) | 41 (1.2) | 496 (2.8) | 5 (0.4) | 474 (6.3) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Morocco | 53 (1.6) | 389 (5.7) | 37 (1.3) | 369 (7.8) | 10 (0.8) | 327 (10.9) | 9.6 (0.07) |
| Latvia | 52 (1.1) | 553 (2.5) | 38 (0.9) | 536 (2.4) | 10 (0.8) | 508 (6.2) | 9.4 (0.05) |
| United Arab Emirates | 51 (0.8) | 497 (2.2) | 34 (0.6) | 467 (2.4) | 15 (0.4) | 413 (3.7) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Saudi Arabia | 50 (1.2) | 432 (4.6) | 33 (1.0) | 404 (4.6) | 17 (0.7) | 335 (7.3) | 9.6 (0.06) |
| New Zealand | 48 (1.1) | 519 (2.4) | 40 (0.9) | 500 (2.9) | 12 (0.5) | 456 (4.5) | 9.3 (0.04) |
| Oman | 47 (1.4) | 458 (4.8) | 38 (1.2) | 437 (4.5) | 15 (0.8) | 380 (6.1) | 9.3 (0.06) |
| Bahrain | 46 (1.1) | 515 (3.3) | 37 (0.9) | 493 (3.8) | 17 (0.7) | 440 (5.5) | 9.3 (0.05) |
| Kuwait | 45 (1.3) | 421 (7.5) | 34 (0.9) | 398 (7.1) | 21 (1.1) | 347 (8.0) | 9.2 (0.07) |
| Pakistan | 45 (3.4) | 313 (13.5) | 36 (2.8) | 282 (16.0) | 19 (2.1) | 260 (17.0) | 9.3 (0.15) |
| Qatar | 42 (1.3) | 479 (4.2) | 37 (1.3) | 458 (4.2) | 21 (1.2) | 383 (5.2) | 9.0 (0.06) |
| South Africa (5) | 26 (1.1) | 392 (7.9) | 45 (1.1) | 328 (4.8) | 29 (1.4) | 268 (5.3) | 8.4 (0.05) |
| Philippines | 11 (1.0) | 318 (13.0) | 44 (1.3) | 270 (8.1) | 45 (1.8) | 214 (7.0) | 7.7 (0.06) |
| International Average | 63 (0.2) | 503 (0.5) | 29 (0.1) | 486 (0.7) | 8 (0.1) | 437 (1.2) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Madrid, Spain | 65 (1.3) | 528 (2.1) | 30 (1.1) | 518 (2.8) | 5 (0.5) | 485 (5.9) | 10.1 (0.06) |
| Dubai, UAE | 58 (1.2) | 553 (1.9) | 32 (0.9) | 540 (3.1) | 10 (0.5) | 507 (4.8) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Ontario, Canada | 55 (1.3) | 535 (3.5) | 38 (1.2) | 518 (3.8) | 7 (0.5) | 490 (7.0) | 9.6 (0.04) |
| Quebec, Canada | 54 (1.3) | 530 (3.1) | 39 (1.0) | 515 (2.8) | 7 (0.7) | 494 (4.9) | 9.5 (0.05) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. | 54 (1.2) | 604 (2.5) | 37 (0.9) | 590 (2.5) | 9 (0.6) | 563 (4.9) | 9.5 (0.04) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 44 (1.0) | 446 (3.4) | 37 (0.8) | 417 (3.8) | 19 (0.7) | 365 (5.3) | 9.1 (0.05) |

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## About the Scale

Students were scored according to their reports regarding fourteen bullying behaviors on the Student Bullying scale. Cut scores divide the scale into three categories. Students bullied Never or Almost Never had a score at or above the cut score corresponding to reporting that they "never" experienced seven of the fourteen bullying behaviors and experienced the other seven "a few times a year," on average. Students bullied About Weekly had a score at or below the cut score corresponding to reporting that they experienced seven of the fourteen behaviors "once or twice a month" and the other seven "a few times a year," on average. All other students were bullied About Monthly.


| Country | Never or Almost Never |  | About Monthly |  | About Weekly |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Japan | 93 (0.4) | 595 (2.8) | 6 (0.4) | 591 (5.9) | 0 (0.1) | ~ | 11.3 (0.04) |
| Georgia | 89 (0.9) | 464 (4.3) | 9 (0.8) | 453 (8.6) | 2 (0.3) | ~ | 11.2 (0.06) |
| Chinese Taipei | 88 (0.5) | 614 (2.8) | 11 (0.5) | 608 (4.9) | 1 (0.1) | ~ | 11.0 (0.04) |
| Korea, Rep. of | 87 (0.7) | 606 (2.9) | 12 (0.6) | 611 (5.5) | 1 (0.1) | $\sim \sim$ | 11.0 (0.05) |
| Finland | 86 (0.6) | 512 (2.5) | 12 (0.6) | 498 (4.4) | 2 (0.2) | ~ | 10.8 (0.04) |
| Kazakhstan | 85 (0.8) | 488 (3.3) | 14 (0.7) | 487 (5.5) | 1 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.4 (0.05) |
| Portugal | 83 (0.9) | 502 (3.3) | 16 (0.8) | 493 (5.3) | 2 (0.3) | $\sim \sim$ | 10.5 (0.05) |
| Lithuania | 81 (0.8) | 523 (2.9) | 17 (0.8) | 516 (4.6) | 2 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Russian Federation | 80 (0.7) | 545 (4.6) | 17 (0.7) | 542 (5.6) | 3 (0.3) | 519 (11.8) | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Hungary | 79 (1.0) | 523 (3.0) | 18 (0.9) | 498 (4.6) | 3 (0.4) | 438 (12.4) | 10.2 (0.04) |
| Norway (9) | 79 (0.9) | 507 (2.6) | 19 (0.8) | 498 (4.3) | 2 (0.3) | ~ ~ | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Sweden | 78 (0.8) | 508 (2.6) | 18 (0.7) | 493 (3.9) | 3 (0.3) | 456 (10.2) | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Italy | 78 (1.1) | 501 (2.8) | 20 (1.0) | 491 (3.7) | 2 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Cyprus | 76 (0.9) | 505 (1.9) | 20 (0.8) | 493 (3.4) | 4 (0.3) | 463 (10.3) | 10.1 (0.04) |
| France | 75 (0.8) | 486 (2.6) | 23 (0.7) | 475 (3.3) | 2 (0.3) | ~ | 10.1 (0.04) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 74 (1.0) | 456 (3.8) | 21 (0.9) | 426 (5.1) | 5 (0.4) | 386 (10.9) | 10.2 (0.05) |
| Ireland | 74 (1.0) | 530 (2.6) | 22 (0.9) | 513 (3.4) | 4 (0.3) | 493 (7.6) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Chile | 73 (0.9) | 446 (3.0) | 23 (0.8) | 434 (3.8) | 4 (0.4) | 393 (8.6) | 9.9 (0.04) |
| Jordan | 72 (1.0) | 433 (3.6) | 18 (0.6) | 409 (5.8) | 9 (0.7) | 362 (6.7) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Saudi Arabia | 72 (1.1) | 403 (2.5) | 20 (0.8) | 386 (3.7) | 8 (0.6) | 347 (5.3) | 10.2 (0.05) |
| Turkey | 72 (1.1) | 503 (4.3) | 24 (1.0) | 485 (6.6) | 4 (0.4) | 445 (8.7) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Hong Kong SAR | 69 (1.3) | 580 (3.9) | 24 (1.0) | 586 (5.3) | 7 (0.6) | 539 (12.4) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| United States | 69 (0.7) | 526 (4.9) | 25 (0.6) | 509 (4.3) | 7 (0.4) | 467 (7.8) | 9.8 (0.03) |
| England | 69 (0.9) | 526 (5.3) | 26 (0.8) | 510 (6.5) | 6 (0.5) | 459 (9.3) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Kuwait | 68 (0.9) | 409 (5.0) | 24 (0.7) | 403 (6.2) | 8 (0.7) | 360 (7.6) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Romania | 66 (1.4) | 489 (4.1) | 27 (1.1) | 473 (6.3) | 8 (0.7) | 434 (7.4) | 9.6 (0.07) |
| Singapore | 65 (0.8) | 625 (4.0) | 30 (0.7) | 604 (4.5) | 5 (0.4) | 570 (9.2) | 9.5 (0.03) |
| New Zealand | 64 (0.9) | 490 (3.4) | 28 (0.8) | 479 (4.0) | 7 (0.4) | 441 (7.0) | 9.6 (0.04) |
| Oman | 64 (1.0) | 427 (2.8) | 27 (0.9) | 400 (3.7) | 9 (0.5) | 350 (6.3) | 9.6 (0.05) |
| Australia | 64 (0.8) | 529 (4.1) | 28 (0.7) | 505 (4.2) | 8 (0.4) | 478 (4.9) | 9.5 (0.03) |
| Qatar | 63 (1.5) | 454 (5.0) | 25 (1.0) | 448 (4.4) | 12 (0.9) | 383 (6.8) | 9.6 (0.07) |
| Lebanon | 63 (1.6) | 438 (3.3) | 27 (1.2) | 425 (3.9) | 10 (0.9) | 403 (4.9) | 9.5 (0.07) |
| United Arab Emirates | 63 (0.6) | 492 (2.1) | 25 (0.5) | 470 (2.5) | 12 (0.3) | 398 (3.4) | 9.6 (0.02) |
| Bahrain | 62 (0.9) | 489 (2.1) | 28 (0.7) | 474 (2.7) | 10 (0.5) | 449 (4.7) | 9.6 (0.04) |
| Egypt | 61 (1.3) | 434 (5.2) | 23 (0.8) | 402 (5.7) | 16 (1.0) | 360 (7.2) | 9.7 (0.08) |
| Morocco | 57 (0.9) | 395 (2.9) | 34 (0.8) | 384 (2.7) | 9 (0.5) | 366 (3.4) | 9.3 (0.04) |
| Malaysia | 35 (1.0) | 474 (3.7) | 49 (0.8) | 456 (3.6) | 16 (0.6) | 445 (4.6) | 8.6 (0.04) |
| South Africa (9) | 35 (0.7) | 413 (2.1) | 47 (0.5) | 389 (2.4) | 18 (0.5) | 353 (3.2) | 8.4 (0.02) |
| Israel | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - - |
| International Average | 71 (0.2) | 496 (0.6) | 23 (0.1) | 482 (0.8) | 6 (0.1) | 428 (1.5) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quebec, Canada | 78 (1.0) | 549 (3.7) | 20 (0.9) | 531 (5.2) | 3 (0.4) | 501 (9.8) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. | 77 (1.1) | 580 (4.2) | 20 (1.0) | 566 (5.6) | 3 (0.4) | 525 (9.2) | 10.0 (0.04) |
| Dubai, UAE | 71 (1.0) | 544 (2.2) | 23 (0.7) | 528 (3.7) | 6 (0.5) | 485 (7.7) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Ontario, Canada | 65 (1.4) | 536 (4.5) | 28 (1.2) | 524 (4.9) | 7 (0.6) | 510 (10.4) | 9.6 (0.06) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 53 (1.0) | 465 (3.3) | 28 (0.7) | 438 (4.0) | 19 (0.7) | 366 (4.3) | 9.1 (0.04) |
| Western Cape, RSA (9) | 52 (0.9) | 458 (5.3) | 36 (0.7) | 434 (4.3) | 12 (0.7) | 395 (4.8) | 9.0 (0.04) |
| Gauteng, RSA (9) | 39 (1.0) | 443 (3.7) | 47 (0.8) | 415 (2.8) | 14 (0.5) | 381 (4.0) | 8.6 (0.03) |

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## Exhibit 8.16: Student Bullying

| Country | Never or Almost Never |  | About Monthly |  | About Weekly |  | Average Scale Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement | Percent of Students | Average Achievement |  |
| Japan | 93 (0.4) | 570 (2.1) | 6 (0.4) | 566 (5.8) | 0 (0.1) | ~ ~ | 11.3 (0.04) |
| Georgia | 89 (0.9) | 450 (4.0) | 9 (0.8) | 437 (7.7) | 2 (0.3) | ~ | 11.2 (0.06) |
| Chinese Taipei | 88 (0.5) | 576 (2.0) | 11 (0.5) | 566 (4.5) | 1 (0.1) | ~ | 11.0 (0.04) |
| Korea, Rep. of | 87 (0.7) | 561 (2.2) | 12 (0.6) | 561 (4.6) | 1 (0.1) | ~ | 11.0 (0.05) |
| Finland | 86 (0.6) | 547 (3.0) | 12 (0.6) | 529 (4.9) | 2 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.8 (0.04) |
| Kazakhstan | 85 (0.8) | 478 (3.0) | 14 (0.7) | 482 (6.3) | 1 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.4 (0.05) |
| Portugal | 83 (0.9) | 520 (3.0) | 16 (0.8) | 513 (4.8) | 2 (0.3) | ~~ | 10.5 (0.05) |
| Lithuania | 81 (0.8) | 536 (2.9) | 17 (0.8) | 530 (5.3) | 2 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Russian Federation | 80 (0.7) | 544 (4.5) | 17 (0.7) | 544 (4.8) | 3 (0.3) | 516 (11.4) | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Hungary | 79 (1.0) | 535 (2.7) | 18 (0.9) | 515 (4.3) | 3 (0.4) | 471 (10.5) | 10.2 (0.04) |
| Norway (9) | 79 (0.9) | 499 (3.3) | 19 (0.8) | 491 (4.0) | 2 (0.3) | ~ ~ | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Sweden | 78 (0.8) | 528 (3.2) | 18 (0.7) | 513 (5.2) | 3 (0.3) | 456 (12.9) | 10.3 (0.04) |
| Italy | 78 (1.1) | 505 (2.6) | 20 (1.0) | 491 (4.4) | 2 (0.2) | ~ ~ | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Cyprus | 76 (0.9) | 489 (2.3) | 20 (0.8) | 473 (3.6) | 4 (0.3) | 439 (9.2) | 10.1 (0.04) |
| France | 75 (0.8) | 493 (2.7) | 23 (0.7) | 476 (4.3) | 2 (0.3) | ~ ~ | 10.1 (0.04) |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 74 (1.0) | 460 (3.5) | 21 (0.9) | 427 (5.3) | 5 (0.4) | 379 (10.7) | 10.2 (0.05) |
| Ireland | 74 (1.0) | 530 (2.9) | 22 (0.9) | 509 (4.1) | 4 (0.3) | 490 (9.3) | 10.0 (0.05) |
| Chile | 73 (0.9) | 470 (2.8) | 23 (0.8) | 451 (4.0) | 4 (0.4) | 407 (7.6) | 9.9 (0.04) |
| Jordan | 72 (1.0) | 471 (3.8) | 18 (0.6) | 436 (6.5) | 9 (0.7) | 364 (7.2) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Saudi Arabia | 72 (1.1) | 446 (2.6) | 20 (0.8) | 418 (3.5) | 8 (0.6) | 358 (6.2) | 10.2 (0.05) |
| Turkey | 72 (1.1) | 523 (3.8) | 24 (1.0) | 503 (5.5) | 4 (0.4) | 463 (8.6) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Hong Kong SAR | 69 (1.3) | 506 (5.0) | 24 (1.0) | 509 (6.9) | 7 (0.6) | 464 (13.4) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| United States | 69 (0.7) | 533 (4.8) | 25 (0.6) | 518 (4.2) | 7 (0.4) | 475 (7.5) | 9.8 (0.03) |
| England | 69 (0.9) | 527 (5.0) | 26 (0.8) | 512 (6.2) | 6 (0.5) | 461 (10.6) | 9.8 (0.05) |
| Kuwait | 68 (0.9) | 456 (5.3) | 24 (0.7) | 442 (6.7) | 8 (0.7) | 376 (10.0) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Romania | 66 (1.4) | 478 (4.3) | 27 (1.1) | 467 (5.4) | 8 (0.7) | 428 (7.1) | 9.6 (0.07) |
| Singapore | 65 (0.8) | 616 (3.8) | 30 (0.7) | 598 (4.5) | 5 (0.4) | 564 (9.5) | 9.5 (0.03) |
| New Zealand | 64 (0.9) | 509 (3.6) | 28 (0.8) | 493 (4.3) | 7 (0.4) | 457 (6.6) | 9.6 (0.04) |
| Oman | 64 (1.0) | 478 (2.6) | 27 (0.9) | 444 (4.5) | 9 (0.5) | 378 (6.5) | 9.6 (0.05) |
| Australia | 64 (0.8) | 540 (3.4) | 28 (0.7) | 517 (3.7) | 8 (0.4) | 487 (5.0) | 9.5 (0.03) |
| Qatar | 63 (1.5) | 491 (4.9) | 25 (1.0) | 475 (5.4) | 12 (0.9) | 391 (8.1) | 9.6 (0.07) |
| Lebanon | 63 (1.6) | 391 (4.9) | 27 (1.2) | 372 (6.8) | 10 (0.9) | 328 (7.3) | 9.5 (0.07) |
| United Arab Emirates | 63 (0.6) | 501 (2.4) | 25 (0.5) | 468 (2.9) | 12 (0.3) | 362 (4.6) | 9.6 (0.02) |
| Bahrain | 62 (0.9) | 503 (2.1) | 28 (0.7) | 479 (2.8) | 10 (0.5) | 406 (5.8) | 9.6 (0.04) |
| Egypt | 61 (1.3) | 417 (5.1) | 23 (0.8) | 379 (5.8) | 16 (1.0) | 318 (7.8) | 9.7 (0.08) |
| Morocco | 57 (0.9) | 406 (3.1) | 34 (0.8) | 384 (3.2) | 9 (0.5) | 364 (3.9) | 9.3 (0.04) |
| Malaysia | 35 (1.0) | 476 (3.8) | 49 (0.8) | 457 (3.8) | 16 (0.6) | 439 (6.3) | 8.6 (0.04) |
| South Africa (9) | 35 (0.7) | 407 (3.1) | 47 (0.5) | 369 (3.2) | 18 (0.5) | 311 (4.1) | 8.4 (0.02) |
| Israel | -- | -- | - - | - - | - - | -- | -- |
| International Average | 71 (0.2) | 499 (0.6) | 23 (0.1) | 482 (0.8) | 6 (0.1) | 421 (1.6) |  |
| Benchmarking Participants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quebec, Canada | 78 (1.0) | 541 (3.8) | 20 (0.9) | 524 (4.7) | 3 (0.4) | 509 (10.4) | 10.2 (0.06) |
| Moscow City, Russian Fed. | 77 (1.1) | 570 (3.0) | 20 (1.0) | 558 (4.2) | 3 (0.4) | 533 (7.6) | 10.0 (0.04) |
| Dubai, UAE | 71 (1.0) | 558 (2.2) | 23 (0.7) | 535 (3.4) | 6 (0.5) | 480 (9.1) | 9.9 (0.05) |
| Ontario, Canada | 65 (1.4) | 528 (2.9) | 28 (1.2) | 513 (4.4) | 7 (0.6) | 507 (10.6) | 9.6 (0.06) |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 53 (1.0) | 463 (4.2) | 28 (0.7) | 424 (4.9) | 19 (0.7) | 311 (6.0) | 9.1 (0.04) |
| Western Cape, RSA (9) | 52 (0.9) | 464 (6.0) | 36 (0.7) | 429 (5.1) | 12 (0.7) | 371 (6.4) | 9.0 (0.04) |
| Gauteng, RSA (9) | 39 (1.0) | 456 (4.5) | 47 (0.8) | 414 (3.7) | 14 (0.5) | 361 (5.6) | 8.6 (0.03) |

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