



Reader's Guide

Country coverage

This publication features data on 72 countries and economies, including all 35 OECD countries and 37 partner countries and economies.

The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.

B-S-J-G (China) refers to the four PISA-participating Chinese provinces: Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu and Guangdong.

CABA (Argentina) refers to the Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

FYROM refers to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Russia refers to the Russian Federation.

List of abbreviations – the following abbreviations are used in this report:

A2PLM:	Two-Parameter Logistic Model	IALS:	International Adult Literacy Survey
ACER:	Australian Council for Educational Research	IBCI:	Item-by-Country Interactions
AIC:	Akaike information criterion	ICC:	Item Characteristic Curve
aSPe:	University of Liege, Belgium	ICF:	Item Characteristic Function
BAS:	Booklet Adaptation Spreadsheet	ICR:	Inter-Country Coder Reliability Study
BIC:	Bayesian information criterion	ICT:	Information Communication Technology
BRR:	Balanced Repeated Replication	IEA:	International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
CBA:	Computer Based Assessment	ILS:	University of Oslo, Norway
CITO:	National Institute for Educational Measurement, the Netherlands	ILSA:	International Large Scale Assessment
CPS:	Collaborative Problem Solving	INES:	OECD Indicators of Education Systems
DIF:	Differential Item Functioning	INT:	International
DIPF:	The German Institute for International Educational Research	IPN:	Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education, Germany
DTCS:	DRA Target Cluster Size	IRT:	Item Response Theory
ENR:	Enrolment of 15-year-olds	ISCED:	International Standard Classification of Education
ESCS:	PISA Index of Educational, Social and Cultural Status	ISCO:	International Standard Classification of Occupations
ETCS:	CBA Target Cluster Size	ISEI:	International Socio-Economic Index
ETS:	Educational Testing Service	MAS:	Manuals Adaptation Spreadsheets
FL:	Financial Literacy	MEG:	Mathematics Expert Group
FT:	Field Trial	MENR:	Enrolment for moderately small school
FOC:	Final Optical Check	MCMLM:	Mixed-coefficients multinomial logit model
GPCM:	Generalised Partial Credit Model	MD:	Mean Deviation
I:	Sampling Interval		

MNSQ:	Mean Square	RN:	Random Number
MOS:	Measure of Size	R POLY:	R-Polyserial
MS:	Main Survey	RP:	Response Probability
NCQM:	National Centre Quality Monitor	SC:	School Co-ordinator
NEP:	National Enrolled Population	S.E.:	Standard Error
NIER:	National Institute for Educational Research, Japan	SEN:	Special Education Needs
NPM:	National Project Manager	S.D.:	Standard Deviation
OLT:	Open Language Tool	SJT:	Situational Judgment Tests
PBA:	Paper Based Assessment	SPT:	Study Programme Table
PCA:	Principal Component Analysis	TA:	Test Administrator
PPS:	Probability Proportional to Size	TAG:	Technical Advisory Group
PGB:	PISA Governing Board	TAS:	Test Adaptation Spreadsheet
PCM:	Partical Credit Model	TCS:	Target Cluster Size
PQM:	PISA Quality Monitor	TIMSS:	Third International Mathematics and Science Study
PV:	Plausible Values	TMS:	Translation Management System
QAS:	Questionnaire Adaptations Spreadsheet	UH:	Une Heure booklet
R BIS:	R-Biserial	VENR:	Enrolment for very small schools
RMSD:	Root Mean Square Deviation	WLE:	Weighted Likelihood Estimates

List of country codes – the following country codes are used in some tables in this report:

OECD countries	ISO code	OECD countries	ISO code
Australia	AUS	Korea	KOR
Austria	AUT	Latvia	LVA
Belgium	BEL	Luxembourg	LUX
Canada	CAN	Mexico	MEX
Chile	CHL	Netherlands	NLD
Czech Republic	CZE	New Zealand	NZL
Denmark	DNK	Norway	NOR
Estonia	EST	Poland	POL
Finland	FIN	Portugal	PRT
France	FRA	Slovak Republic	SVK
Germany	DEU	Slovenia	SVN
Greece	GRC	Spain	ESP
Hungary	HUN	Sweden	SWE
Iceland	ISL	Switzerland	CHE
Ireland	IRL	Turkey	TUR
Israel	ISR	United Kingdom	GBR
Italy	ITA	United States	USA
Japan	JPN		



Partner countries and economies	ISO code	Partner countries and economies	ISO code
Albania	ALB	Lithuania	LTU
Algeria	DZA	Macao (China)	MAC
Argentina	ARG	Malaysia	MYS
Brazil	BRA	Malta	MLT
Bulgaria	BGR	Moldova	MDA
B-S-J-G (China)	QCH	Montenegro	MNE
Colombia	COL	Peru	PER
Costa Rica	CRI	Qatar	QAT
Croatia	HRV	Romania	ROU
Cyprus ¹	CYP	Russia	RUS
Dominican Republic	DOM	Singapore	SGP
FYROM	MKD	Chinese Taipei	TAP
Georgia	GEO	Thailand	THA
Hong Kong (China)	HKG	Trinidad and Tobago	TTO
Indonesia	IDN	Tunisia	TUN
Jordan	JOR	United Arab Emirates	ARE
Kazakhstan	KAZ	Uruguay	URY
Kosovo	KSV	Viet Nam	VNM
Lebanon	LBN		

1. Note by Turkey: The information in this document with reference to "Cyprus" relates to the southern part of the Island. There is no single authority representing both Turkish and Greek Cypriot people on the Island. Turkey recognises the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Until a lasting and equitable solution is found within the context of the United Nations, Turkey shall preserve its position concerning the "Cyprus issue".

Note by all the European Union Member States of the OECD and the European Union: The Republic of Cyprus is recognised by all members of the United Nations with the exception of Turkey. The information in this document relates to the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

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