

Appendix table 1-7  
**Science literacy scores of 15-year-olds, by country and percentile: 2000**

Country	Mean score	Percentile			
		5th	25th	75th	95th
South Korea .....	552	411	499	610	674
Japan .....	550	391	495	612	688
Finland .....	538	391	481	598	674
United Kingdom .....	532	366	466	602	687
Canada .....	529	380	469	592	670
New Zealand .....	528	357	459	600	683
Australia .....	528	368	463	596	676
Austria .....	519	363	456	584	659
Ireland .....	513	361	450	578	661
Sweden .....	512	357	446	578	660
Czech Republic .....	511	355	449	577	663
France .....	501	329	429	575	663
Norway .....	500	338	437	569	649
OECD country mean .....	500	332	431	572	657
United States .....	500	330	430	571	658
Belgium .....	496	292	424	577	656
Hungary .....	496	328	423	570	659
Iceland .....	496	351	436	558	635
Switzerland .....	496	332	427	567	656
Spain .....	491	333	425	558	643
Germany .....	487	314	417	560	649
Poland .....	483	326	415	553	639
Denmark .....	481	310	410	554	645
Italy .....	478	315	411	547	633
Liechtenstein .....	476	314	409	543	629
Greece .....	461	300	393	530	616
Latvia .....	460	299	393	528	620
Russian Federation .....	460	299	392	529	625
Portugal .....	459	317	397	521	604
Luxembourg .....	443	278	382	510	593
Mexico .....	422	303	368	472	554
Brazil .....	375	230	315	432	531

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Average significantly above United States

Average significantly below United States

SOURCE: OECD, Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) database, 2001. See chapter A, table A6.2, [www.oecd.org/els/education/eag2002](http://www.oecd.org/els/education/eag2002) and [www.pisa.oecd.org](http://www.pisa.oecd.org).