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Overview

ABSTRACT

PISA assesses the extent to which students near the end of compulsory education have acquired some of the knowledge and skills that are essential for full participation in modern societies, with a focus on reading, mathematics and science. PISA focuses on young people's ability to use their knowledge and skills to meet real-life challenges. This orientation reflects a change in the goals and objectives of curricula themselves, which are increasingly concerned with what students can do with what they learn at school and not merely with whether they have mastered specific curricular content. PISA also aims to examine students' learning strategies, their competencies in areas such as problem solving that involves multiple disciplines and their interests in different topics. This kind of broader assessment started in PISA 2000, which asked students about their motivation and other aspects of their attitudes towards learning, their familiarity with computers and, under the heading "self-regulated learning", about their strategies for managing and monitoring their own education. The assessment of students' motivations and attitudes continued in PISA 2006, with special attention given to students' attitudes towards and interest in science. Returning to reading as the major subject of assessment, PISA 2009 focused on students' engagement in reading activities and their understanding about their own reading and learning strategies.

PISA's unique features include:

- Policy orientation, which connects data on student learning outcomes with data on students' characteristics and on key factors shaping their learning in and out of school in order to draw attention to differences in performance patterns and to identify the characteristics of students, schools and education systems that have high performance standards.
- Innovative concept of "literacy", which refers to the capacity of students to apply knowledge and skills in key subject areas and to analyse, reason and communicate effectively as they pose, interpret and solve problems in a variety of situations.
- Relevance to lifelong learning, which does not limit PISA to assessing students' competencies in school subjects, but also asks them to report on their own motivation to learn, their beliefs about themselves and their learning strategies.
- Regularity, which enables countries to monitor their progress in meeting key learning objectives.
- Breadth of geographical coverage and collaborative nature, which, in PISA 2009, encompasses the 34 OECD member countries and 41 partner countries and economies.

KIND OF DATA
Sample survey data [ssd]

UNITS OF ANALYSIS
- Individual (student, parent)

- School

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the Programme for International Student Assessment 2009 includes:

- Educational career: Different aspects of experience at school
- ICT familiarity component for the student: Availability of ICT, General computer use, Use of ICT at home, Use of ICT at school, Attitude toward computers
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- Reading for school: The kind of reading typically done for school
- School: The Structure and organization of the school, The student and teacher body, The school's resources, School curriculum and assessment, School climate, School policies and practices, About respondent
- Student: About respondent, Family and home, Reading activities, Learning time, School, Test language lessons, Libraries, Strategies in reading and understanding texts

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
Education	World Bank	

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

75 countries and economies, including all 34 OECD countries and 41 partner countries and economies: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Himachal Pradesh-India, Hong Kong-China, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao-China, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Miranda-Venezuela, Montenegro, Netherlands, Netherlands-Antilles, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Shanghai-China, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tamil Nadu-India, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam.

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

The specific sample design and size for each country aimed to maximise sampling efficiency for student-level estimates. In OECD countries, sample sizes ranged from 4,410 students in Iceland to 38,250 students in Mexico. Countries with large samples have often implemented PISA both at national and regional/state levels (e.g. Australia, Belgium, Canada, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom). The selection of samples was monitored internationally and adhered to rigorous standards for the participation rate, both among schools selected by the international contractor and among students within these schools, to ensure that the PISA results reflect the skills of the 15-year-old students in participating countries. Countries were also required to administer the test to students in identical ways to ensure that students receive the same information prior to and during the assessment.

When a school has been selected to participate in PISA, a school co-ordinator is appointed. The school coordinator compiles a list of all 15-year-olds in the school and sends this list to the PISA National Centre in the country, which randomly selects 35 students to participate. The school co-ordinator then contacts the students who have been selected for the sample and obtains the necessary permissions from parents. The testing session is usually conducted by a test administrator who is trained and employed by the National Centre. The test administrator contacts the school co-ordinator to schedule administration of the assessment. The school coordinator ensures that the students attend the testing sessions. This can sometimes be difficult because students may come from different grades and different classes. The test administrator's primary tasks are to ensure that each test booklet is distributed to the correct student and to introduce the tests to the students. After the test is over, the test administrator collects the test booklets and sends them to the National Centre for coding.

In PISA 2009, 13 different test booklets were used in each country. Each booklet had a different subset of PISA questions, so that students answered overlapping groups of questions, in order to produce a wide range of test items while limiting the test time for each student. With 13 different booklets, in each group of 35 students, no more than 3 students were given the same booklet. Booklets were allocated to individual students according to a random selection process. The test administrator's introduction came from a prescribed text so that all students in different schools and countries received exactly the same instructions. Before starting the test, the students were asked to do a practice question from their booklets. The testing session was divided into two parts: the two-hour-long test to assess their knowledge and skills, and the questionnaire session to collect data on their personal background, their learning habits, their attitudes towards reading, and their engagement and motivation. The length of the questionnaire session varied across countries, depending on the options chosen for inclusion, but generally was about 30 minutes. Students were usually given a short break half-way through the test and again before they did the questionnaire.

For more information on PISA's technical background, refer to the documents "PISA 2009 Results: Overcoming Social Background - Volume II", Annex A and "PISA 2009 Technical Report" that are provided as external resources.

Deviations from Sample Design

Response Rate

- School Response Rates: A response rate of 85% was required for initially selected schools. If the initial school response rate fell between 65% and 85%, an acceptable school response rate could still be achieved through the use of replacement schools. To compensate for a sampled school that did not participate, where possible, two potential replacement schools were identified. Furthermore, a school with a student participation rate between 25% and 50% was not considered as a participating school for the purposes of calculating and documenting response rates. However, data from such schools were included in the database and contributed to the estimates included in the initial PISA international report. Data from schools with a student participation rate of less than 25% were not included in the database, and such schools were regarded as non-respondents.

- Student Response Rates: An overall response rate of 80% of selected students in participating schools was required. A student who had participated in the original or follow-up cognitive sessions was considered to be a participant. A minimum student response rate of 50% within each school was required for a school to be regarded as participating: the overall student response rate was computed using only students from schools with at least a 50% student response rate. Again, weighted student response rates were used for assessing this standard. Each student was weighted by the reciprocal of

his/her sample selection probability.

For more detailed information on school and student response rates, refer to Chapter 4 in the technical document "PISA 2009 Technical Report" that is provided as an external resource.

Weighting

Questionnaires

Overview

- Questionnaire on Educational Career: Different aspects of experience at school
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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2009	2009	1st Round
2010	2010	2nd Round

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Collection Notes

- Around 470,000 students completed the assessment in 2009, representing about 26 million 15-year-olds in the schools of the 65 participating countries and economies. Some 50,000 students took part in a second round of this assessment in 2010, representing about 2 million 15 year-olds from 9 additional partner countries and economies.
- Each participating student spent two hours carrying out pencil-and-paper tasks in reading, mathematics and science. In 20 countries, students were given additional questions via computer to assess their capacity to read digital texts.
- The assessment included tasks requiring students to construct their own answers as well as multiple-choice questions. The latter were typically organised in units based on a written passage or graphic, much like the kind of texts or figures that students might encounter in real life.
- Students also answered a questionnaire that took about 30 minutes to complete. This questionnaire focused on their personal background, their learning habits, their attitudes towards reading, and their engagement and motivation.
- School principals completed a questionnaire about their school that included demographic characteristics and an assessment of the quality of the learning environment at school.

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Reports

PISA 2009 Results: What Students Know and Can Do - Volume I

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Description	This report provides the results of PISA 2009 in the context of how performance is defined, measured and reported, and then examines what students are able to do in reading. After a summary of reading performance, it examines the ways in which this performance varies on subscales representing three aspects of reading. It then breaks down results by different formats of reading texts and considers gender differences in reading, both generally and for different reading aspects and text formats. Any comparison of the outcomes of education systems needs to take into consideration countries' social and economic circumstances, and the resources they devote to education. To address this, the volume also interprets the results within countries' economic and social contexts. The volume concludes with a description of student results in mathematics and science.

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PISA 2009 Results: Overcoming Social Background - Volume II

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PISA 2009 Results: Learning to Learn - Volume III

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