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## Achievement of 15-year-olds in Wales: PISA 2009 National Report

These statistics, produced by the National Foundation for Educational Research, show the ability of pupils in reading, mathematics and science.

PISA is carried out on a three year cycle. In 2009, results were submitted by 132 schools and over 3,000 pupils in Wales. A total of 65 countries were involved in the study, including 33 OECD member countries.

### Key points

#### Reading

- The mean score attained by pupils in Wales was 476, significantly below the OECD average mean score of 493. The Welsh mean score was 481 in 2006.
- The Welsh score ranked 38th internationally (when the component parts of the UK are identified separately), compared to 30th in 2006.

#### Mathematics

- The mean score attained by pupils in Wales was 472, significantly below the OECD average mean score of 496. The Welsh mean score was 484 in 2006.
- The Welsh score ranked 40th internationally (when the component parts of the UK are identified separately), compared to 34th in 2006.

#### Science

- The mean score attained by pupils in Wales was 496, similar to the OECD average mean score of 501. The Welsh mean score was 505 in 2006.
- The Welsh score ranked 30th internationally (when the component parts of the UK are identified separately), compared to 22nd in 2006.

#### Gender differences

- Boys outperformed girls in Mathematics and Science, but not in Reading.

#### Further information

Additional information about PISA can be found on the [OECD website](#).

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