PIRLS 2021 participants

- 57 countries
- 400,000 students worldwide
- 5,487 Australian students
- 281 Australian schools

PIRLS is an international assessment of Year 4 students that measures how effective countries are in teaching reading literacy.

What is PIRLS?


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Achievement trends

International comparisons

Students achieving PIRLS Intermediate benchmark

(Australia’s proficient standard)

Students (%)

0 20 40 60 80 100

New Zealand 71
Australia 60
Italy 63
Finland 64
England 66
Russia 81
Singapore 90
Hong Kong 92


PIRLS 2021 is a snapshot of Australia’s achievement in the 2021 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study.