

Year 4 Reading performance by gender

A roughly equal number of year four girls and boys in Cook Islands had their performance analysed in the PILNA 2021 reading assessment, with the distribution being 46% girls and 54% boys.

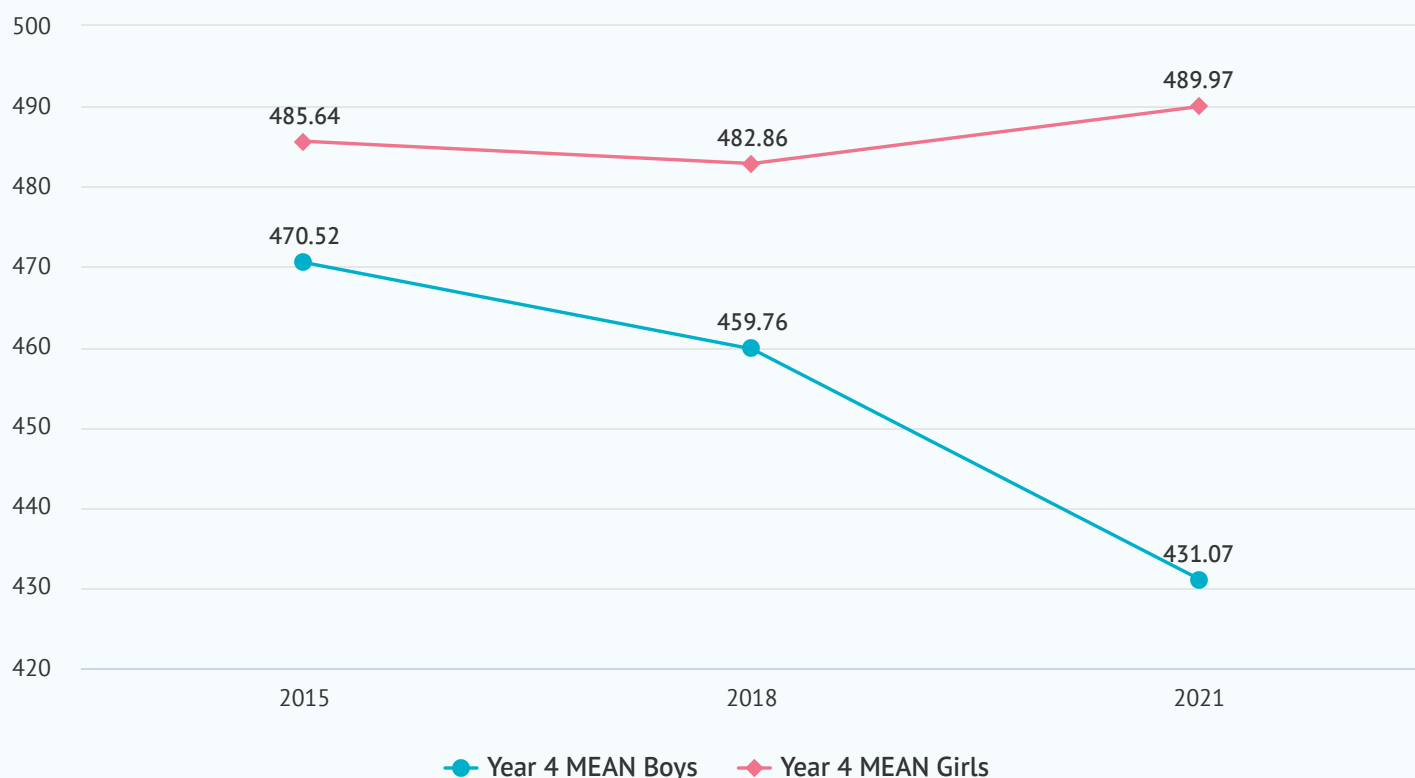


Figure CRF4.3 shows the average reading performance of year four students in Cook Islands by gender. On average, year four girls (489.97, SD = 102.80) scored higher than year four boys (431.07, SD = 114.76) in reading. This is consistent with the

trends shown in the 2015 and 2018 PILNA cycles, when year four girls scored higher than year four boys in reading performance as shown in Figure CRF4.4.

Figure CRF4.4

Year 4 Reading performance by gender over time



Year	Year 4 MEAN Boys	Year 4 MEAN Girls
2015	470.52	485.64
2018	459.76	482.86
2021	431.07	489.97

Mean performance of Year 4 students in reading by gender, Cook Is, PILNA 2015, 2018 and 2021