

Benchmarking year 6 writing performance: Are standards being met?

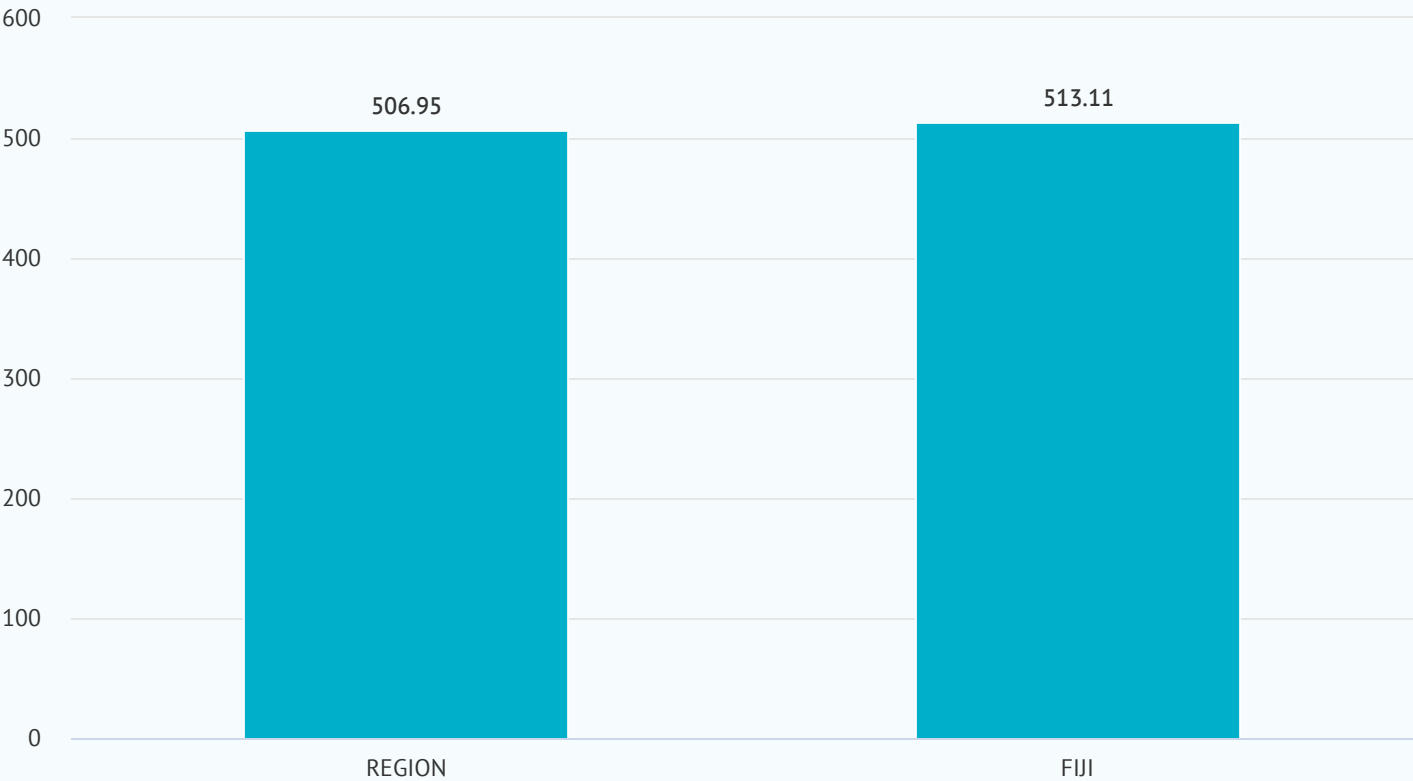
The numeracy and reading sections compare student performance to proficiency scales that describe expected student performance based on the number of years of schooling. A proficiency scale for writing ability is not currently available, although one will be created and the PILNA 2021 writing results will be compared with it.

For now, the average writing performance in PILNA 2021 is compared to writing performance over previous PILNA cycles. This gives an indication of how writing performance is trending over time, but it does not show whether writing performance is at the level Pacific stakeholders expect it to be.

As shown in the **Year six writing performance** section, the average writing score for year six students in Fiji in 2021 appears to be about the same as in 2018; the score for a year six student in 2018 was 518.02 (SD = 86.05) and in 2021 it was 513.11 (SD = 42.76). With year six girls scoring higher on average than year six boys in writing performance in 2018 and 2021, girls are more likely to be meeting writing expectations than boys.

Figure CWF6.7

Writing scores relative to the region



| Year | WRITING YEAR 6 |
|--------|----------------|
| REGION | 506.95 |
| FIJI | 513.11 |

Average writing scores of Year 6 Fiji students against the region, FIJI, PILNA 2021.

Fiji performed at a slightly higher level in writing compared to the region. On average, year six students in Fiji scored 513 in writing, and year six students in the region scored 507, Figure CWF6.7.