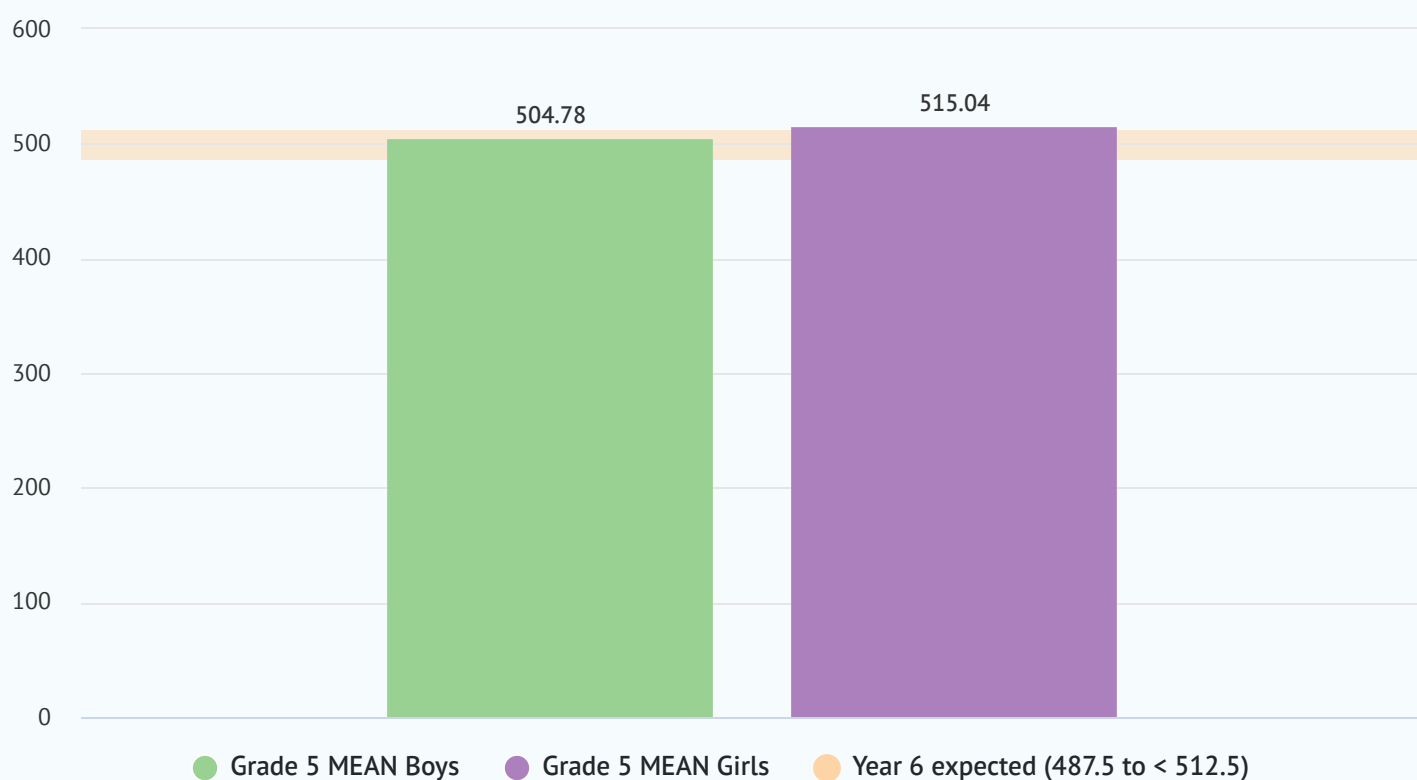


Grade 5 reading performance by gender

A roughly equal number of grade five girls and boys in Papua New Guinea had their performance analysed in the PILNA 2021 reading assessment: 52% girls and 48% boys.

Figure CRF5.3

Grade 5 Reading performance by gender



Year	Grade 5 MEAN Boys	Grade 5 MEAN Girls
2021	504.78	515.04

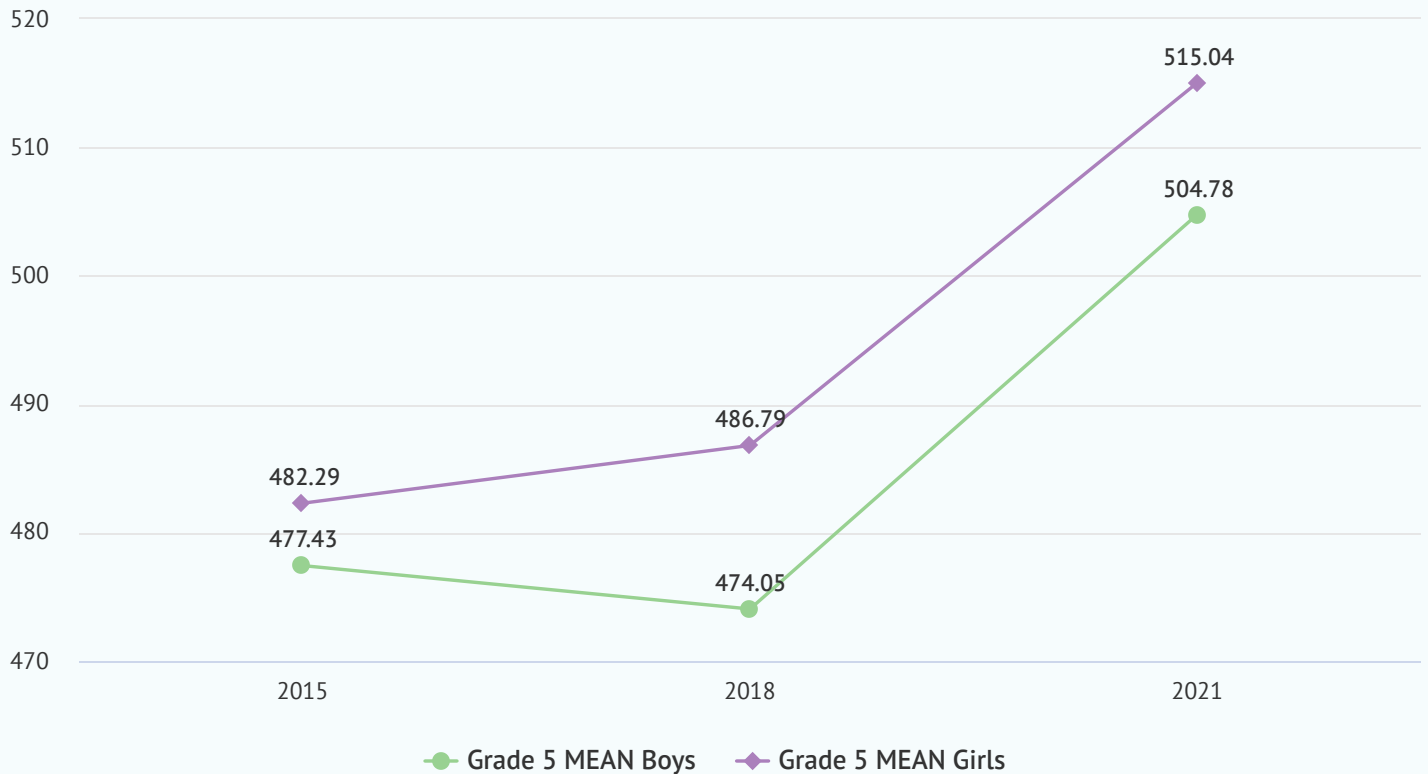
Mean performance of Grade 5 students in reading by gender, PNG, PILNA 2021.

Figure CRF5.3 shows the average reading performance of grade five students in Papua New Guinea by gender. On average, grade five girls (515.04, SD = 57.25) scored higher than grade five boys (504.78, SD = 58.86) in PILNA 2021. This was

consistent with the reading performance in the 2015 and 2018 PILNA cycles, when, on average, grade five girls scored higher than grade five boys, see Figure CRF5.4.

Figure CRF5.4

Grade 3 Reading mean performance by gender over time



Year	Grade 5 MEAN Boys	Grade 5 MEAN Girls
2015	477.43	482.29
2018	474.05	486.79
2021	504.78	515.04

Mean performance of Grade 5 students in reading by gender over time, PNG, PILNA 2015, 2018 and 2021.