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## **Grade 3 performance by gender**

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



Mean performance of Grade 3 students in reading by gender, PNG, PILNA 2021.

Figure CRF3.3 shows the average reading performance of grade three students in Papua New Guinea by gender. On average, the scores of grade three girls (458.45, SD = 64.06) were similar to those of the grade three boys (452.50, SD = 65.66) in





reading. This is consistent with the 2018 PILNA cycle, when the reading scores of grade three girls and boys were similar as in Figure CRF3.4.



Mean performance of Grade 3 students in reading by gender over time, PNG, PILNA 2018 and 2021.