

Grade 5 writing performance

The average writing performance for grade five students in Papua New Guinea in 2021 was 541.24 (SD = 34.82).

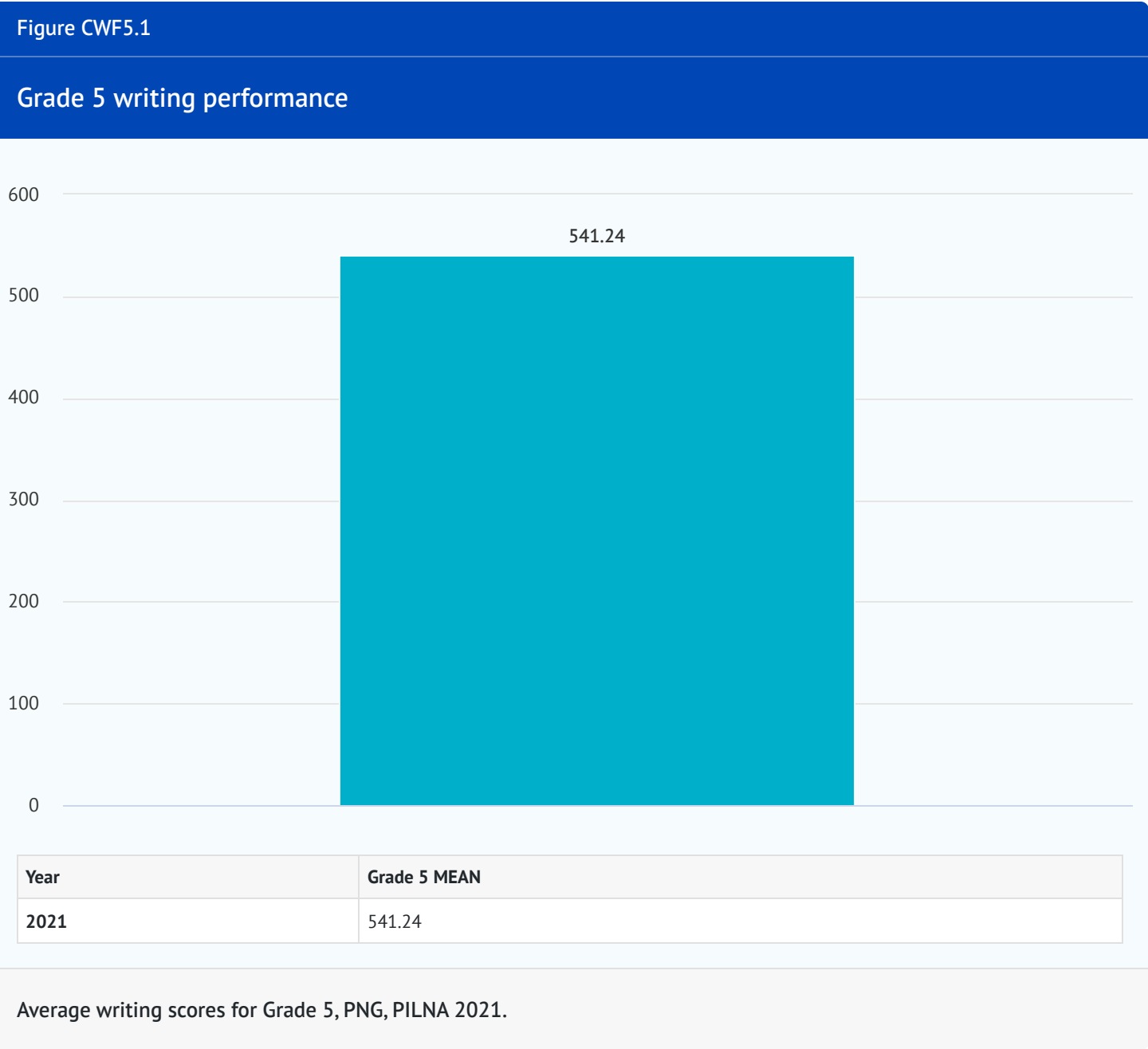
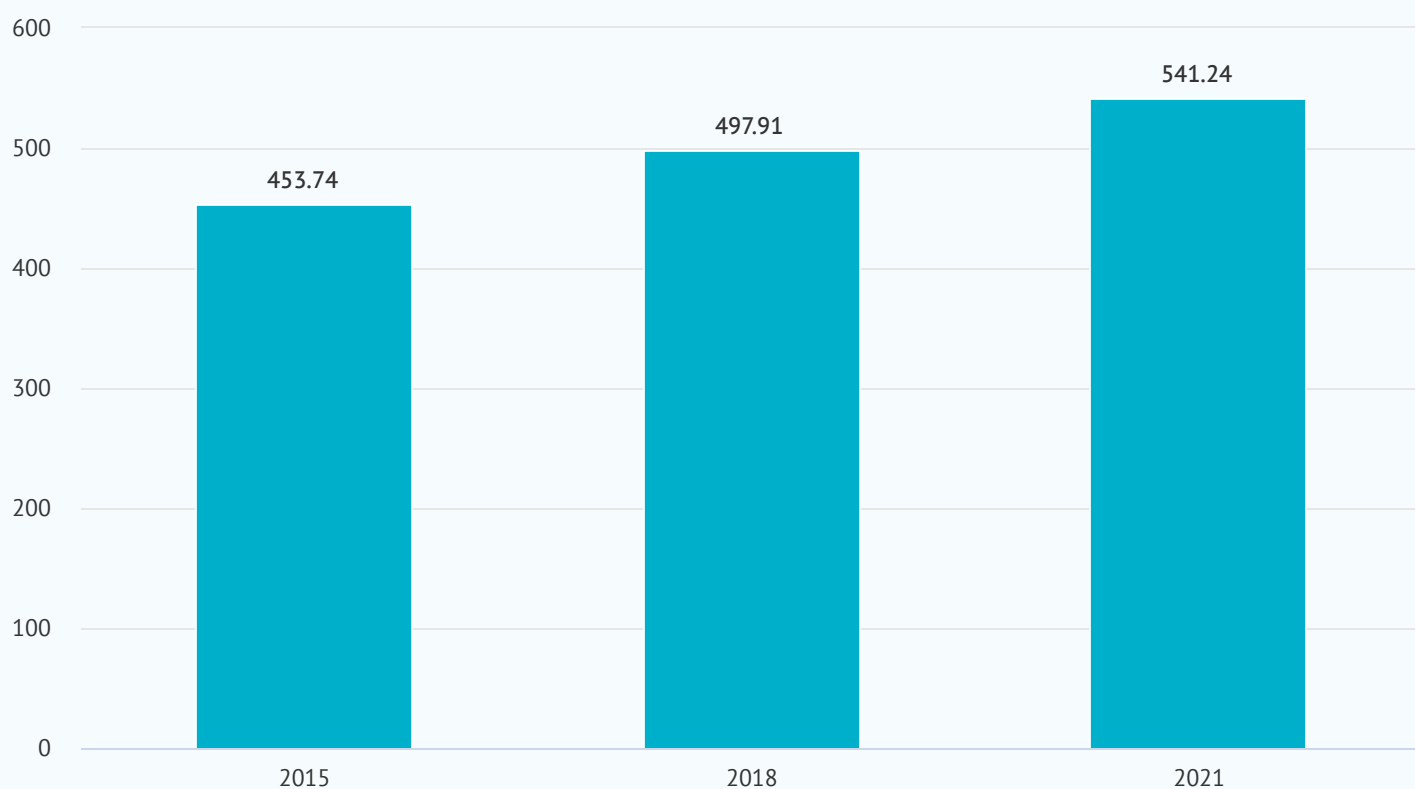


Figure CWF5.2

Grade 5 reading performance over time



Year	Grade 5
2015	453.74
2018	497.91
2021	541.24

Mean performance of Grade 5 students in reading, PNG, 2015, 2018 and 2021.

Figure CWF5.2 shows the average writing scores for this group and for grade five students in Papua New Guinea in previous PILNA cycles. The average writing score in 2021 (541.24, SD = 34.82) was higher than in 2015 (453.74, SD = 60.76) and in 2018 (497.91, SD = 73.56). The score has been increasing from PILNA 2015 to PILNA 2021. The standard deviation for the average grade five writing scores in 2021 (34.82) was lower than in 2015 (60.76) and 2018 (73.56). This shows that the spread of writing scores in 2021 was much narrower than in previous PILNA cycles.

Standard deviation shows how close data points are to the average. A lower standard deviation means that data points are, overall, closer to the average; a higher standard deviation means that data points are, overall, further away from the average.