

# Resources for teachers

Teachers were given a series of statements about the resources available to them and were asked to indicate how much they agreed or disagreed with them. Responses could be 'Strongly agree', 'Agree', 'Disagree', or 'Strongly disagree'. These statements were focused around two key resources: the space and the time available to teachers to teach and to manage learning.

## Space available for teachers

Teachers were asked to indicate their agreement with two statements about the availability of space: 'I have adequate space in my classroom for all my students'; and 'I have a space to do my work in the school'. Both touch on crucial issues for teachers, their ability to deliver effective learning and their ability to perform supporting activities, such as marking, lesson planning and administration.

The table below shows the proportion of students with teachers who agreed with each statement about the amount of space available to them ('Strongly agree' or 'Agree').

The results showed that, across both year levels, most students (about 80%) had teachers who agreed or strongly agreed they had adequate space in their classroom for their students and most students across both year levels, about 90%, had teachers who agreed that they have a space to do their work in school.











These are high proportions but they still show that around 20% of the students from PILNA 2021 had teachers who thought they did not have adequate classroom space. Further, they show that about 10% of students have teachers who thought they did not have a space to do their work at school.

## Teacher's time

Teachers were asked to indicate their agreement with five statements related to the adequacy of time they had available for defined areas of their work. Table 4 details the results of these questions by the year level of the students.

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## Percentage of students whose teachers agree with statements on time

Statements on time	Year 4	Year 6
Spend an appropriate amount of time on administrative work	 84% (1.2)	 84% (1.3)
Get enough time to work with students who are slow learners	 65% (1.8)	 66% (1.6)
Get enough time to complete the required lessons in mathematics	 81% (1.3)	 83% (1.3)
Get enough time to complete the required lessons in writing	 80% (1.5)	 81% (1.4)
Get enough time to complete the required lessons in reading	 79% (2.1)	 82% (1.3)

( ) Standard errors appear in parentheses.

Approximately four out of five students (80%) from PILNA 2021, had teachers who agreed they had enough time to complete the required mathematics, reading and writing lessons.

On average, one third of students had teachers who indicated they did not have enough time to work with students who are slow learners. This was the area with the lowest proportion of students with teachers in agreement.

On average, across both year levels, more than 80% of students had teachers who agreed that they spend an appropriate amount of time on administrative work.

## What does this mean?

Most students have teachers who agree they have enough space in their classrooms for all students and a space at school to do work. However, the results also imply that a minority of teachers are experiencing potential challenges with the space they have at schools.

The PILNA 2021 programme also collected information about school leaders' perceptions of school resources. These are found in the [school leaders'](#) section.

Regarding teachers' time, most students have teachers who agree they have enough time to complete lessons in mathematics, reading and writing. An area of concern is, however, teachers' ability to accommodate slow learners.



A large proportion of students in both year levels have teachers who think they do not have enough time to work with slow learners. About one in three learners in Pacific schools may not get the teacher support they need if they fall behind or are slow to absorb new concepts.