

# Year 6 writing performance

The average writing performance for year six students in Small Island States in 2021 was 508.95 (SD = 42.40).

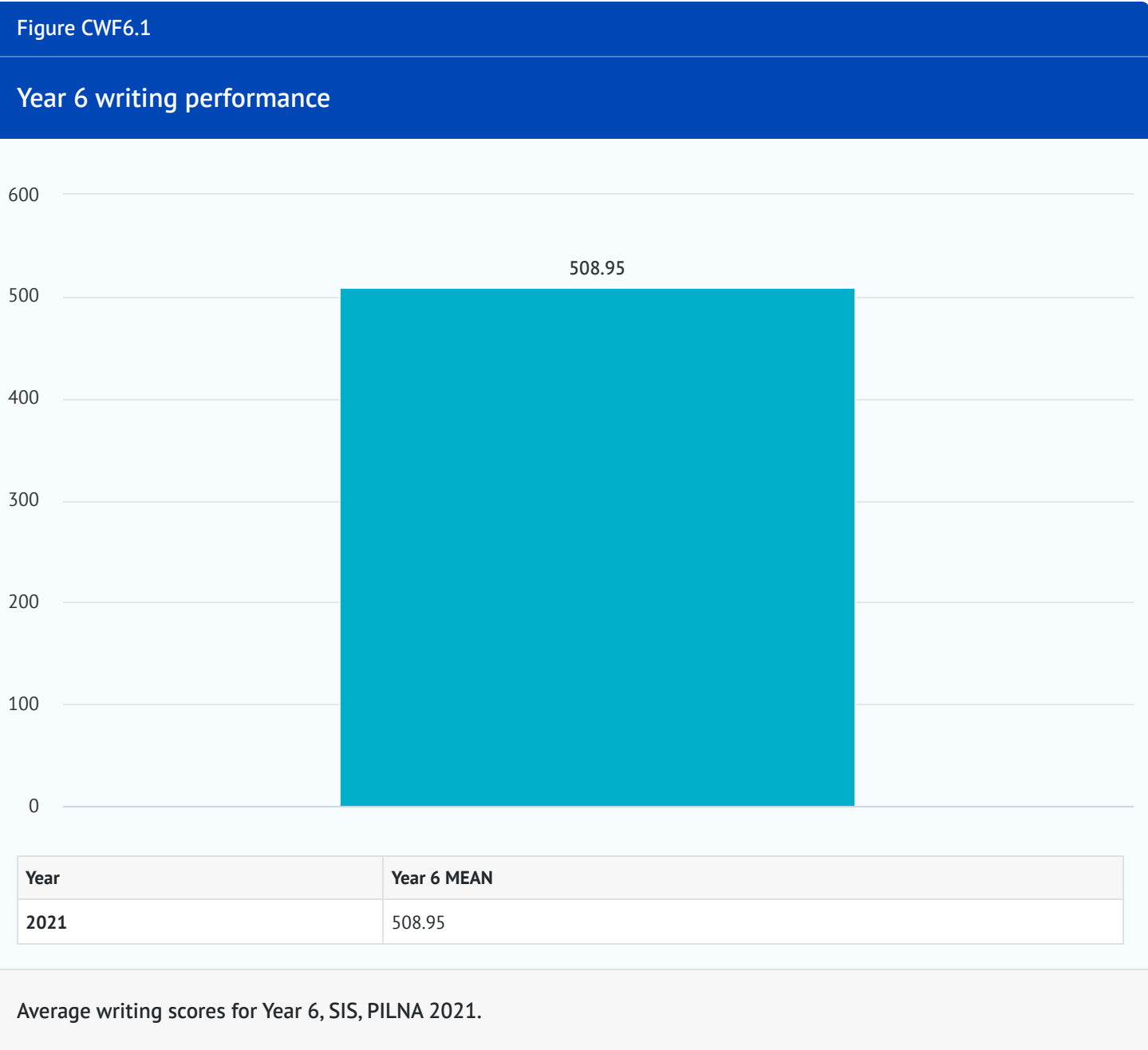
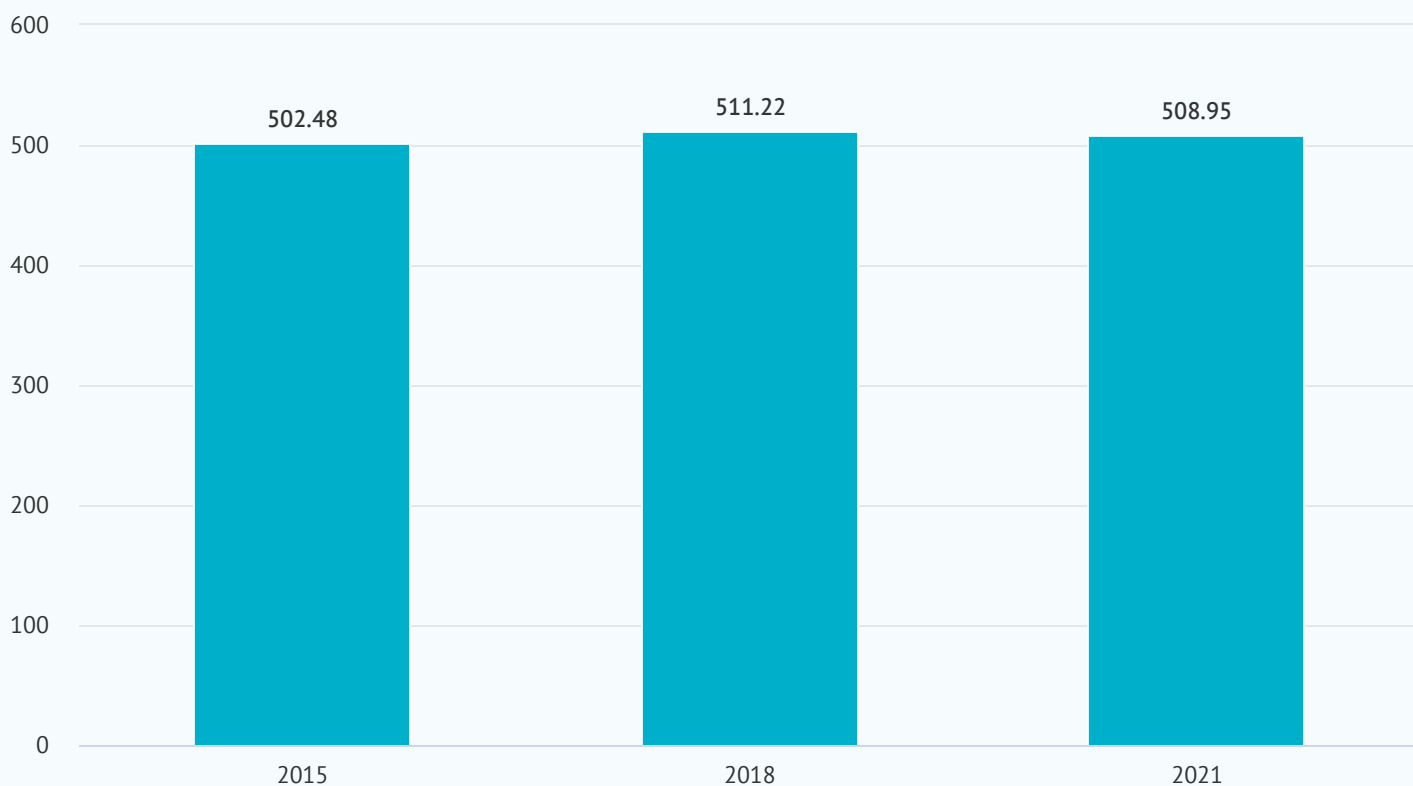


Figure CWF6.2

## Year 6 writing performance over time



Year	Year 6
2015	502.48
2018	511.22
2021	508.95

Mean performance of Year 6 students in writing, SIS 2015, 2018 and 2021.

Figure CWF6.2 shows the average writing scores for this group and for year six students in Small Island States in previous PILNA cycles. The score in 2021 (508.95, SD = 42.40) was higher than the 2015 score (502.48, SD = 96.19) but similar to the 2018 score (511.22, SD = 99.98). The standard deviation for the average year six writing scores in 2021 (42.40) was, however, lower than in 2015 (96.19) and 2018 (99.98). 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.*