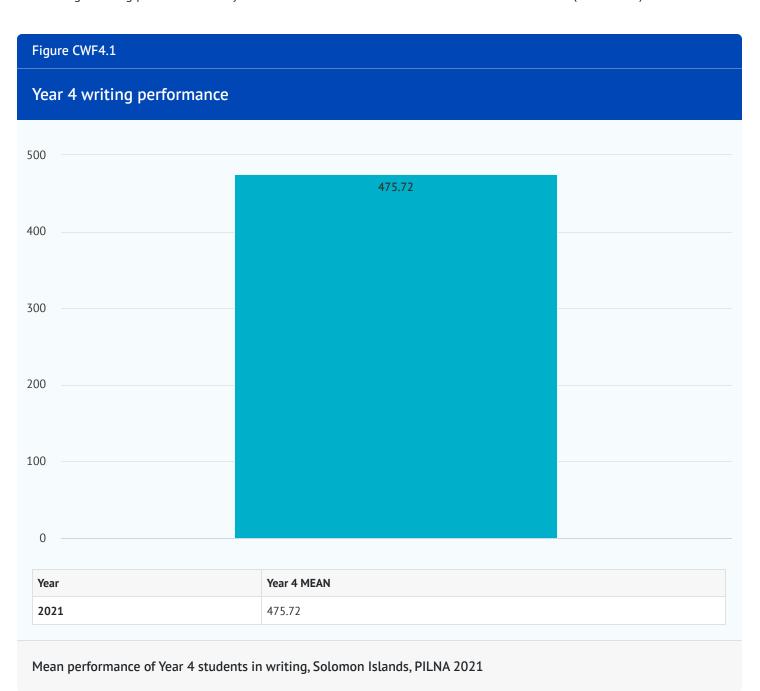




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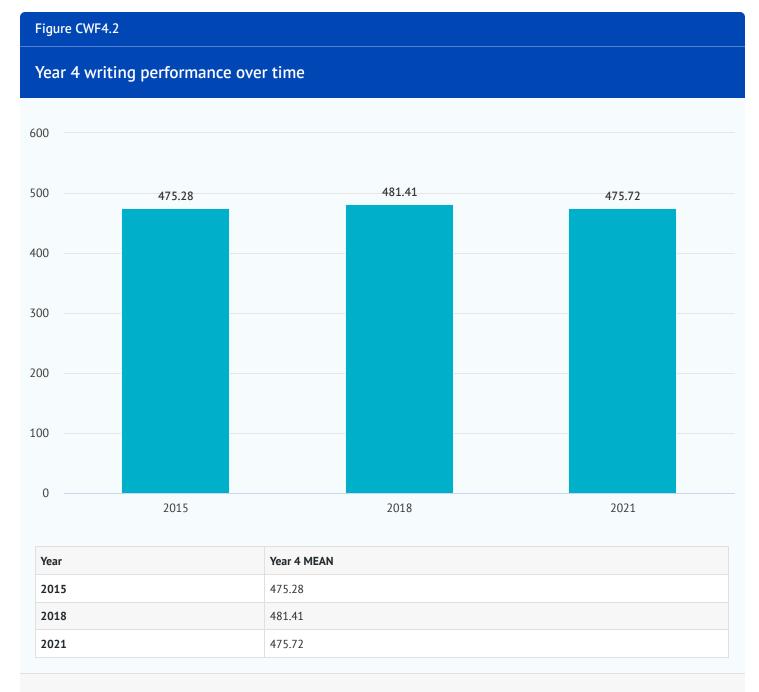
## Year 4 writing performance

The average writing performance for year four students in Solomon Islands in 2021 was 475.98 (SD = 41.12).









Mean performance of Year 4 students in writing, Solomon Islands, PILNA 2015, 2018, 2021

Figure CWF4.2 shows the average writing scores for this group and for year four students in Solomon Islands in previous PILNA cycles. The score for these students in 2021 (475.98, SD = 41.12) was higher than in 2015 (427.73, SD = 82.42) and 2018 (427.82, SD = 93.40). The standard deviation for the scores in 2021 (41.12) was lower than in 2015 (82.42) and 2018 (93.40). This shows that the spread of writing scores in 2021 was 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.