

Benchmarking year 6 writing performance: Are standards being met?

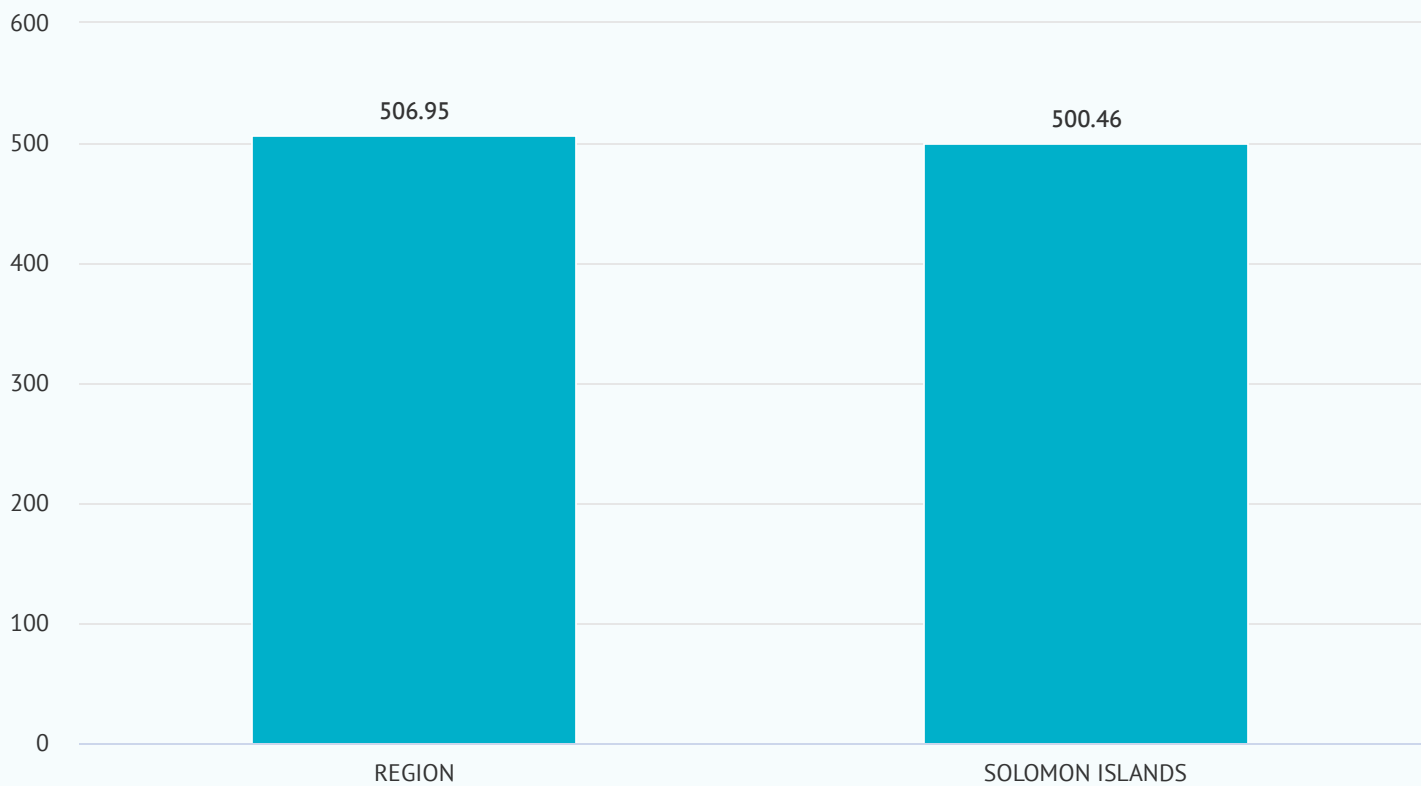
The numeracy and reading sections compare student performance to proficiency scales that describe expected student performance based on the number of years of schooling. A proficiency scale for writing ability is not currently available, although one will be created and the PILNA 2021 writing results will be compared with it.

For now, the average writing performance in PILNA 2021 is compared to writing performance over previous PILNA cycles. This gives an indication of how writing performance is trending over time, but it does not show whether writing performance is at the level Pacific stakeholders expect it to be.

As shown in the [year six writing performance](#) section (Figure CWF6.2), the average writing score for year six students in Solomon Islands in 2021 appears to be slightly higher than in 2018 and higher than the 2015 score. The score in 2015 was 478.87 (SD = 78.96), in 2018 it was 494.25 (SD = 88.04), and in 2021 it was 500.46 (SD = 42.34).

Figure CWF6.9

Year 6 writing scores relative to the region



Year	WRITING YEAR 6
REGION	506.95
SOLOMON ISLANDS	500.46

Mean performance of Year 4 students in writing relative to the region, Solomon Islands, PILNA 2021

The Solomon Island students performed at a slightly lower level in writing compared to the. On average, year six students in Solomon Islands scored 500 in writing and those in the region scored 507 (Figure CWF6.9).