

Year 4 writing performance

The average writing performance for year four students in Tonga in 2021 was 488.97 (SD = 37.76).

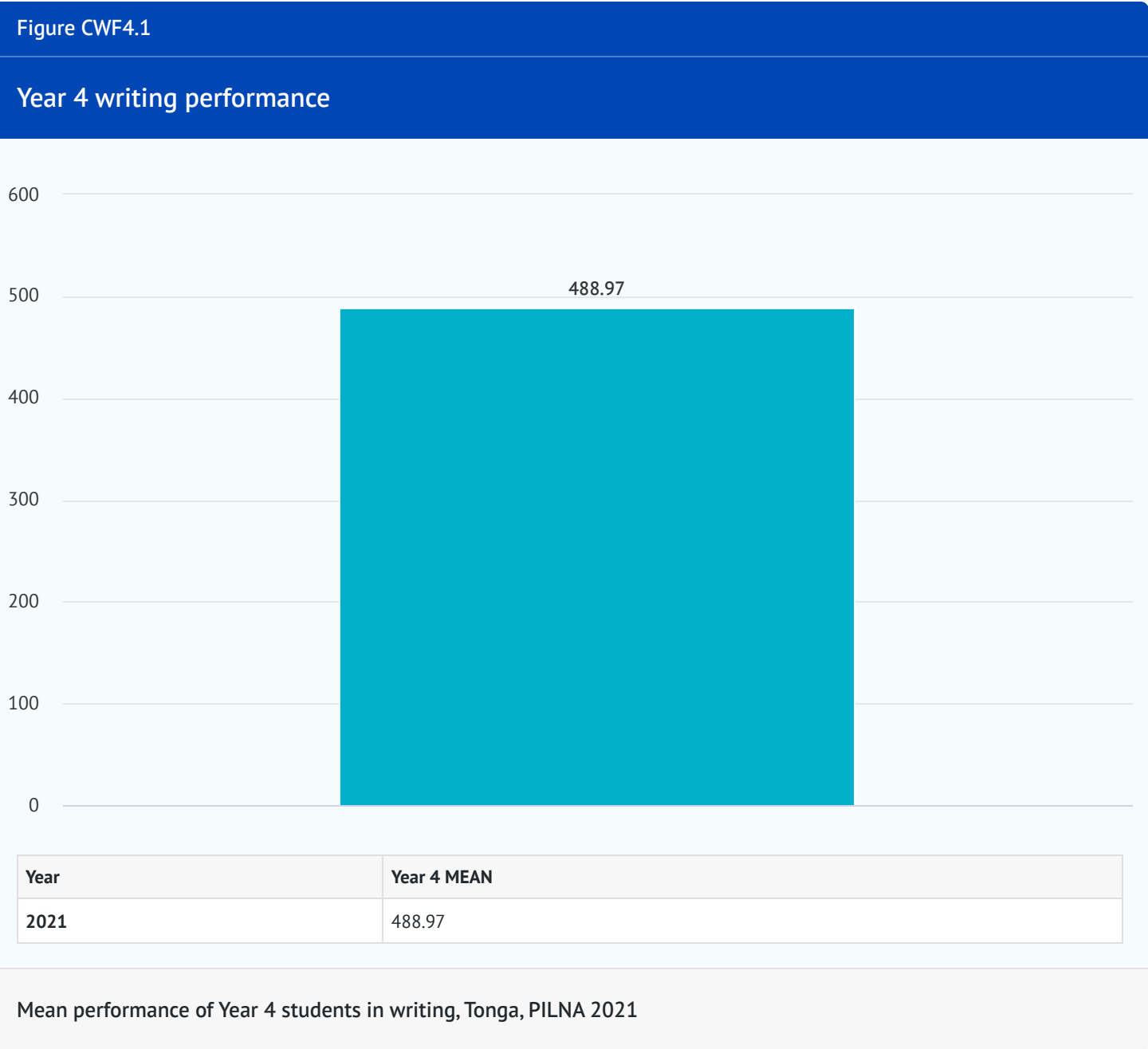
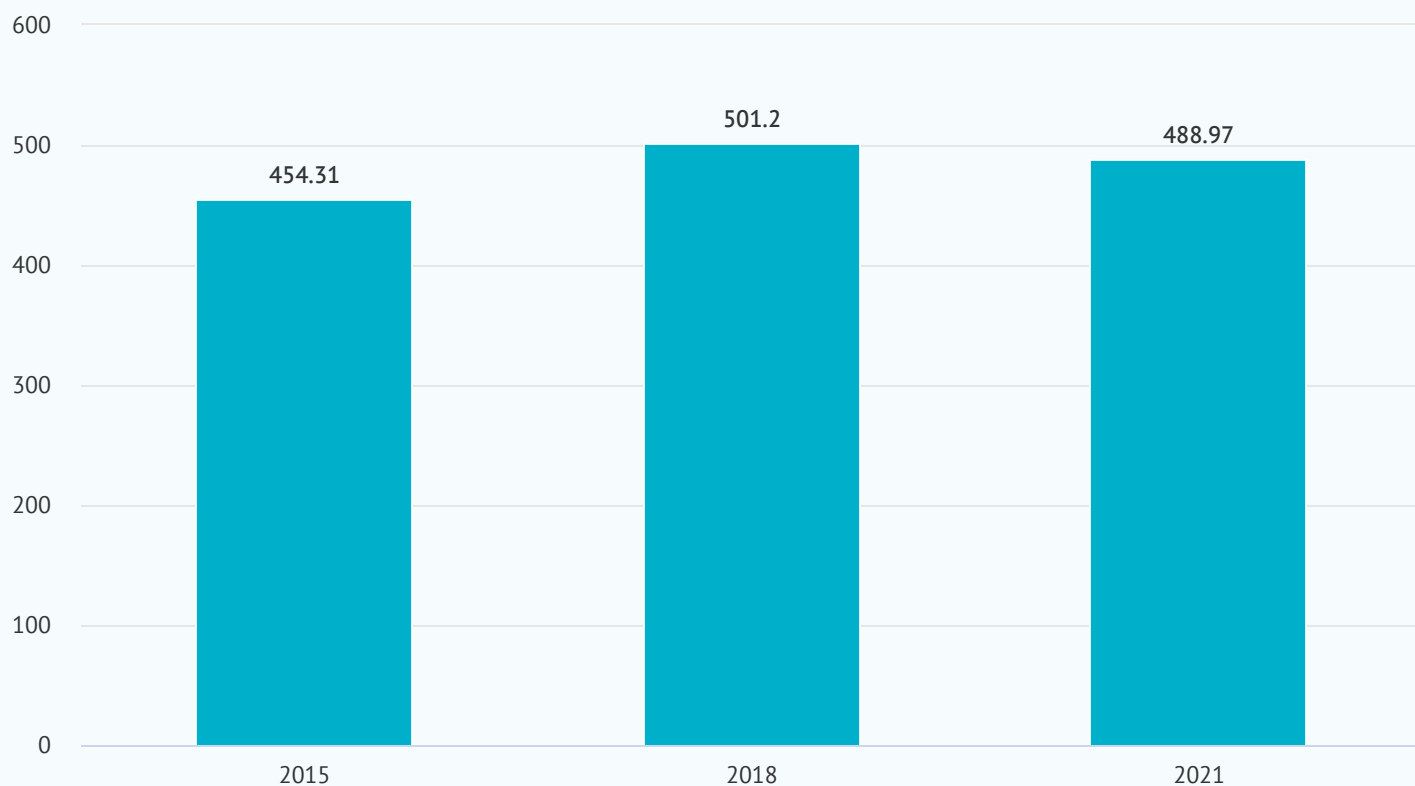


Figure CWF4.2

Year 4 writing performance over time



Year	Year 4
2015	454.31
2018	501.2
2021	488.97

Mean performance of Year 4 students in writing, Tonga, PILNA 2015, 2018 and 2021

Figure CWF4.2 shows the average writing scores for this group and for year four students in Tonga in previous PILNA cycles. The average writing score for these students in 2021 (488.97) was higher than in 2015 (454.31) but lower than in 2018 (501.20). The standard deviation for the average year four reading scores in 2021 (37.76) was, however, lower than in 2015 (93.35) and 2018 (63.44). 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.