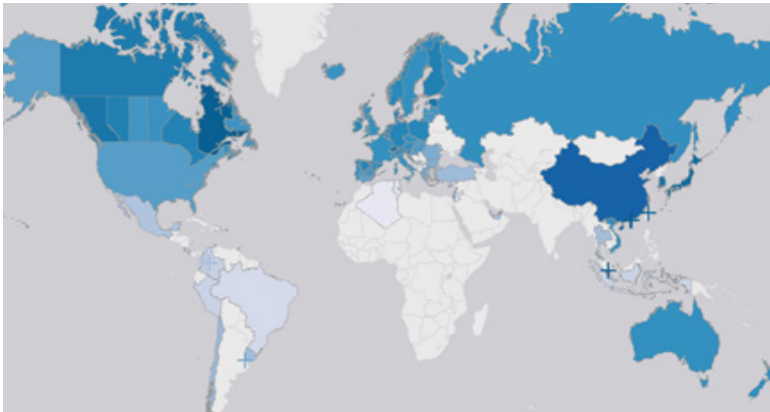


Mapping International Assessments

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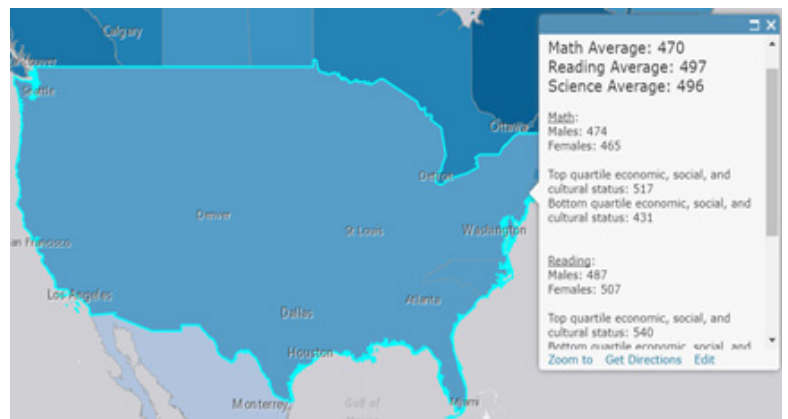
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OREA has created a set of interactive maps based on the latest results for the three primary international assessments in use today. The maps show the average academic achievement of education systems around the world, grouped into three categories of students: 4th graders, 8th graders, and 15-year-olds.



The image to the left is taken from one of OREA's new interactive maps showing average math scores for 15-year-olds in 2015; darker shading indicates higher performance.

Interactive pop-up boxes for each nation provide additional information – such as average performance in math, reading, and science – for the United States and many other nations.



KEY POINTS

The younger the age of the students tested, the better the average performance of the United States on international assessments.

Estimates of Tennessee's performance on international assessments indicate the state's 8th graders would perform below the national (U.S.) and international averages in math. In science, estimates are that Tennessee's 8th graders would perform close to the national average and above the international average.

Average scores and reported rankings on international assessments should be interpreted carefully and considered along with other indicators for a comprehensive picture of a nation's performance.

Quick facts about each of the three international assessments and a more detailed analysis of U.S. performance (and estimated scores for Tennessee) are available [here](#).