

Table 399. Civic knowledge and civic engagement of 14-year-old students, by country: 1999

Country	Civics mean scale score	Percentage of students who say that they are very likely or likely to vote in national elections	Percentage of students who believe that it is very important or important that a good citizen—				
			Votes in every election	Joins a political party	Engages in political discussions	Participates in activities to benefit people	Takes part in activities to protect the environment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
OECD countries							
Australia	102 (0.8)	85 (1.0)	89 (0.8)	17 (1.0)	34 (1.1)	80 (1.0)	74 (1.1)
Belgium (French portion) ¹	95 (0.9)	69 (2.0)	82 (1.4)	24 (1.0)	39 (1.4)	54 (2.0)	71 (1.7)
Czech Republic	103 (0.8)	65 (1.7)	66 (1.1)	18 (1.0)	29 (1.4)	78 (0.9)	84 (1.0)
Denmark ¹	100 (0.5)	91 (0.7)	60 (1.0)	17 (0.8)	44 (0.9)	86 (0.8)	83 (0.7)
England	99 (0.6)	80 (1.0)	76 (1.1)	20 (0.9)	42 (1.3)	78 (1.0)	76 (1.1)
Finland	109 (0.7)	87 (0.7)	59 (1.2)	13 (0.8)	23 (1.1)	60 (1.0)	74 (1.0)
Germany ²	100 (0.5)	67 (1.1)	69 (0.9)	18 (0.7)	43 (1.2)	85 (0.9)	72 (1.2)
Greece	108 (0.8)	86 (0.9)	94 (0.6)	49 (1.0)	59 (1.0)	90 (0.7)	89 (0.7)
Hungary	102 (0.6)	91 (0.7)	81 (0.9)	29 (0.9)	21 (0.8)	89 (0.6)	77 (1.0)
Italy	105 (0.8)	80 (1.1)	84 (0.7)	32 (1.0)	49 (1.0)	82 (0.7)	79 (0.8)
Norway ¹	103 (0.5)	87 (0.7)	71 (0.9)	21 (0.8)	37 (1.0)	83 (0.8)	91 (0.6)
Poland	111 (1.7)	88 (1.2)	91 (0.8)	35 (1.2)	53 (1.4)	90 (0.8)	77 (0.8)
Portugal	96 (0.7)	88 (0.8)	71 (0.9)	36 (1.1)	40 (1.0)	94 (0.6)	92 (0.6)
Slovak Republic	105 (0.7)	93 (0.6)	91 (0.7)	23 (1.3)	51 (1.0)	87 (0.8)	87 (0.8)
Sweden	99 (0.8)	75 (1.4)	78 (1.0)	21 (0.9)	37 (1.5)	83 (1.2)	81 (1.3)
Switzerland	98 (0.8)	55 (1.3)	68 (1.2)	23 (1.1)	42 (1.2)	76 (0.9)	70 (1.2)
United States	106 (1.2)	85 (1.0)	83 (0.9)	48 (1.4)	58 (1.1)	88 (0.8)	83 (0.8)
Non-OECD countries							
Chile	88 (0.7)	74 (1.0)	91 (0.6)	46 (1.0)	34 (1.1)	88 (0.7)	90 (0.5)
Russian Federation ³	100 (1.3)	82 (1.0)	80 (1.2)	22 (1.4)	28 (1.4)	83 (1.1)	81 (1.3)
Slovenia	101 (0.5)	84 (1.0)	80 (0.8)	30 (0.9)	38 (1.0)	78 (0.8)	73 (1.0)

¹ Overall participation rate less than 85 percent.

² National Desired Population does not cover all International Desired Population.

³ Did not meet age/grade specification.

NOTE: Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), *IEA Civic Education Study, 2001*. (This table was prepared August 2002).