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New Zealand Private Schools Top World Rankings – PISA 2012

The New Zealand private schools sector has been ranked amongst the best in the world in the recently released Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2012 Report.

Over half a million students from 65 countries took part in PISA 2012, the triennial report which assesses students in three key areas of knowledge and skills – reading, mathematical and scientific literacy.

The results of this assessment has placed New Zealand's private (independent) schools sector unequivocally among the top secondary systems worldwide.

When comparing all private schools in the report, New Zealand is ranked second in Reading and Science and in Maths the sector ranked third.

When compared to the world's state schools, New Zealand's private schools top the results in Reading and Science, and rank third in Maths.

Deborah James, Executive Director of Independent Schools New Zealand, believes there is much to celebrate about these figures. "To be ranked in the top three countries across all categories is a clear demonstration of the quality education offered by private schools in New Zealand.

"This is something to be incredibly proud of, not only for the private schools sector, but as a nation. This report provides powerful data in the interest of growing international education in this country, an initiative supported by the government and wider education system. To say that New Zealand's private schools are ranked higher than such big players as the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and Australia must surely have some influence on the decision-making process when choosing an education destination."

The data presented in the report also provides comparison between New Zealand's public and private schools. Analysis of the percentage difference in mean scores between the two sectors showed New Zealand's private schools to be 17.6% higher than public schools in Maths, 16.5% higher in Reading and 15.7% higher in Science.

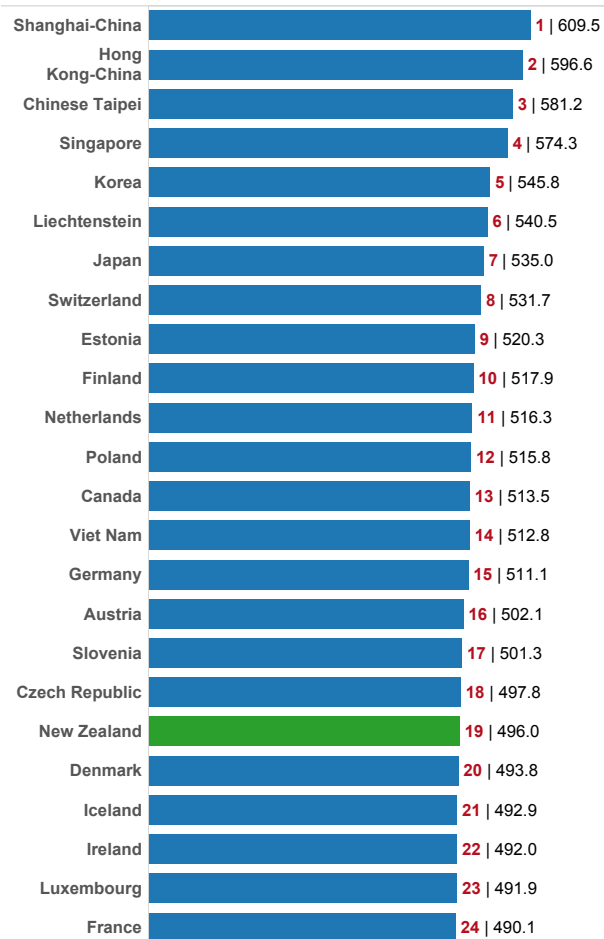
The full PISA 2012 report is available from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) website, www.oecd.org.

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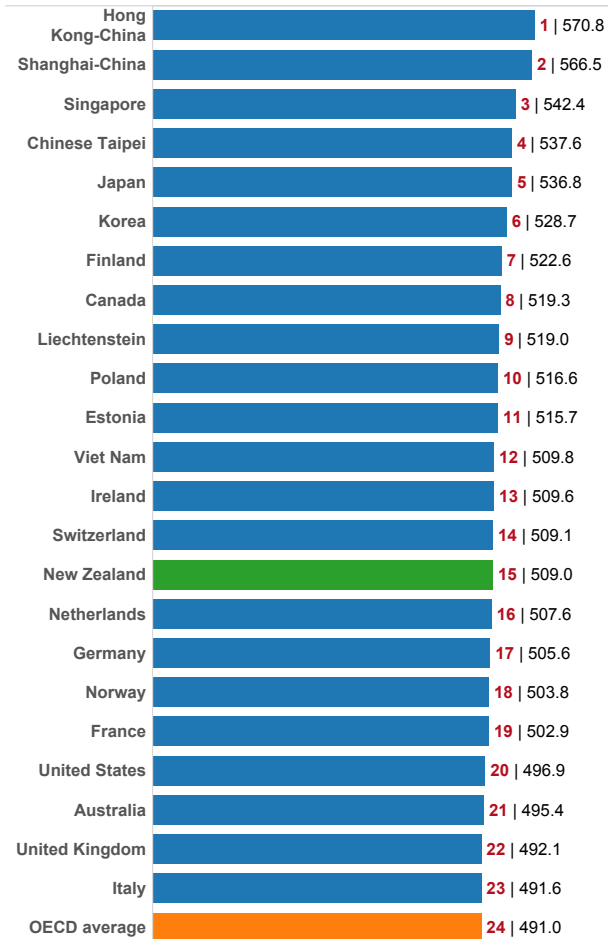
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Mean Scores - Public Schools (PISA 2013 - OECD Members & Partners)

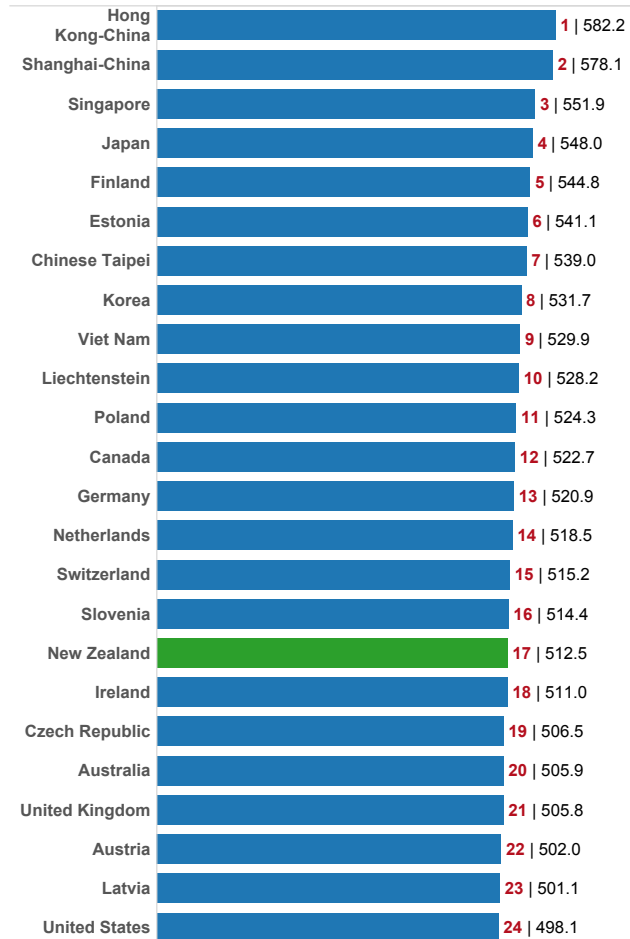
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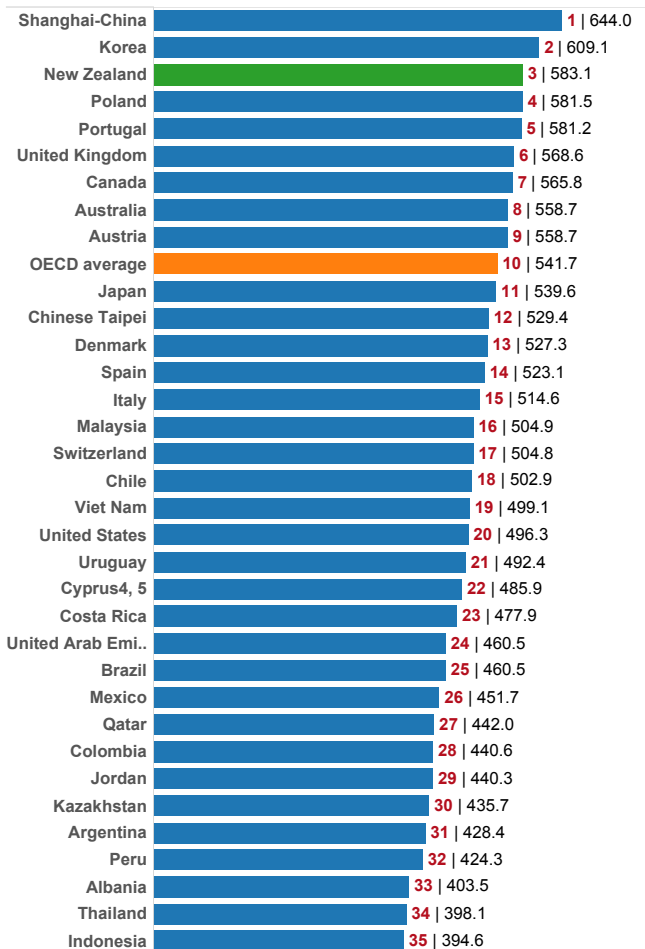
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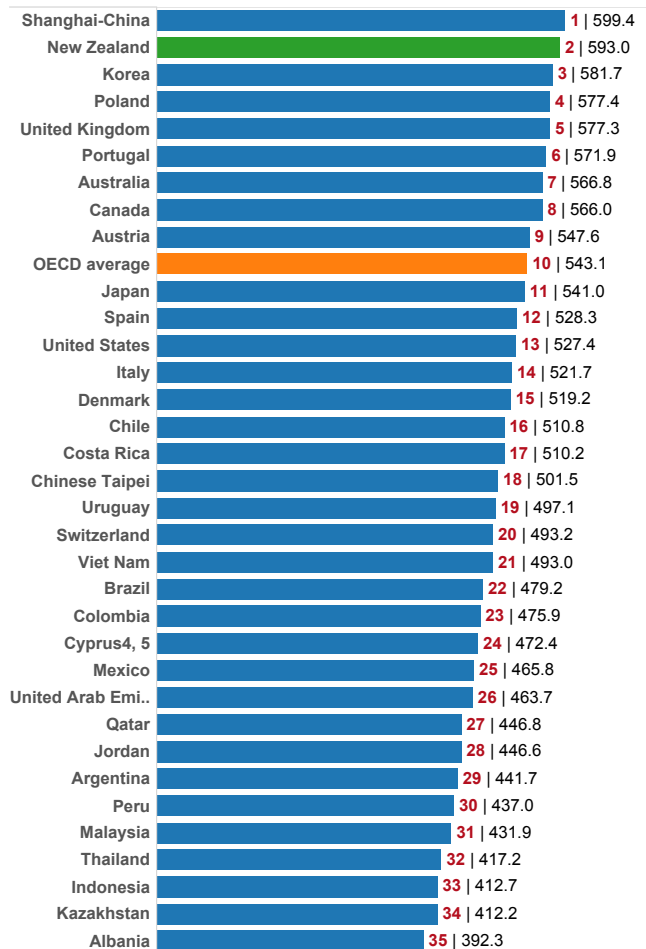
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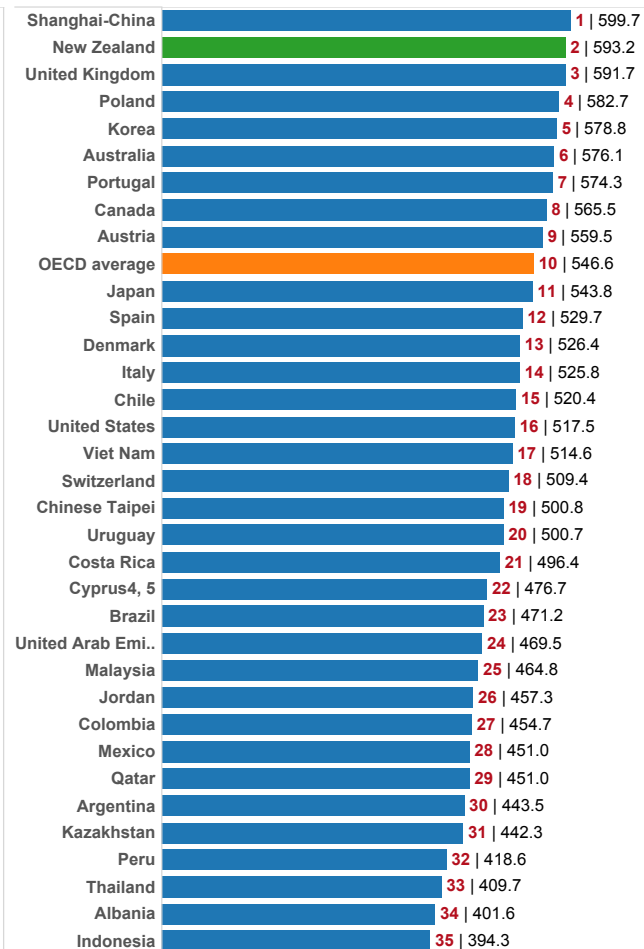
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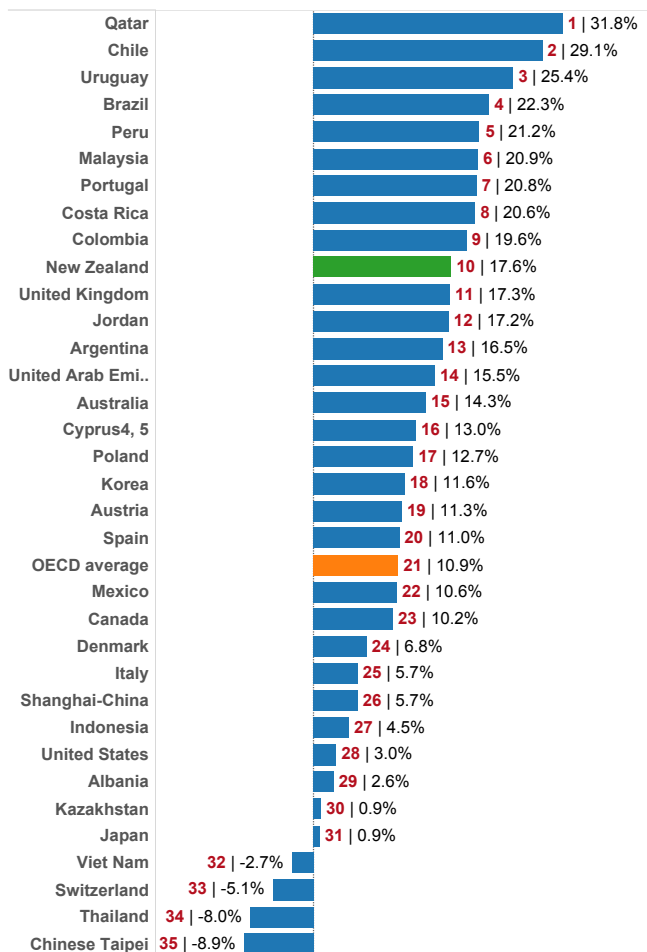
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% Difference in Mean Scores - Independent* v Public Schools (PISA 2013 - OECD Members & Partners)

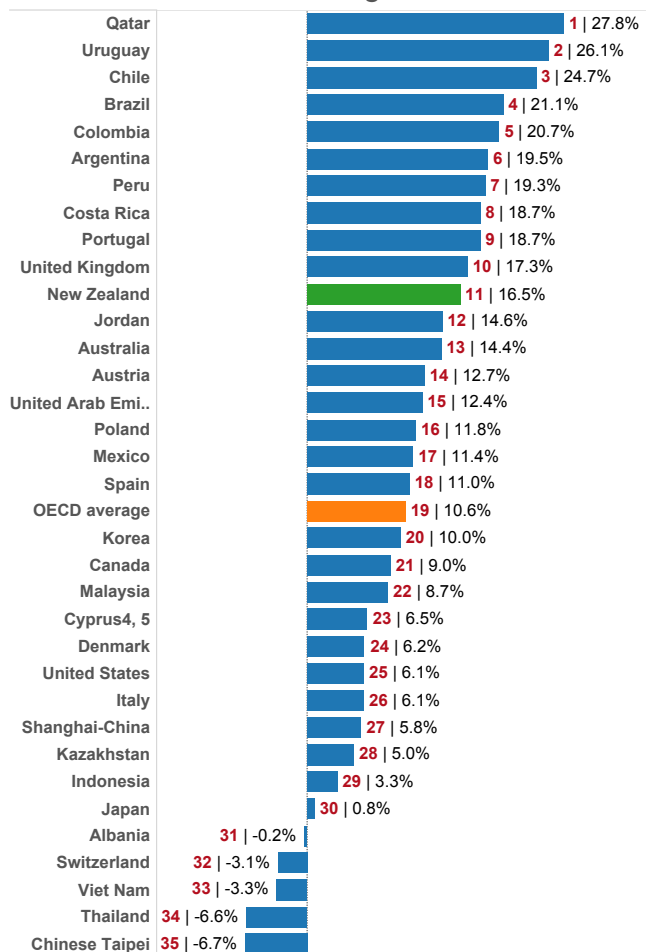
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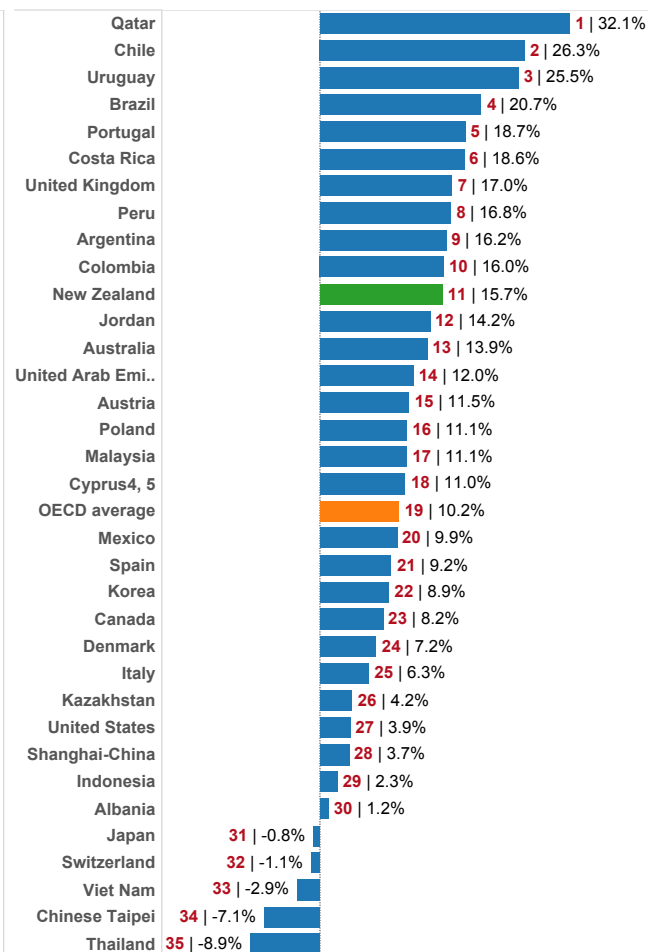
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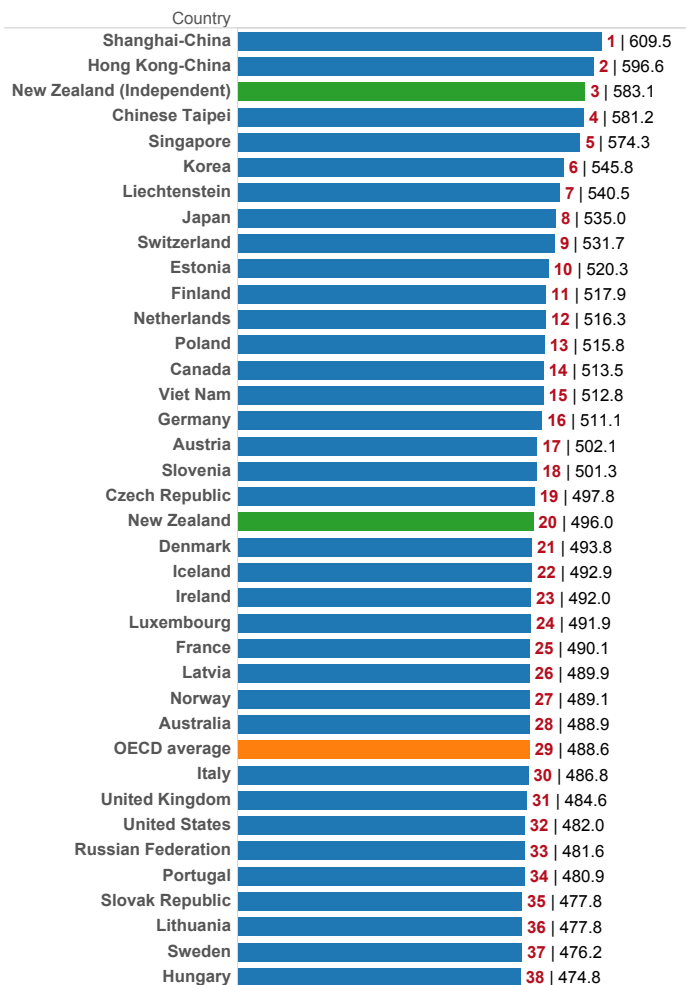


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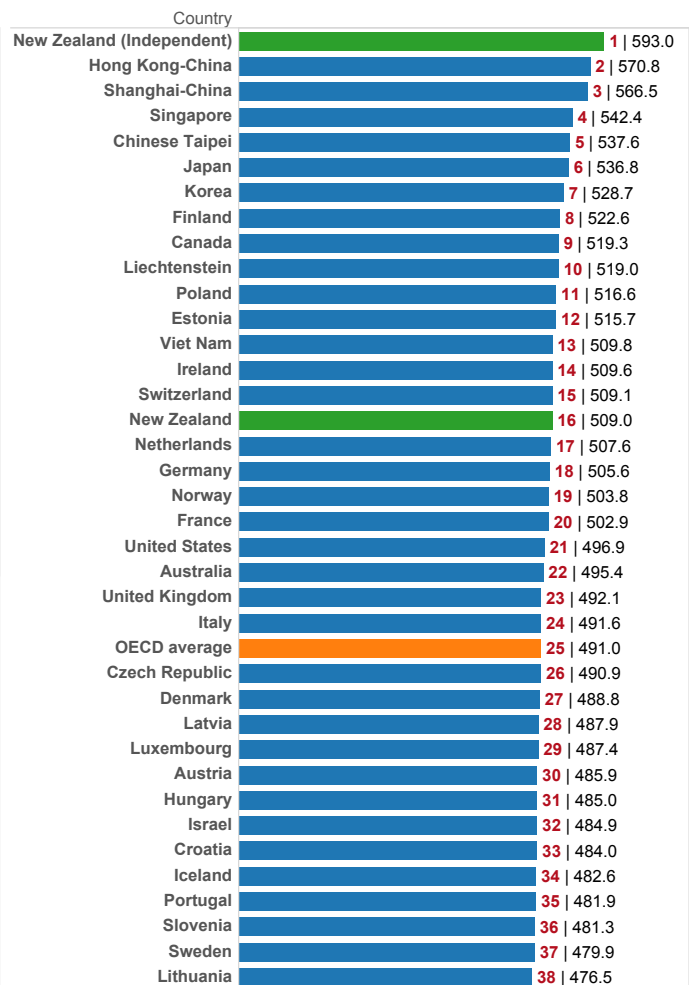


Mean Scores - NZ Independent Schools v Public Schools (PISA 2013 - OECD Members & Partners)

Maths



Reading



Science

