

PISA 2018 READING, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE LITERACY INTERNATIONAL STUDY RESULTS RELEASED



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The **Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)** is an international study of 15-year-old students' performance in reading, mathematics, and science literacy conducted every 3 years. The PISA 2018 results provide us with a global view of U.S. students' performance compared to their peers in nearly 80 countries and education systems.

The results for an optional domain assessed in 2018—financial literacy—will be released separately in spring 2020. By design, PISA aims to measure how well students can apply knowledge obtained both in and out of school to real-world tasks as they are nearing the end of compulsory schooling. First conducted in 2000, PISA rotates the focus of the assessment among reading,

U.S. students performed slightly above average in reading and science, and slightly below average in mathematics, according to results from an international exam that show no significant improvement or decline since 2000 in reading, 2003 in math and 2006 in science..

"In reading, it's really flat," said Andreas Schleicher, director for education and skills at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which developed the exam. "There is nothing that is significant. If you look to mathematics, there is a little fluctuation but nothing significant. Science, that's where you could detect a small improvement."

30 countries scored higher than U.S. students in math and the performance gap between top-performing and lower-performing students is widening, especially in reading.

The results largely mirror the top-line findings in the [most recent results from the National Assessment of Education Progress](#), also known as NAEP or the Nation's Report Card, which last month showed math and reading scores dropping for fourth- and eighth-grade students in the U.S.

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TEXAS INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Oct 2019	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
Total Nonagricultural	12,897,400	30,100	297,100	2.4
Private	10,928,500	26,200	284,600	2.7
Goods-Producing	1,959,500	-2,600	71,600	3.8
Mining & Logging	253,400	-2,000	-1,200	-0.5
Construction	796,300	1,500	51,400	6.9
Manufacturing	909,800	-2,100	21,400	2.4
Service-Providing	10,937,900	32,700	225,500	2.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,535,100	9,700	35,800	1.4
Information	202,400	1,100	-500	-0.2
Financial Activities	809,100	100	27,000	3.5
Professional & Business Services	1,793,600	6,300	42,000	2.4
Education & Health Services	1,762,800	5,300	53,600	3.1
Leisure & Hospitality	1,412,000	4,900	38,300	2.8
Other Services	454,000	1,400	16,800	3.8
Government	1,968,900	3,900	12,500	0.6

Source: Texas Workforce Commission Texas Labor Market Review. Information is the latest available at printing time. Seasonally adjusted.

October 2019 EMPLOYMENT

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
US (Nov)	164,364,000	158,510	5,855,000	3.06%
TX (Oct)	14,189,091	13,721,100	467,991	3.0%
D/FW Region	4,084,633	3,958,931	125,702	3.1%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission Texas Labor Market Review

LATEST U.S. ECONOMIC NUMBERS

Long Term Unemployed (27+ wks.) % of unemployed 21.5%	Oct '19	1,264,000
Consumer Price Index	Oct '19	+0.4%
Payroll Employment	Nov '19	+266,000 (p)
Average Hourly Earnings	Nov '19	+\$0.07 (p)
Producer Price Index	Oct '19	+0.4% (p)
Employment Cost Index	3rd Qtr 2019	+0.7%
Productivity	3rd Qtr 2019	+0.3%
U.S. Import Price Index	Oct '19	-0.5%
U.S. Export Price Index	Oct '19	-0.1%

(p) preliminary; (c) corrected; (f) final demand; (r) revised - Information is the latest available at printing time. Source: U. S. Department of Labor.

