High-performers in reading

15% Canada
9% OECD

Average reading performance of Canadian students is one of the highest among OECD countries.

18 per cent of Canadian girls are high-performers in reading, compared to 12 per cent of Canadian boys.

18% 12%

18% 10%

High-performers

Low-performers

18 per cent of Canadian boys are low-performers in reading, compared to 10 per cent of Canadian girls.

In Canada, average performance in reading has remained stable since 2009.

In Canada, as well as on average across the OECD countries, reading performance declined between 2000 and 2018.

Canadian immigrant students performed as well as non-immigrant students in reading, while second-generation immigrant students obtained higher scores than non-immigrant students.

Over one-third of Canadian students said reading is one of their favourite hobbies, and a similar proportion report spending more than 30 minutes a day reading for enjoyment.

Over 80 per cent of Canadian students are confident or very confident about their reading abilities, and students who are more confident tend to have higher scores, and vice versa.