



# School Board Report



## Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Primary Division (Grades 1–3) and Junior Division (Grades 4–6), 2008–2009

### Board: Peel District School Board (66125)

I am pleased to provide you with this report on the Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3) and Junior Division (Grades 4–6), for 2008–2009. Included are student results for the current year, those from previous years and, to put these results in context, information about the local student populations.

Throughout the province and since the inception of the agency, EQAO results have helped inform professional practice and have served as a catalyst for improving student achievement. This report has been designed to assist you in your conversations about improved student learning.

We believe that every student deserves the best outcome from public education. That’s why, in close collaboration with Ontario educators, EQAO continues to develop assessments that gauge the achievement of all Ontario students against the learning expectations outlined in *The Ontario Curriculum*. These assessments ensure that every student in Ontario’s publicly funded school system is assessed using the same yard stick at key stages in his or her schooling.

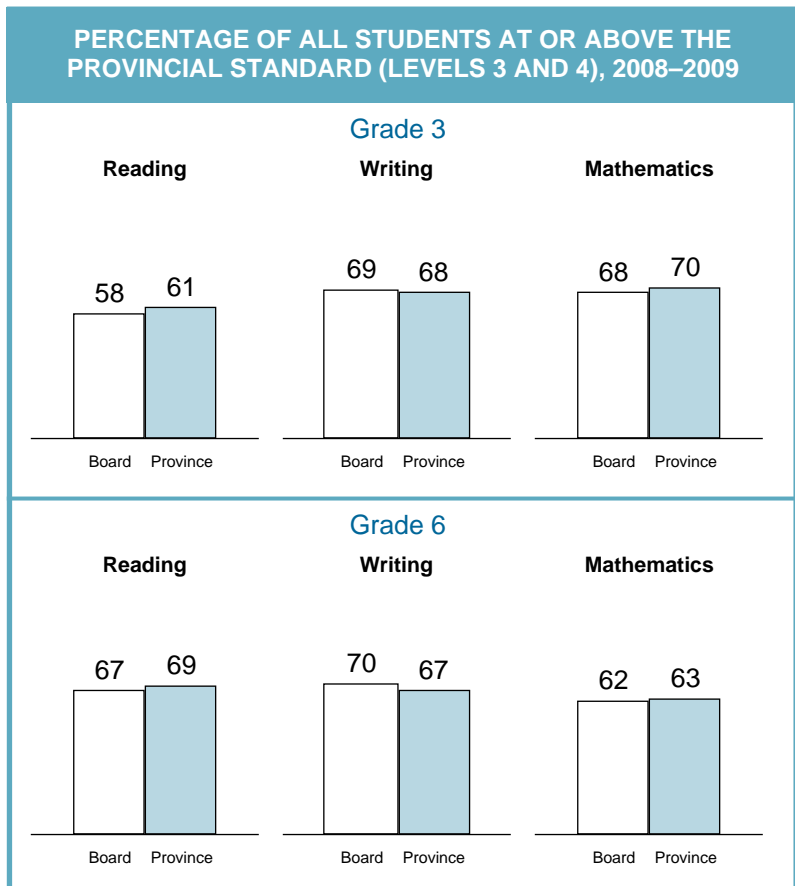
However, it should be remembered that EQAO’s assessment results are just one piece of information about student achievement. These results should be considered in conjunction with school-based information, such as that from classroom assessments.

I trust this report will help parents, educators and all who support a strong public education system work together so that all students can reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

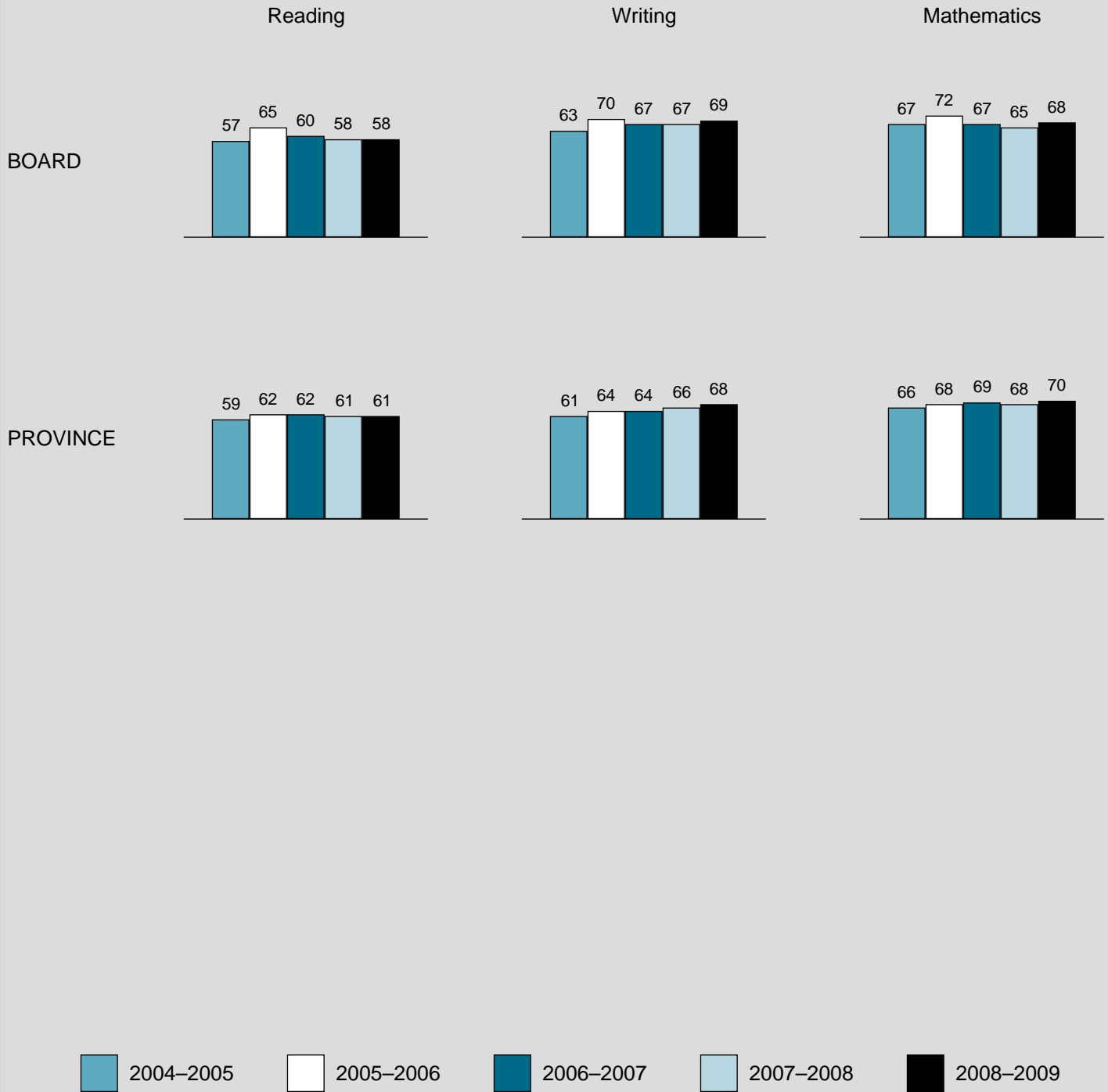
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RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

Percentage of Students: Grade 3

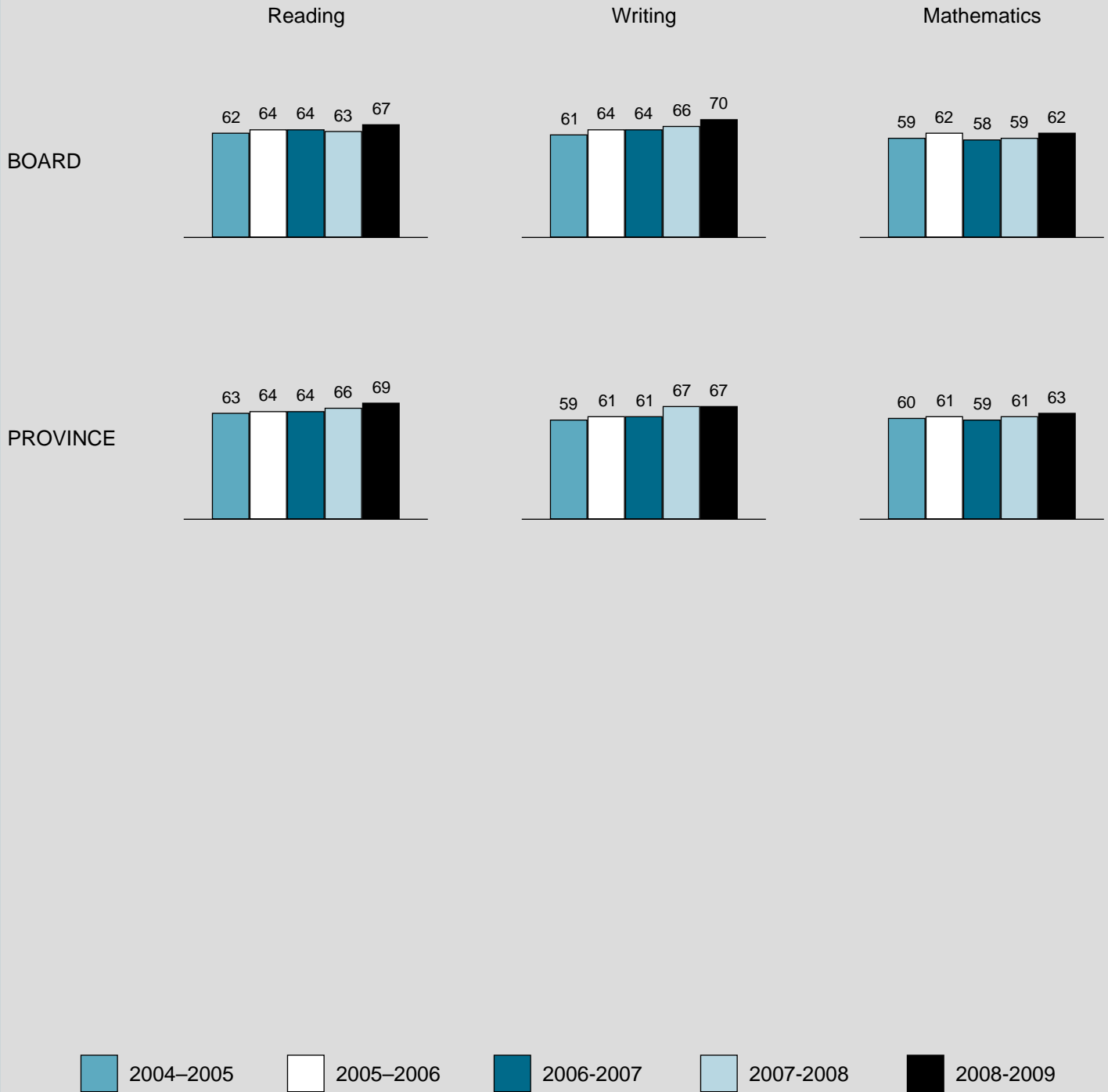


Total Number of Grade 3 Students

	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Board	10 168	10 457	10 592	10 719	10 563
Province	135 740	132 782	131 012	128 660	125 481

RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

Percentage of Students: Grade 6



Total Number of Grade 6 Students					
	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Board	10 137	10 784	10 954	10 973	11 014
Province	143 421	146 711	145 901	140 420	136 076

## TIPS

Each school or board is unique. To appreciate the distinctive character of a school or board, look at the contextual information to understand the features and characteristics of the community it serves.



Every assessment captures the performance of students at one point in time each year. Consider the results along with other information about students' achievement in reading, writing and mathematics.



Exercise caution when interpreting results for small schools or boards. Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a school of 20 students, a difference of 10% represents only two students.



Trends may be difficult to identify or to interpret. This is especially true in small schools or boards, or in schools where there is a high turnover in the student population.



EQAO values students' privacy. Results are not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 15 students participated, because it might be possible to identify individual students.

## ABOUT THIS SCHOOL OR BOARD REPORT

This report shows how well students have met curriculum expectations to the end of the Primary Division and the end of the Junior Division. Students complete a set of test booklets that allow them to show what they have learned in reading, writing and mathematics. The assessments are based on *The Ontario Curriculum*.

### This report includes

- ◆ results for this year
- ◆ a comparison of results over the past four years to aid in monitoring improvement
- ◆ information about the characteristics of the students who participated
- ◆ summary graphs showing the percentage of students achieving the provincial standard in reading, writing and mathematics
- ◆ detailed tables and graphs showing results for all levels of achievement, results for gender and participation information
- ◆ student questionnaire results
- ◆ an explanation of all terms used in this report.

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

- ◆ Examine the contextual information to understand the similarities and differences between the school, the board and the province; the board and the province. Consider the challenges that any differences might present.
- ◆ Examine the results for reading, writing and mathematics.
  - Are these results consistent with what you would expect?
  - How do the school results compare to the board and the province; the board results compare to the province?
  - How do these results compare over time?
  - What influence might students' attitudes have on student performance (refer to the questionnaire results)?
- ◆ Speak to school or board staff about the goals for school improvement related to reading, writing and mathematics.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office is an independent agency that gathers information about student achievement through province-wide assessments. Each year, all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students across Ontario take part in these assessments of reading, writing and mathematics. Individual results are reported to students and to parents and guardians. School, board and provincial results are released publicly.

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## Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, 2008–2009

**Contextual Information: Grade 3\***

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's results.

Demographic Information	Board		Province	
<b>Enrolment</b>				
Number of Grade 3 students	10 563		125 481	
Number of classes with Grade 3 students	672		9 385	
Number of schools with Grade 3 classes	156		3 399	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Gender</b>				
Female	4 972	47%	60 999	49%
Male	5 591	53%	64 482	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Student Status</b>				
English language learners**	3 325	31%	11 281	9%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)**	687	7%	18 291	15%
<b>Place of Birth</b>				
Born in Canada	8 356	79%	111 561	89%
Born outside Canada	2 194	21%	13 717	11%
In Canada less than one year	226	2%	804	1%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	439	4%	2 893	2%
In Canada three years or more	1 528	14%	8 946	7%
<b>Language</b>				
First language learned at home was other than English	5 537	52%	27 084	22%
<b>Year Student Entered Current School</b>				
Year of the assessment	1 967	19%	16 746	13%
Year prior to the assessment	1 723	16%	14 545	12%
2 years prior to the assessment	2 024	19%	16 821	13%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	4 836	46%	76 849	61%
Data not available	13	<1%	520	<1%
<b>Year Student Entered Current Board</b>				
Year of the assessment	723	7%	8 720	7%
Year prior to the assessment	695	7%	8 048	6%
2 years prior to the assessment	1 175	11%	11 982	10%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	7 916	75%	93 098	74%
Data not available	54	1%	3 633	3%

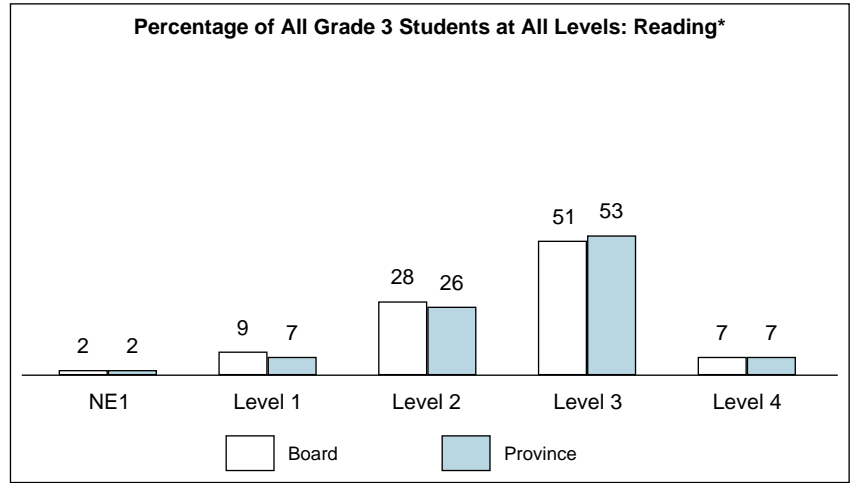
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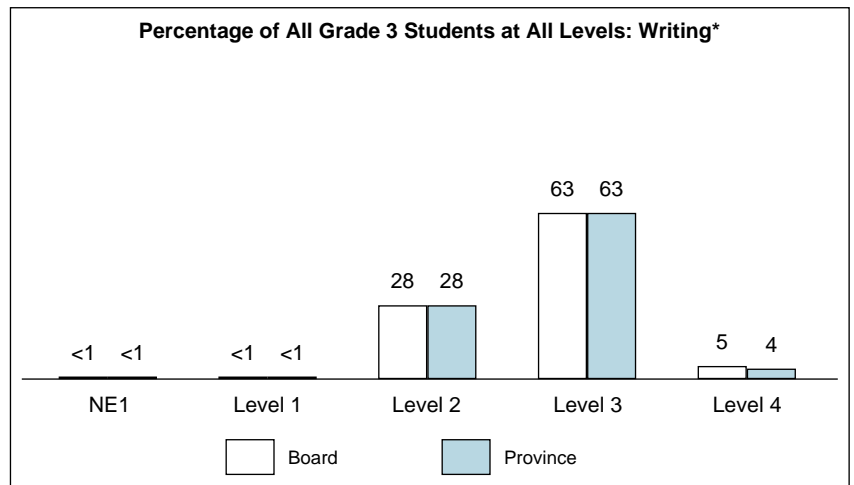
## Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2008–2009

### Grade 3: All Students<sup>††</sup>

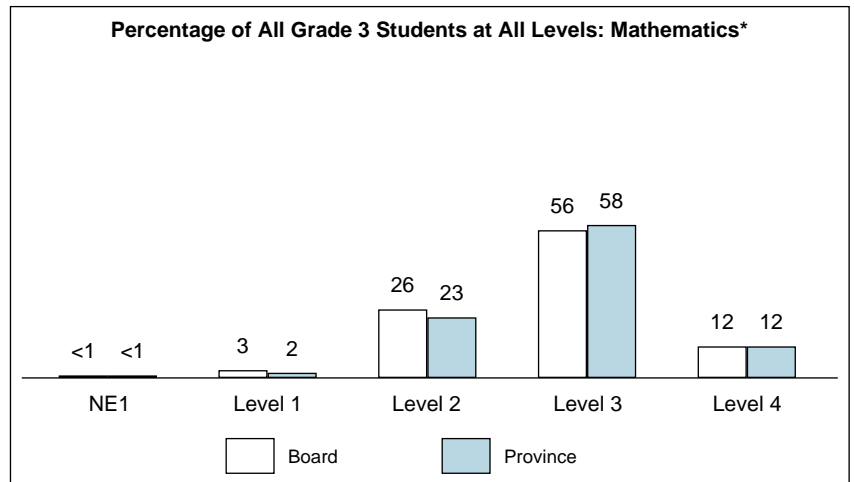
Grade 3: Reading*				
Number of Students	Board 10 563		Province 121 787	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	708	7%		7%
Level 3	5 433	51%		53%
Level 2	2 988	28%		26%
Level 1	919	9%		7%
NE1**	229	2%		2%
Participating Students	10 277	97%		95%
No Data	56	1%		1%
Exempt	230	2%		4%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>58%</b>	<b>61%</b>	



Grade 3: Writing*				
Number of Students	Board 10 563		Province 121 788	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	568	5%		4%
Level 3	6 684	63%		63%
Level 2	3 007	28%		28%
Level 1	13	<1%		<1%
NE1**	17	<1%		<1%
Participating Students	10 289	97%		96%
No Data	56	1%		1%
Exempt	218	2%		3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>69%</b>	<b>68%</b>	



Grade 3: Mathematics*				
Number of Students	Board 10 562		Province 125 464	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	1 216	12%		12%
Level 3	5 954	56%		58%
Level 2	2 746	26%		23%
Level 1	322	3%		2%
NE1**	35	<1%		<1%
Participating Students	10 273	97%		96%
No Data	73	1%		1%
Exempt	216	2%		3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>68%</b>	<b>70%</b>	



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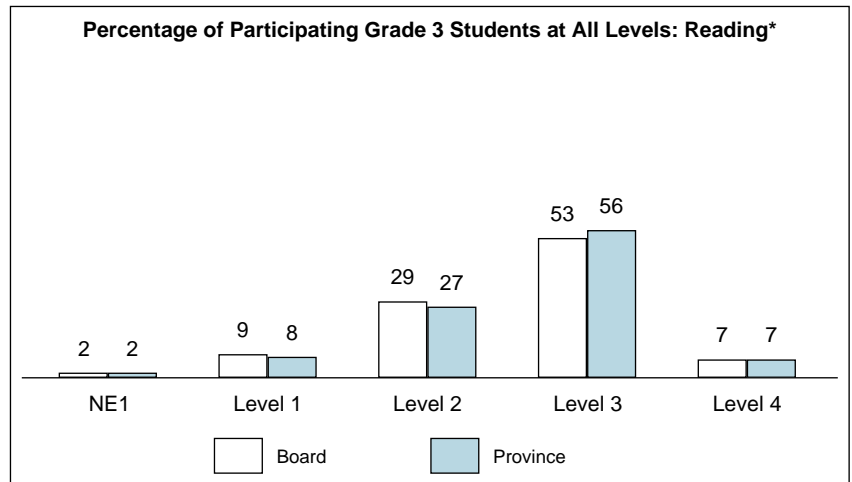
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†† Some French Immersion students do not write all components of the assessment in Grade 3; the numbers shown reflect those students who were expected to write each component as determined by the French Immersion participation option selected by boards.

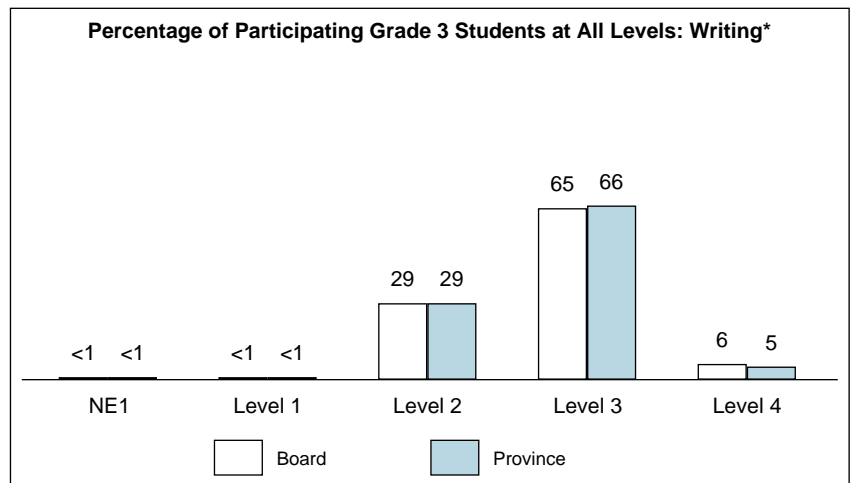
Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2008–2009

**Grade 3: Participating Students (excludes “no data” and “exempt” categories)**

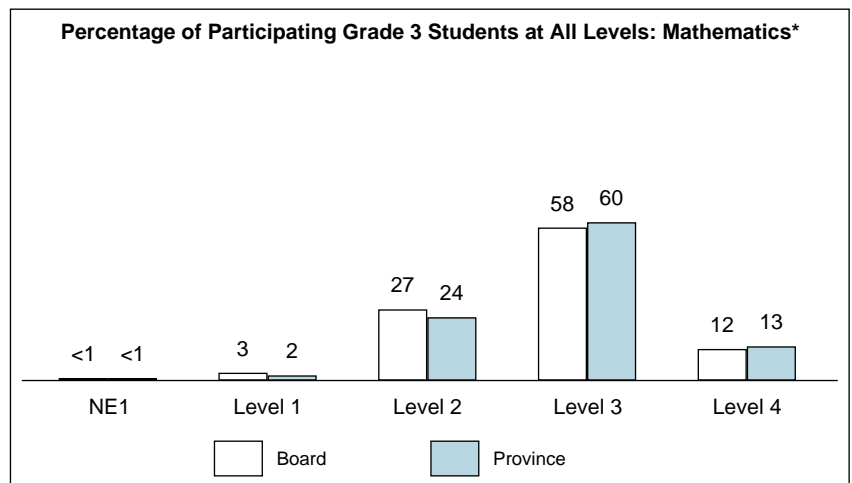
Grade 3: Reading*			
Number of Students	Board 10 277		Province 116 256
	#	%	%
Level 4	708	7%	7%
Level 3	5 433	53%	56%
Level 2	2 988	29%	27%
Level 1	919	9%	8%
NE1**	229	2%	2%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>60%</b>	<b>63%</b>



Grade 3: Writing*			
Number of Students	Board 10 289		Province 116 812
	#	%	%
Level 4	568	6%	5%
Level 3	6 684	65%	66%
Level 2	3 007	29%	29%
Level 1	13	<1%	<1%
NE1**	17	<1%	<1%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>70%</b>	<b>71%</b>



Grade 3: Mathematics*			
Number of Students	Board 10 273		Province 120 405
	#	%	%
Level 4	1 216	12%	13%
Level 3	5 954	58%	60%
Level 2	2 746	27%	24%
Level 1	322	3%	2%
NE1**	35	<1%	<1%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>70%</b>	<b>73%</b>



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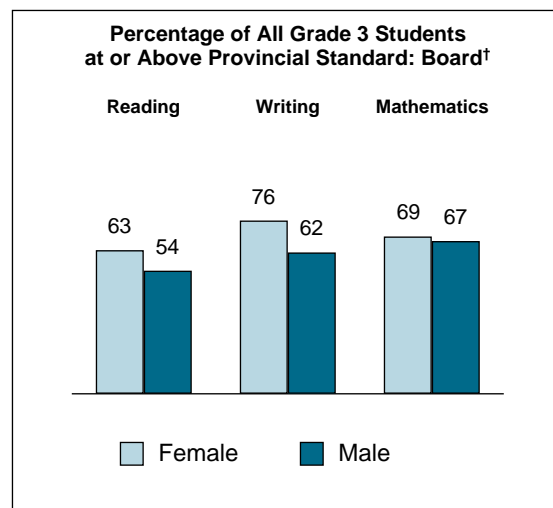
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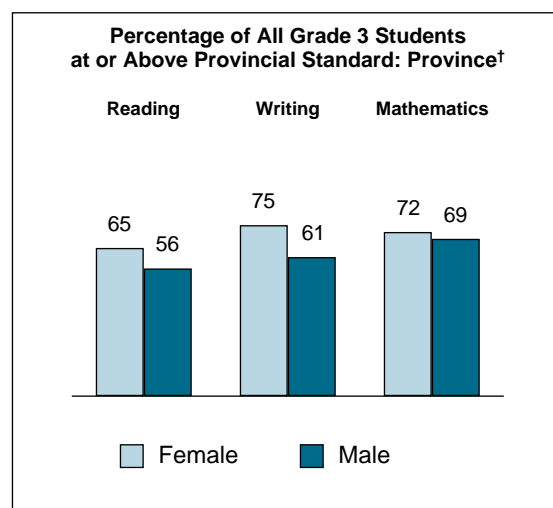
## Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2008–2009

### Grade 3: Gender††

Grade 3: Board*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 4 972	Male 5 591	Female 4 972	Male 5 591	Female 4 971	Male 5 591
Level 4	8%	5%	8%	3%	11%	12%
Level 3	55%	48%	69%	59%	58%	55%
Level 2	26%	30%	22%	34%	25%	27%
Level 1	7%	10%	<1%	<1%	3%	3%
NE1**	2%	2%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Participating Students	98%	97%	98%	97%	98%	97%
No Data	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	63%	54%	76%	62%	69%	67%



Grade 3: Province*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 58 888	Male 62 899	Female 58 889	Male 62 899	Female 60 985	Male 64 479
Level 4	9%	5%	6%	3%	12%	12%
Level 3	56%	51%	69%	58%	59%	56%
Level 2	24%	28%	22%	34%	23%	24%
Level 1	6%	8%	<1%	<1%	2%	2%
NE1**	1%	2%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Participating Students	97%	94%	97%	95%	97%	95%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	3%	5%	2%	4%	2%	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	65%	56%	75%	61%	72%	69%



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†† Results include only students for whom gender data were available.

## Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, 2008–2009

**Contextual Information: Grade 6\***

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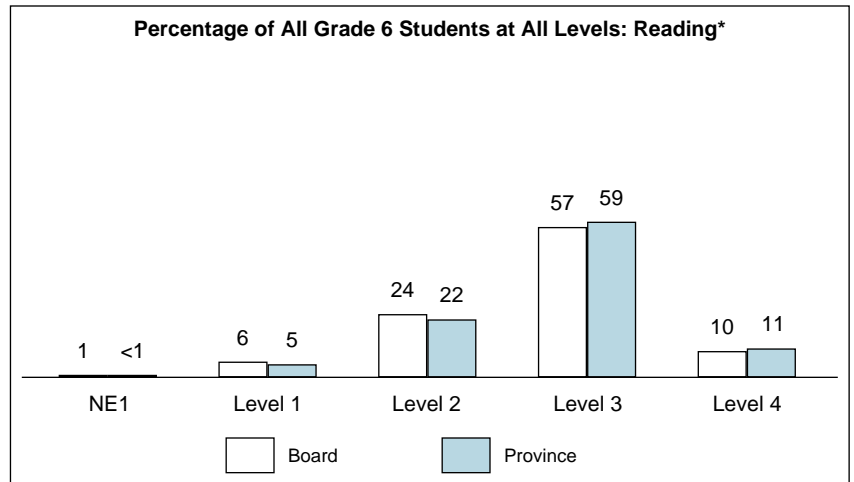
Demographic Information	Board		Province	
<b>Enrolment</b>				
Number of Grade 6 students	11 014		136 076	
Number of classes with Grade 6 students	540		8 285	
Number of schools with Grade 6 classes	90		3 216	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Gender</b>				
Female	5 271	48%	66 276	49%
Male	5 743	52%	69 800	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Student Status</b>				
English language learners**	1 488	14%	7 538	6%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)**	1 125	10%	24 326	18%
<b>Place of Birth</b>				
Born in Canada	8 284	75%	118 305	87%
Born outside Canada	2 710	25%	17 592	13%
In Canada less than one year	217	2%	768	1%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	392	4%	2 991	2%
In Canada three years or more	2 098	19%	12 798	9%
<b>Language</b>				
First language learned at home was other than English	5 290	48%	27 824	20%
<b>Year Student Entered Current School</b>				
Year of the assessment	8 591	78%	30 253	22%
Year prior to the assessment	418	4%	13 485	10%
2 years prior to the assessment	267	2%	12 503	9%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	1 728	16%	79 176	58%
Data not available	10	<1%	659	<1%
<b>Year Student Entered Current Board</b>				
Year of the assessment	675	6%	9 175	7%
Year prior to the assessment	702	6%	7 907	6%
2 years prior to the assessment	642	6%	7 896	6%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	8 960	81%	105 510	78%
Data not available	35	<1%	5 588	4%

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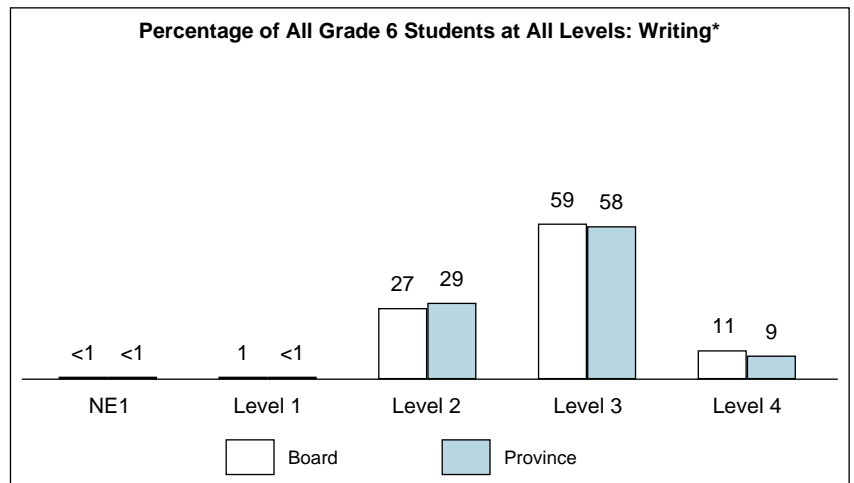
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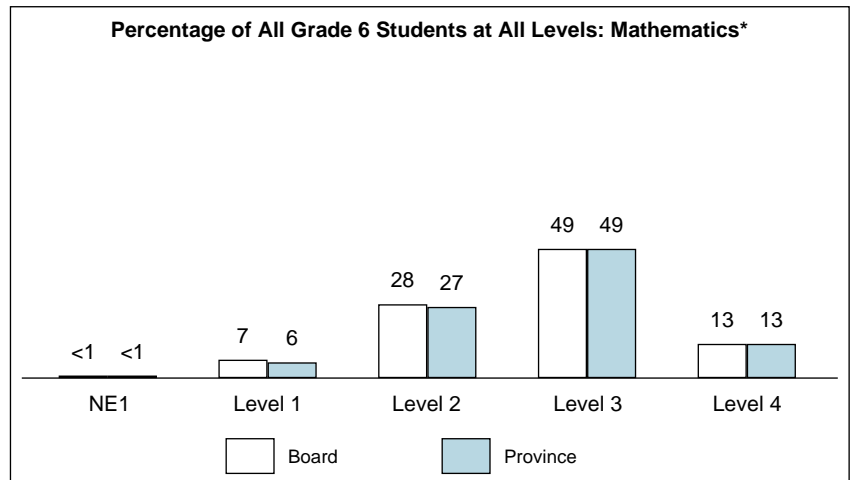
Grade 6: Reading*				
Number of Students	Board 11 006		Province 136 069	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	1 110	10%		11%
Level 3	6 309	57%		59%
Level 2	2 601	24%		22%
Level 1	641	6%		5%
NE1**	74	1%		<1%
Participating Students	10 735	98%		96%
No Data	57	1%		1%
Exempt	214	2%		3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>67%</b>	<b>69%</b>	



Grade 6: Writing*				
Number of Students	Board 11 006		Province 136 075	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	1 164	11%		9%
Level 3	6 506	59%		58%
Level 2	2 970	27%		29%
Level 1	75	1%		<1%
NE1**	21	<1%		<1%
Participating Students	10 736	98%		96%
No Data	58	1%		1%
Exempt	212	2%		3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>70%</b>	<b>67%</b>	



Grade 6: Mathematics*				
Number of Students	Board 11 012		Province 136 075	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	1 449	13%		13%
Level 3	5 402	49%		49%
Level 2	3 081	28%		27%
Level 1	767	7%		6%
NE1**	37	<1%		<1%
Participating Students	10 736	97%		96%
No Data	67	1%		1%
Exempt	209	2%		3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>62%</b>	<b>63%</b>	



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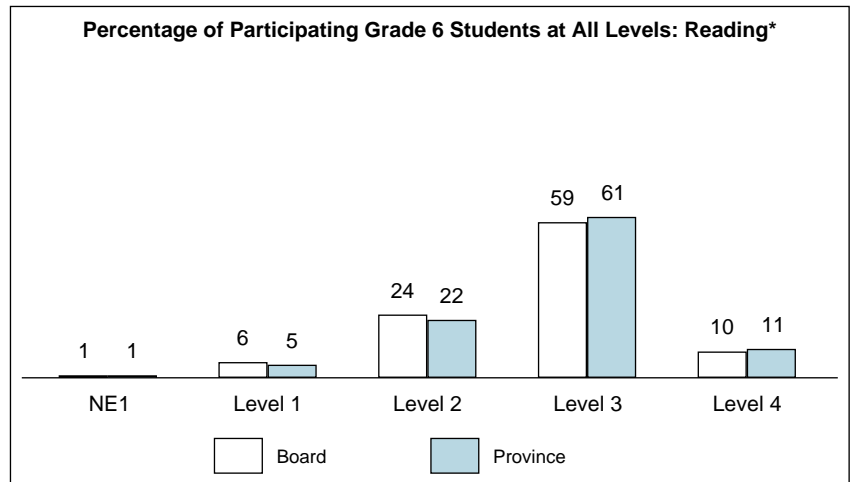
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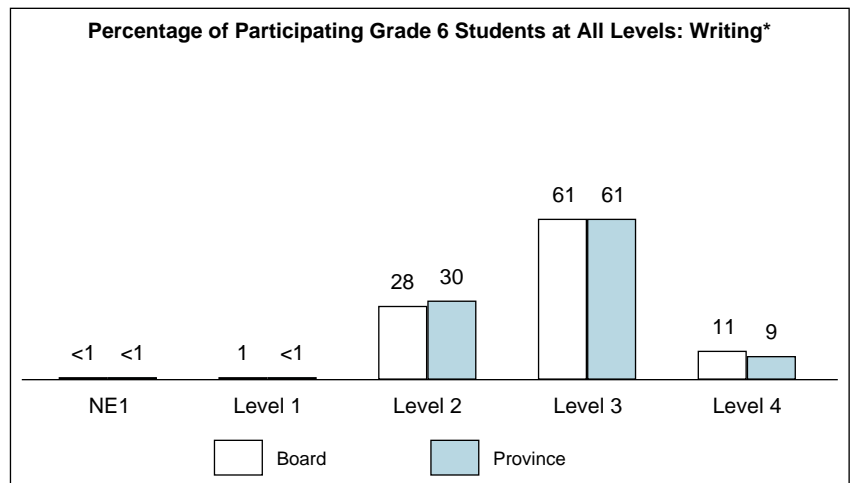
Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2008–2009

**Grade 6: Participating Students (excludes “no data” and “exempt” categories)**

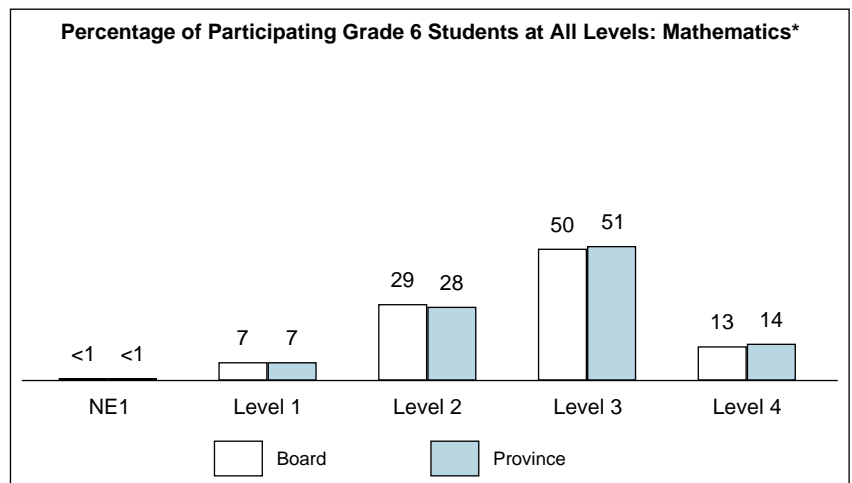
Grade 6: Reading*			
Number of Students	Board 10 735		Province 131 173
	#	%	%
Level 4	1 110	10%	11%
Level 3	6 309	59%	61%
Level 2	2 601	24%	22%
Level 1	641	6%	5%
NE1**	74	1%	1%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>69%</b>	<b>72%</b>



Grade 6: Writing*			
Number of Students	Board 10 736		Province 131 296
	#	%	%
Level 4	1 164	11%	9%
Level 3	6 506	61%	61%
Level 2	2 970	28%	30%
Level 1	75	1%	<1%
NE1**	21	<1%	<1%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>71%</b>	<b>70%</b>



Grade 6: Mathematics*			
Number of Students	Board 10 736		Province 130 902
	#	%	%
Level 4	1 449	13%	14%
Level 3	5 402	50%	51%
Level 2	3 081	29%	28%
Level 1	767	7%	7%
NE1**	37	<1%	<1%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †</b>		<b>64%</b>	<b>65%</b>



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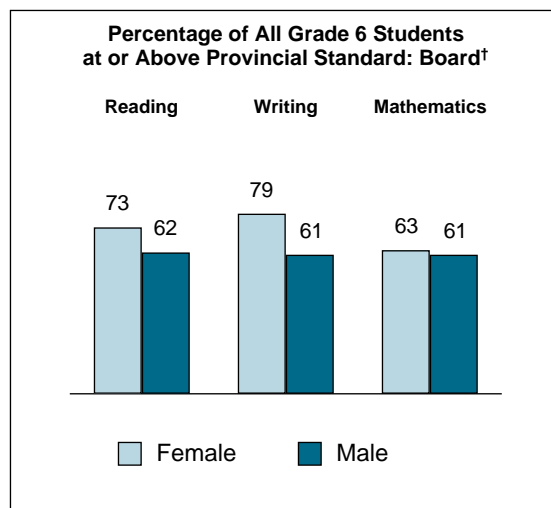
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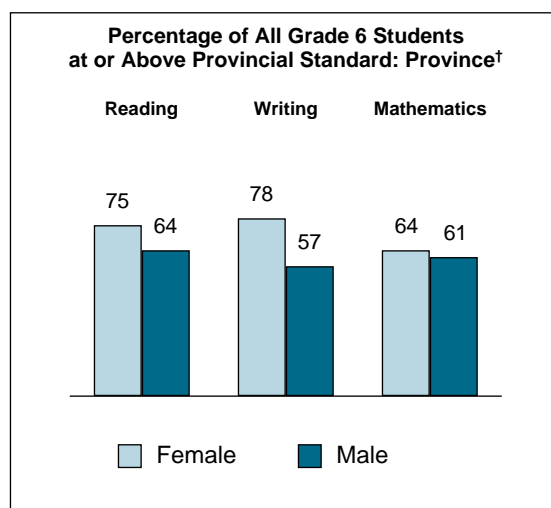
Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2008–2009

Grade 6: Gender††

Grade 6: Board*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 5 267	Male 5 739	Female 5 267	Male 5 739	Female 5 271	Male 5 741
Level 4	13%	7%	15%	6%	13%	14%
Level 3	60%	55%	64%	55%	51%	48%
Level 2	20%	27%	18%	35%	29%	27%
Level 1	4%	7%	<1%	1%	6%	8%
NE1**	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Participating Students	98%	97%	98%	97%	98%	97%
No Data	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%
Exempt	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	73%	62%	79%	61%	63%	61%



Grade 6: Province*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 66 270	Male 69 799	Female 66 275	Male 69 800	Female 66 275	Male 69 800
Level 4	14%	8%	13%	5%	13%	13%
Level 3	61%	57%	65%	52%	52%	47%
Level 2	19%	24%	20%	37%	27%	27%
Level 1	4%	6%	<1%	1%	5%	7%
NE1**	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Participating Students	97%	96%	97%	96%	97%	95%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	75%	64%	78%	57%	64%	61%



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†† Results include only students for whom gender data were available.

## Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, 2008–2009

**Contextual Information over Time: Grade 3\***

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's results over the past five years.

Grade 3	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009
<b>Enrolment</b>					
Number of students	10 168	10 457	10 592	10 719	10 563
<b>Participation in the Assessment</b>					
Reading <sup>†</sup>	96%	96%	97%	97%	97%
Writing <sup>†</sup>	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
Mathematics <sup>†</sup>	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
<b>Gender</b>					
Female	48%	48%	48%	48%	47%
Male	51%	52%	52%	52%	53%
<b>Student Status</b>					
English language learners**	29%	24%	30%	27%	31%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)**	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%
<b>Place of Birth</b>					
Born in Canada	74%	73%	79%	79%	79%
Born outside Canada	23%	22%	21%	21%	21%
In Canada less than one year	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%
In Canada three years or more	14%	13%	13%	14%	14%
<b>Language</b>					
First language learned at home was other than English	45%	9%	9%	51%	52%
<b>Year Student Entered Current Board</b>					
Year of the assessment		2%	2%	17%	7%
Year prior to the assessment	Data not collected <sup>††</sup>	1%	1%	15%	7%
2 years prior to the assessment		2%	2%	21%	11%
3 or more years prior to the assessment		10%	9%	46%	75%
Data not available		86%	87%	1%	1%

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† Some French Immersion students do not write all components of the assessment in Grade 3; the numbers shown reflect those students who were expected to write each component as determined by the French Immersion participation option selected by boards.

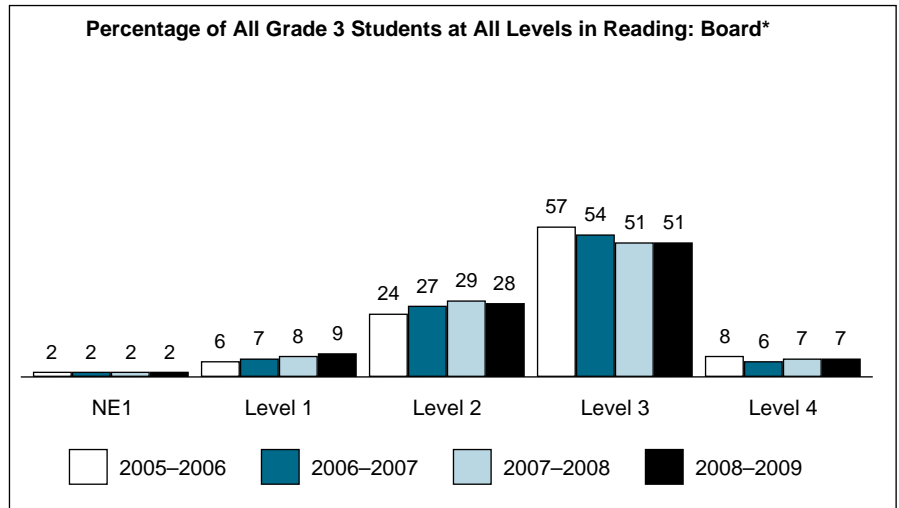
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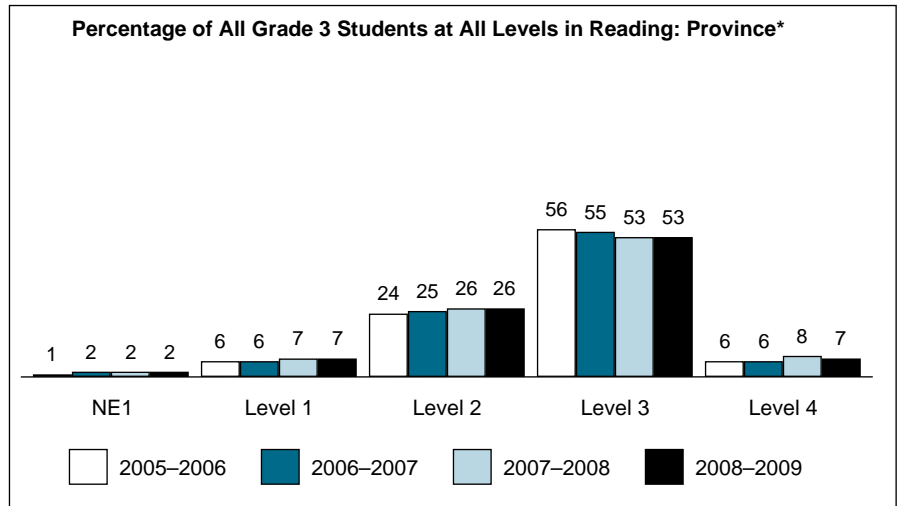
Results over Time, 2005–2006 to 2008–2009\*

**Grade 3: Reading**

Grade 3 Reading: Board*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	<b>10 457</b>	<b>10 592</b>	<b>10 719</b>	<b>10 563</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	8%	6%	7%	7%
<b>Level 3</b>	57%	54%	51%	51%
<b>Level 2</b>	24%	27%	29%	28%
<b>Level 1</b>	6%	7%	8%	9%
<b>NE1**</b>	2%	2%	2%	2%
<i>Participating Students</i>	96%	97%	97%	97%
<b>No Data</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Exempt</b>	3%	3%	2%	2%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	65%	60%	58%	58%



Grade 3 Reading: Province*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	<b>129 630</b>	<b>127 618</b>	<b>125 088</b>	<b>121 787</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	6%	6%	8%	7%
<b>Level 3</b>	56%	55%	53%	53%
<b>Level 2</b>	24%	25%	26%	26%
<b>Level 1</b>	6%	6%	7%	7%
<b>NE1**</b>	1%	2%	2%	2%
<i>Participating Students</i>	94%	95%	95%	95%
<b>No Data</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Exempt</b>	5%	4%	4%	4%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	62%	62%	61%	61%



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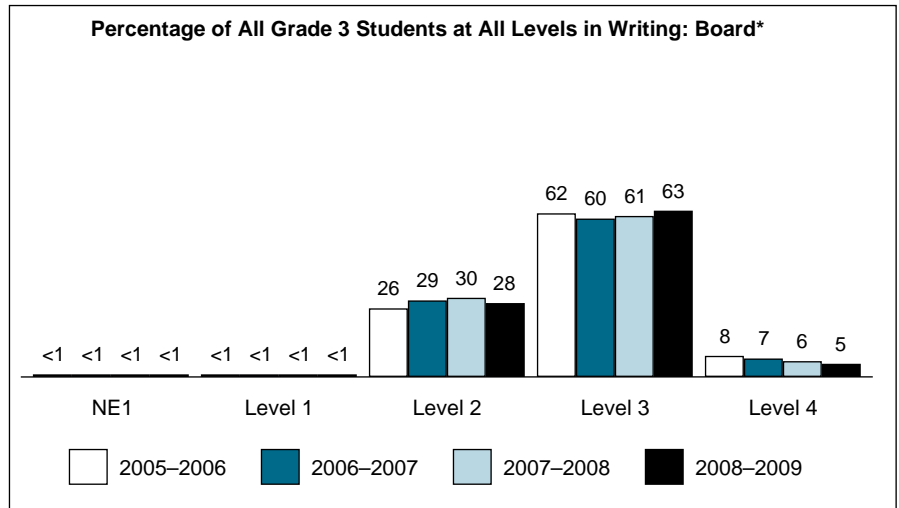
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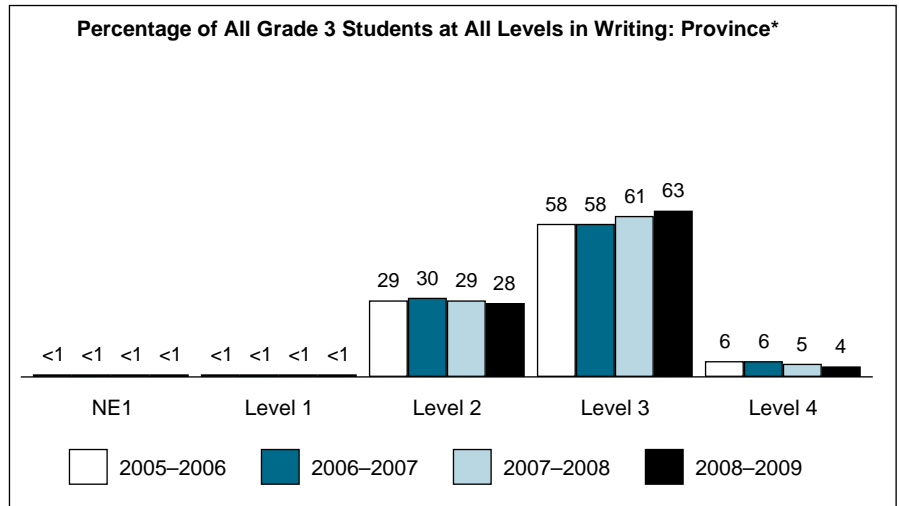
Results over Time, 2005–2006 to 2008–2009\*

**Grade 3: Writing**

Grade 3 Writing: Board*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	10 457	10 592	10 719	10 563
<b>Level 4</b>	8%	7%	6%	5%
<b>Level 3</b>	62%	60%	61%	63%
<b>Level 2</b>	26%	29%	30%	28%
<b>Level 1</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<b>NE1**</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	97%
<b>No Data</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Exempt</b>	3%	2%	2%	2%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	70%	67%	67%	69%



Grade 3 Writing: Province*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	129 630	127 618	125 088	121 788
<b>Level 4</b>	6%	6%	5%	4%
<b>Level 3</b>	58%	58%	61%	63%
<b>Level 2</b>	29%	30%	29%	28%
<b>Level 1</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<b>NE1**</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	94%	95%	96%	96%
<b>No Data</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Exempt</b>	5%	4%	3%	3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	64%	64%	66%	68%



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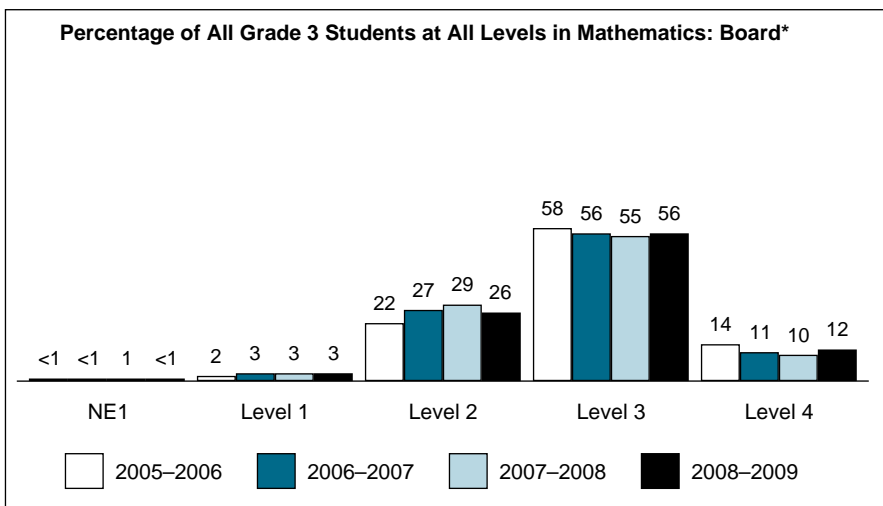
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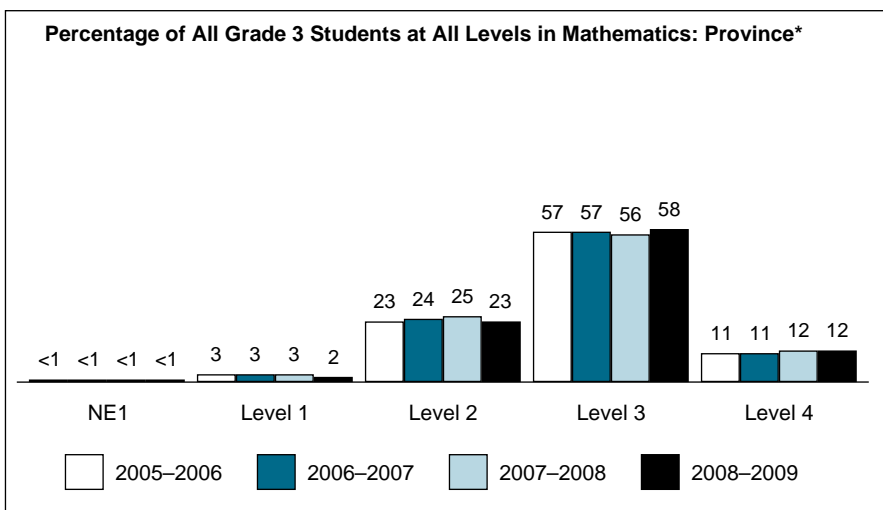
Results over Time, 2005–2006 to 2008–2009\*

**Grade 3: Mathematics**

Grade 3 Mathematics: Board*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	10 457	10 592	10 719	10 562
Level 4	14%	11%	10%	12%
Level 3	58%	56%	55%	56%
Level 2	22%	27%	29%	26%
Level 1	2%	3%	3%	3%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	97%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	3%	2%	2%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	72%	67%	65%	68%



Grade 3 Mathematics: Province*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	132 782	130 996	128 659	125 464
Level 4	11%	11%	12%	12%
Level 3	57%	57%	56%	58%
Level 2	23%	24%	25%	23%
Level 1	3%	3%	3%	2%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	95%	95%	96%	96%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	4%	3%	3%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	68%	69%	68%	70%



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## Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, 2008–2009

**Contextual Information over Time: Grade 6\***

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's results over the past five years.

Grade 6	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009
<b>Enrolment</b>					
Number of students	10 137	10 784	10 954	10 973	11 014
<b>Participation in the Assessment</b>					
Reading	98%	97%	97%	97%	98%
Writing	98%	97%	97%	97%	98%
Mathematics	98%	97%	97%	98%	97%
<b>Gender</b>					
Female	47%	48%	49%	48%	48%
Male	52%	52%	51%	52%	52%
<b>Student Status</b>					
English language learners**	12%	12%	15%	12%	14%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)**	10%	10%	11%	11%	10%
<b>Place of Birth</b>					
Born in Canada	71%	47%	77%	76%	75%
Born outside Canada	26%	24%	23%	24%	25%
In Canada less than one year	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
In Canada three years or more	18%	17%	16%	17%	19%
<b>Language</b>					
First language learned at home was other than English	38%	7%	6%	47%	48%
<b>Year Student Entered Current Board</b>					
Year of the assessment		1%	2%	76%	6%
Year prior to the assessment	Data not collected††	1%	1%	3%	6%
2 years prior to the assessment		1%	<1%	4%	6%
3 or more years prior to the assessment		6%	4%	17%	81%
Data not available		91%	94%	<1%	<1%

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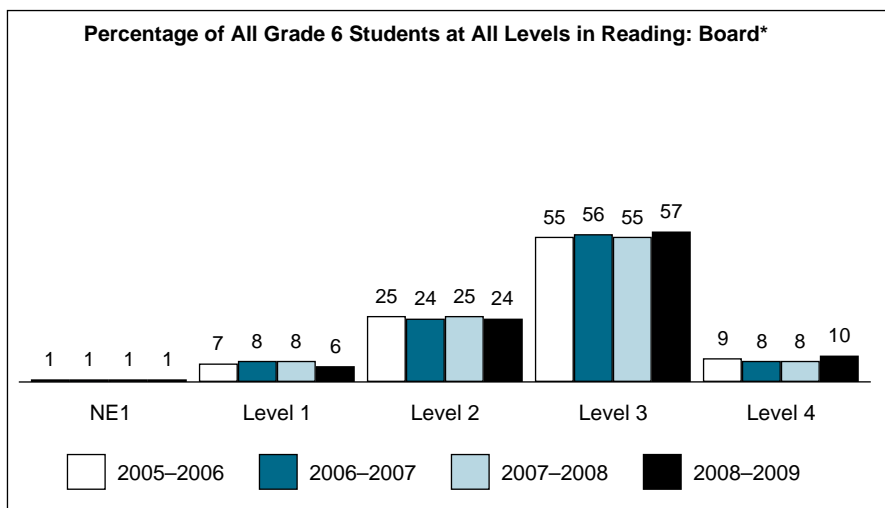
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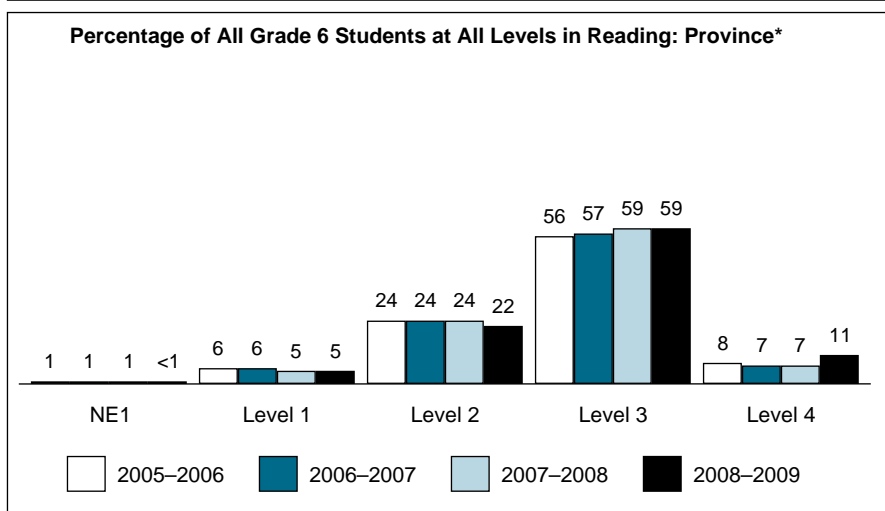
Results over Time, 2005–2006 to 2008–2009\*

Grade 6: Reading

Grade 6 Reading: Board*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	10 784	10 954	10 973	11 006
Level 4	9%	8%	8%	10%
Level 3	55%	56%	55%	57%
Level 2	25%	24%	25%	24%
Level 1	7%	8%	8%	6%
NE1**	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	98%
No Data	1%	1%	<1%	1%
Exempt	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	64%	64%	63%	67%



Grade 6 Reading: Province*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	146 711	145 901	140 420	136 069
Level 4	8%	7%	7%	11%
Level 3	56%	57%	59%	59%
Level 2	24%	24%	24%	22%
Level 1	6%	6%	5%	5%
NE1**	1%	1%	1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	95%	95%	96%	96%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	4%	3%	3%	3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	64%	64%	66%	69%



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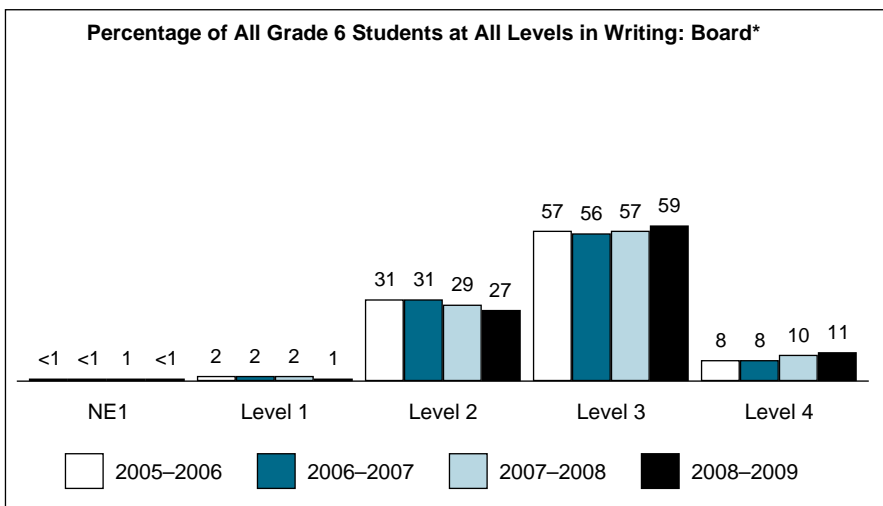
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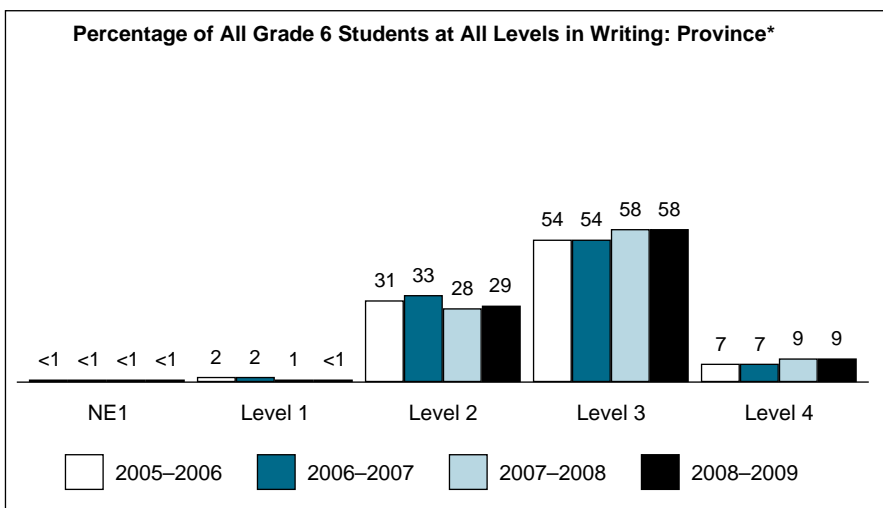
Results over Time, 2005–2006 to 2008–2009\*

Grade 6: Writing

Grade 6 Writing: Board*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	<b>10 784</b>	<b>10 954</b>	<b>10 973</b>	<b>11 006</b>
Level 4	8%	8%	10%	11%
Level 3	57%	56%	57%	59%
Level 2	31%	31%	29%	27%
Level 1	2%	2%	2%	1%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	98%
No Data	1%	1%	<1%	1%
Exempt	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>70%</b>



Grade 6 Writing: Province*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	<b>146 711</b>	<b>145 901</b>	<b>140 420</b>	<b>136 075</b>
Level 4	7%	7%	9%	9%
Level 3	54%	54%	58%	58%
Level 2	31%	33%	28%	29%
Level 1	2%	2%	1%	<1%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	95%	95%	96%	96%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	4%	3%	3%	3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>67%</b>



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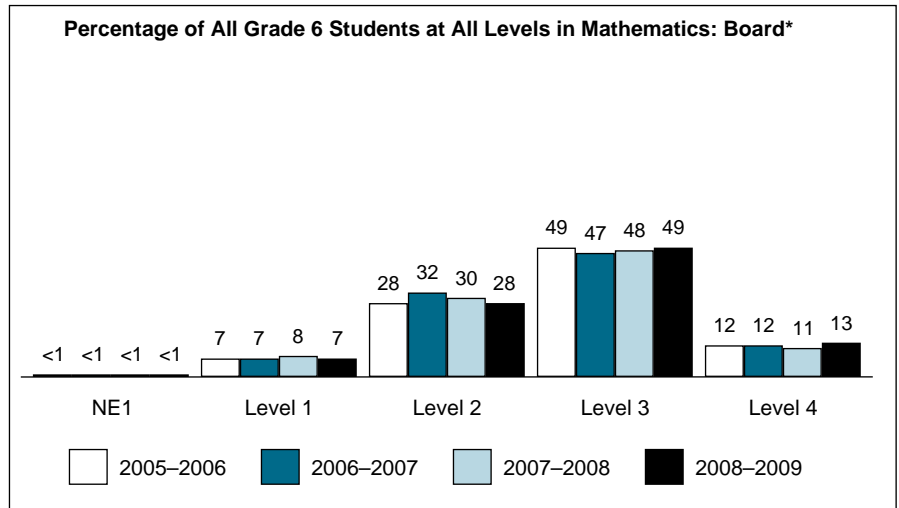
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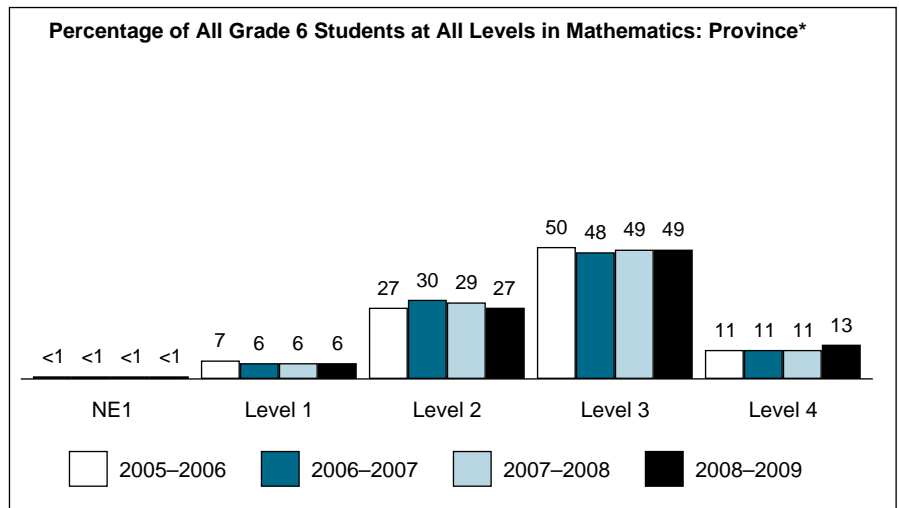
Results over Time, 2005–2006 to 2008–2009\*

**Grade 6: Mathematics**

Grade 6 Mathematics: Board*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	<b>10 784</b>	<b>10 954</b>	<b>10 973</b>	<b>11 012</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	12%	12%	11%	13%
<b>Level 3</b>	49%	47%	48%	49%
<b>Level 2</b>	28%	32%	30%	28%
<b>Level 1</b>	7%	7%	8%	7%
<b>NE1**</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	98%	97%
<b>No Data</b>	1%	1%	<1%	1%
<b>Exempt</b>	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	62%	58%	59%	62%



Grade 6 Mathematics: Province*				
Year	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
<i>Number of Students</i>	<b>146 711</b>	<b>145 901</b>	<b>140 358</b>	<b>136 075</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	11%	11%	11%	13%
<b>Level 3</b>	50%	48%	49%	49%
<b>Level 2</b>	27%	30%	29%	27%
<b>Level 1</b>	7%	6%	6%	6%
<b>NE1**</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	95%	95%	96%	96%
<b>No Data</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Exempt</b>	4%	4%	3%	3%
<b>At or Above Provincial Standard†</b>	61%	59%	61%	63%



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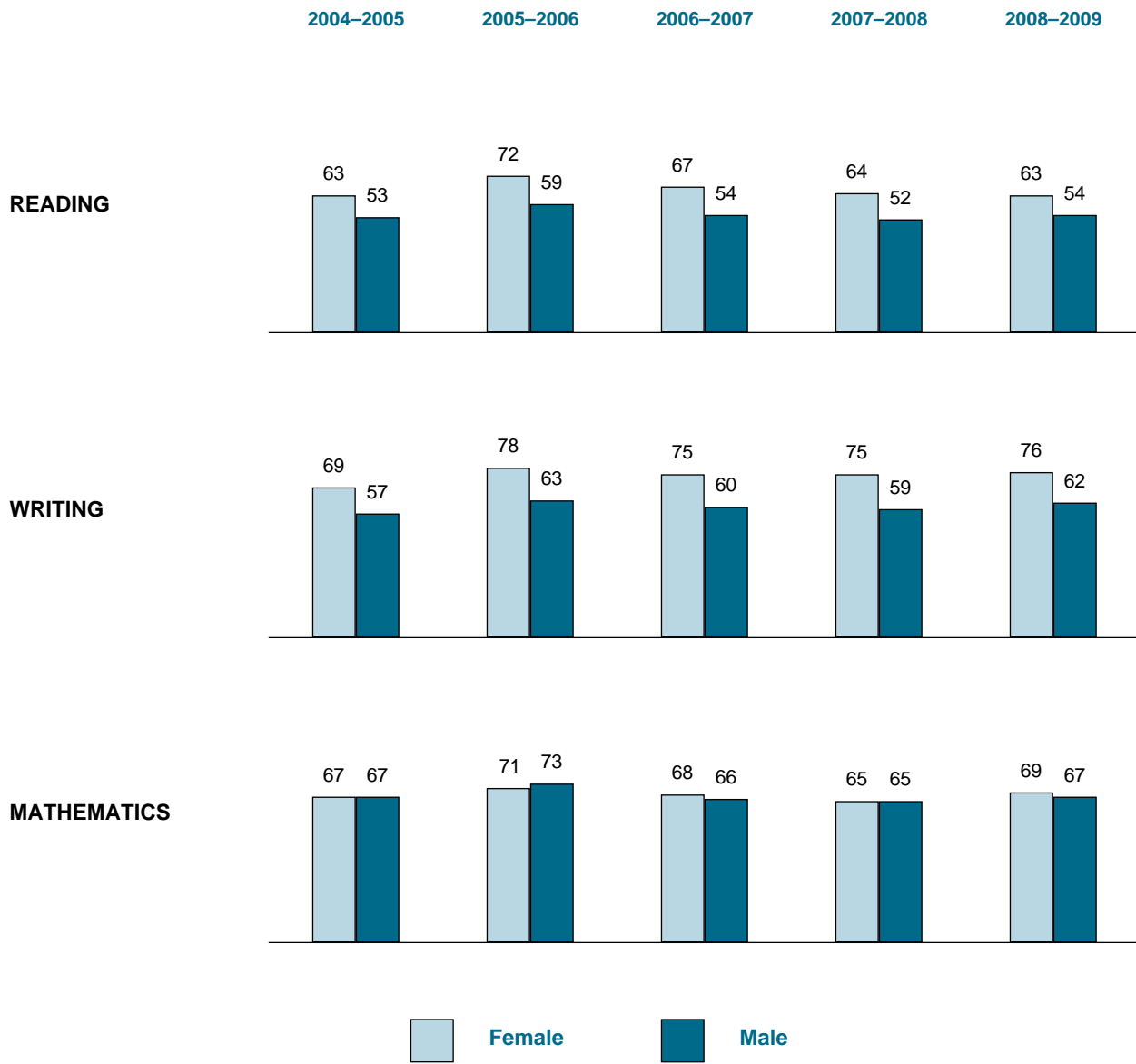
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**RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†**

**Percentage of Students At or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4): Grade 3**

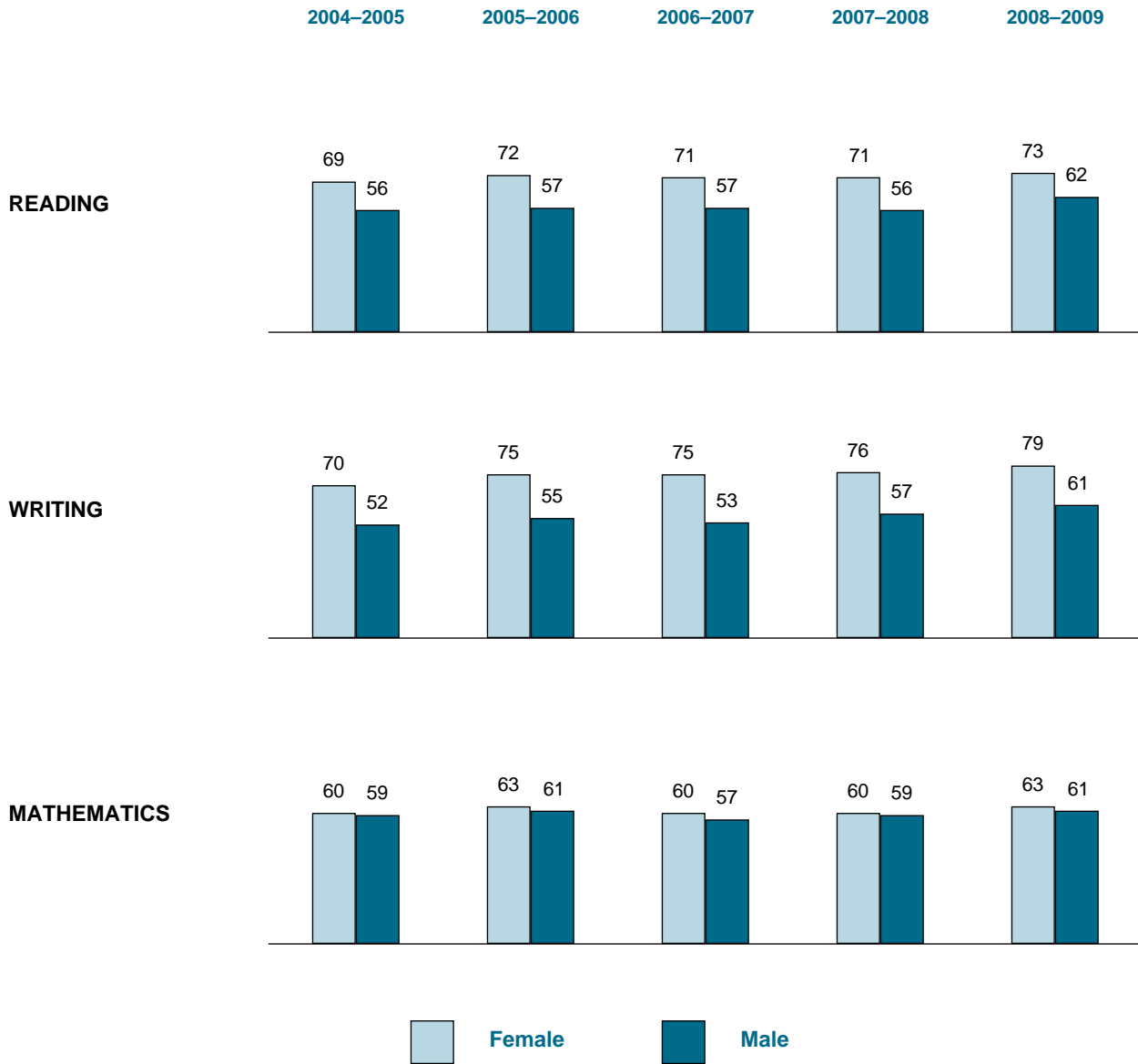


<b>Total Number of Grade 3 Students†</b>										
	<u>2004-2005</u>		<u>2005-2006</u>		<u>2006-2007</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>		<u>2008-2009</u>	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	4 887	5 150	5 002	5 454	5 134	5 458	5 174	5 545	4 972	5 591

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

**RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†**

**Percentage of Students At or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4): Grade 6**



**Total Number of Grade 6 Students†**

	<u>2004-2005</u>		<u>2005-2006</u>		<u>2006-2007</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>		<u>2008-2009</u>	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	4 741	5 254	5 164	5 619	5 338	5 616	5 307	5 666	5 271	5 743

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD: GRADE 3 (# = 10 221)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students Who Answered "Yes"
I am a good reader.		6 619
I like to read.		6 618
I read by myself at home.		6 612
I read with someone older than me at home.		1 397
I use a computer for reading activities at school.		2 814
I am a good writer.		4 686
I like to write.		5 389
I write by myself at home.		6 369
Someone older than me helps me with my writing at home.		1 670
I use a computer for writing activities at school.		2 963
I am good at mathematics.		5 567
I like mathematics.		6 780
I use mathematics to solve problems outside school.		3 494
Someone older than me helps me with my mathematics at home.		2 541
I use a computer to learn mathematics at school.		2 917
I use a calculator to learn mathematics at school.		1 128
At home, there is a computer for me to use for school work.		5 346

\* Percentages may not add to 100, due to a lack of or ambiguous responses. Where there is no number in a box, the percentage of responses is smaller than 4.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD: GRADE 3 (# = 10 221)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students
<b>Language(s) students speak at home:</b>		
only or mostly English	57	5 825
another language (or other languages) as often as English	25	2 583
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	17	1 765
<b>Language(s) that people speak to students at home:</b>		
only or mostly English	48	4 929
another language (or other languages) as often as English	23	2 331
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	28	2 903

\* Percentages may not add to 100, due to a lack of or ambiguous responses.

## Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, 2008–2009

GRADE 3: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 10 221)	Female* (# = 4 838)	Male* (# = 5 383)	All Students (# = 119 830)	Female* (# = 58 867)	Male* (# = 60 963)
<b>Percentage of Students Who Answered “Yes” to the Statements Below</b>						
<b>Reading</b>						
I am a good reader.	<b>65%</b>	66%	64%	<b>67%</b>	69%	65%
I like to read.	<b>65%</b>	73%	58%	<b>61%</b>	69%	53%
I read by myself at home.	<b>65%</b>	65%	65%	<b>59%</b>	61%	57%
I read with someone older than me at home.	<b>14%</b>	13%	14%	<b>15%</b>	14%	16%
I use a computer for reading activities at school.	<b>28%</b>	28%	27%	<b>22%</b>	22%	23%
<b>Writing</b>						
I am a good writer.	<b>46%</b>	52%	41%	<b>48%</b>	55%	42%
I like to write.	<b>53%</b>	60%	46%	<b>51%</b>	60%	43%
I write by myself at home.	<b>62%</b>	65%	60%	<b>54%</b>	59%	50%
Someone older than me helps me with my writing at home.	<b>16%</b>	15%	17%	<b>16%</b>	14%	18%
I use a computer for writing activities at school.	<b>29%</b>	29%	29%	<b>26%</b>	25%	26%
<b>Mathematics</b>						
I am good at mathematics.	<b>54%</b>	45%	63%	<b>53%</b>	46%	60%
I like mathematics.	<b>66%</b>	62%	71%	<b>59%</b>	57%	61%
I use mathematics to solve problems outside school.	<b>34%</b>	34%	34%	<b>31%</b>	31%	32%
Someone older than me helps me with my mathematics at home.	<b>25%</b>	28%	22%	<b>26%</b>	28%	24%
I use a computer to learn mathematics at school.	<b>29%</b>	28%	29%	<b>25%</b>	25%	25%
I use a calculator to learn mathematics at school.	<b>11%</b>	11%	11%	<b>13%</b>	11%	14%
<b>Computer at home</b>						
There is a computer for me to use for school work.	<b>52%</b>	53%	51%	<b>48%</b>	50%	46%

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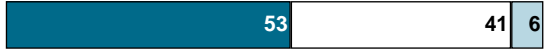



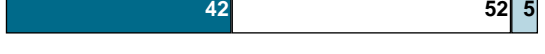



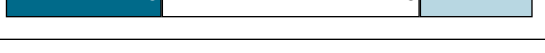


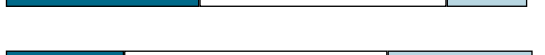

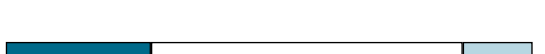

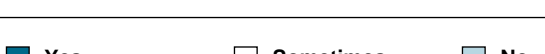

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GRADE 3: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 10 221)	Female* (# = 4 838)	Male* (# = 5 383)	All Students (# = 119 830)	Female* (# = 58 867)	Male* (# = 60 963)
<b>Language(s) students speak at home:**</b>						
only or mostly English	<b>57%</b>	56%	58%	<b>79%</b>	78%	80%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	<b>25%</b>	27%	24%	<b>12%</b>	13%	11%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	<b>17%</b>	17%	17%	<b>8%</b>	8%	8%
<b>Language(s) that people speak to students at home:**</b>						
only or mostly English	<b>48%</b>	48%	49%	<b>74%</b>	74%	75%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	<b>23%</b>	23%	22%	<b>12%</b>	12%	11%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	<b>28%</b>	28%	29%	<b>14%</b>	14%	13%

\* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD: GRADE 6 (# = 10 576)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students Who Answered "Yes"
	0 100	
I am a good reader.		6 721
I like to read.		5 588
I read by myself at home.		8 024
I read with someone older than me at home.		374
I use a computer for reading activities at school.		1 479
I am a good writer.		4 396
I like to write.		4 579
I write by myself at home.		6 616
Someone older than me helps me with my writing at home.		904
I use a computer for writing activities at school.		3 042
I am good at mathematics.		5 301
I like mathematics.		5 423
I use mathematics to solve problems outside school.		3 856
Someone older than me helps me with my mathematics at home.		2 374
I use a computer to learn mathematics at school.		1 608
I use a calculator to learn mathematics at school.		2 868
At home, there is a computer for me to use for school work.		8 876
		

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD: GRADE 6 (# = 10 576)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students
<b>Language(s) students speak at home:</b>		
only or mostly English	65	6 912
another language (or other languages) as often as English	23	2 484
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	11	1 156
<b>Language(s) that people speak to students at home:</b>		
only or mostly English	54	5 758
another language (or other languages) as often as English	24	2 517
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	21	2 271

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GRADE 6: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 10 576)	Female* (# = 5 093)	Male* (# = 5 483)	All Students (# = 130 290)	Female* (# = 64 074)	Male* (# = 66 216)
<b>Percentage of Students Who Answered “Yes” to the Statements Below</b>						
<b>Reading</b>						
I am a good reader.	64%	68%	60%	65%	69%	61%
I like to read.	53%	64%	43%	53%	64%	42%
I read by myself at home.	76%	82%	70%	70%	78%	62%
I read with someone older than me at home.	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%
I use a computer for reading activities at school.	14%	13%	15%	13%	13%	14%
<b>Writing</b>						
I am a good writer.	42%	48%	36%	42%	48%	36%
I like to write.	43%	53%	35%	42%	52%	32%
I write by myself at home.	63%	68%	57%	50%	57%	43%
Someone older than me helps me with my writing at home.	9%	7%	10%	9%	7%	10%
I use a computer for writing activities at school.	29%	28%	30%	30%	29%	31%
<b>Mathematics</b>						
I am good at mathematics.	50%	41%	58%	49%	40%	57%
I like mathematics.	51%	43%	59%	45%	38%	51%
I use mathematics to solve problems outside school.	36%	32%	41%	35%	31%	38%
Someone older than me helps me with my mathematics at home.	22%	25%	20%	22%	25%	19%
I use a computer to learn mathematics at school.	15%	15%	15%	13%	13%	13%
I use a calculator to learn mathematics at school.	27%	28%	26%	25%	26%	24%
<b>Computer at home</b>						
There is a computer for me to use for school work.	84%	87%	82%	79%	82%	77%

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GRADE 6: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 10 576)	Female* (# = 5 093)	Male* (# = 5 483)	All Students (# = 130 290)	Female* (# = 64 074)	Male* (# = 66 216)
<b>Language(s) students speak at home:**</b>						
only or mostly English	<b>65%</b>	66%	65%	<b>81%</b>	81%	82%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	<b>23%</b>	24%	23%	<b>12%</b>	13%	11%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	<b>11%</b>	10%	12%	<b>6%</b>	6%	7%
<b>Language(s) that people speak to students at home:**</b>						
only or mostly English	<b>54%</b>	55%	54%	<b>76%</b>	75%	76%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	<b>24%</b>	25%	23%	<b>12%</b>	13%	12%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	<b>21%</b>	20%	23%	<b>12%</b>	12%	12%

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## EXPLANATION OF TERMS

<b>All Students</b>	Results are reported for all students in the grade.
<b>Participating Students</b>	Results are reported only for those students who took part in the assessment (excludes "no data" and "exempt" categories).
<b>Provincial Standard</b>	The Ministry of Education has set Level 3 as the provincial standard.
<b>Level 4</b>	The student has demonstrated the required knowledge and skills. Achievement surpasses the provincial standard.
<b>Level 3</b>	The student has demonstrated most of the required knowledge and skills. Achievement is at the provincial standard.
<b>Level 2</b>	The student has demonstrated some of the required knowledge and skills. Achievement approaches the provincial standard.
<b>Level 1</b>	The student has demonstrated some of the required knowledge and skills in limited ways. Achievement falls much below the provincial standard.
<b>NE1</b>	"Not enough evidence for Level 1" is used when students did not demonstrate enough evidence of knowledge and understanding to be assigned Level 1.
<b>No Data</b>	Students who did not complete any part of the assessment due to absence or for medical or other reasons.
<b>Exempt</b>	Students who were formally exempted from participation in one or more components of the assessment.
<b>English Language Learners</b>	Students who have been identified by the school in accordance with <i>English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12 (2007)</i> . Prior to 2007, English language learners were called English as a second language (ESL)/English literacy development (ELD) learners.
<b>English Language Learners Receiving a Special Provision</b>	English language learners identified by the school as receiving a special provision. Detailed information about special provisions is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions and Exemptions</i> .
<b>Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)</b>	Students who have been formally identified by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee, as well as students who have an Individual Education Plan. Students identified as gifted are not included.
<b>Students Receiving One or More Accommodations</b>	Students identified by the school as receiving accommodations. Students identified as gifted are not included. Detailed information about accommodations is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions and Exemptions</i> .
<b>N/R</b>	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 15 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire is so small (fewer than six in a group) that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore, results are not reported.
<b>N/D</b>	"No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the grade or subject for the group or year specified.
<b>W</b>	Results for some or all students are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact personnel at the board.