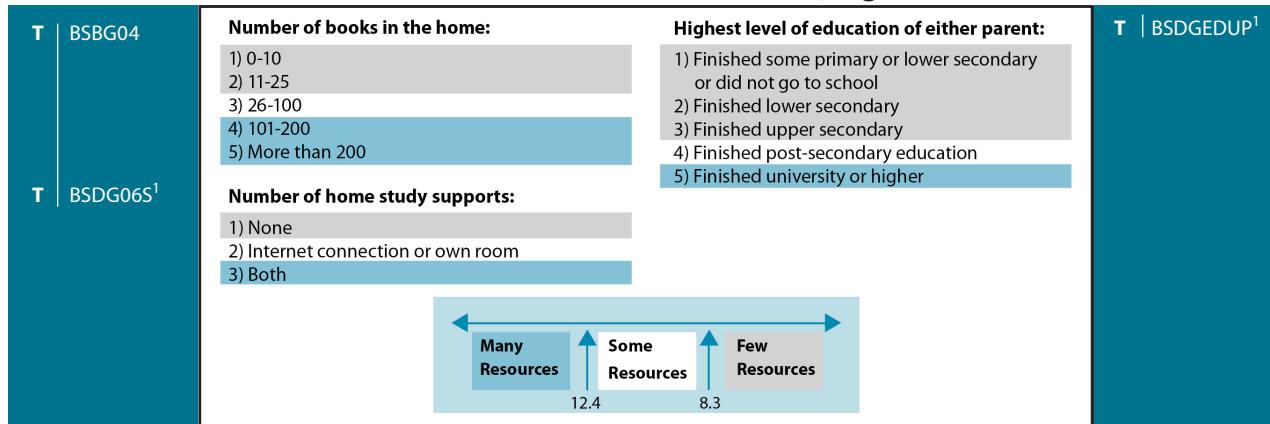


Home Educational Resources Scale, Eighth Grade

The Home Educational Resources (HER) scale was created based on students' responses concerning the availability of three resources described below.

Items in the TIMSS 2015 Home Educational Resources Scale, Eighth Grade



T Trend item—item was included in the same scale in TIMSS 2011 and was used for linking the TIMSS 2011 and TIMSS 2015 scales.

¹ Derived variable. For more details, see Supplement 3 of the User Guide for the [TIMSS 2015 International Database](#).

Item Parameters for the TIMSS 2015 Home Educational Resources Scale, Eighth Grade

| Item | delta | tau_1 | tau_2 | tau_3 | tau_4 | Infit |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|-------|
| BSBG04 | 0.83301 | -1.03371 | -0.22069 | 0.78431 | 0.47009 | 1.00 |
| BSDG06S | -0.73962 | -0.64211 | 0.64211 | | | 0.97 |
| BSDGEDUP | -0.09339 | -0.73961 | -0.50760 | 0.77465 | 0.47256 | 0.97 |

Scale Transformation Constants for the TIMSS 2015 Home Educational Resources Scale, Eighth Grade

| Scale Transformation Constants |
|--------------------------------|
| A = 9.211881 |
| B = 1.80992 |

Transformed Scale Score = 9.211881 + 1.80992 • Logit Scale Score

**Equivalence Table of Raw and Transformed Scale Scores for the TIMSS
2015 Home Educational Resources Scale, Eighth Grade**

| Raw Score | Transformed Scale Score | Cutpoint |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 0 | 4.23163 | |
| 1 | 6.35011 | |
| 2 | 7.44587 | |
| 3 | 8.27061 | 8.3 |
| 4 | 8.97690 | |
| 5 | 9.62284 | |
| 6 | 10.26361 | |
| 7 | 10.91820 | |
| 8 | 11.62210 | |
| 9 | 12.45383 | 12.4 |
| 10 | 13.88377 | |

SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study – TIMSS 2015

Cronbach's Alpha Reliability Coefficient and Principal Components Analysis of the Items in the TIMSS 2015 Home Educational Resources Scale, Eighth Grade

| Country | Cronbach's Alpha Reliability Coefficient | Percent of Variance Explained | Factor Loadings for Each Item | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | BSBG04 | BSDG06S | BSGE01P |
| Australia | 0.40 | 46 | 0.77 | 0.42 | 0.78 |
| Bahrain | 0.40 | 46 | 0.70 | 0.52 | 0.79 |
| Botswana (9) | 0.47 | 50 | 0.63 | 0.71 | 0.77 |
| Canada | 0.35 | 44 | 0.77 | 0.38 | 0.77 |
| Chile | 0.44 | 48 | 0.69 | 0.57 | 0.79 |
| Chinese Taipei | 0.46 | 48 | 0.81 | 0.34 | 0.82 |
| Egypt | 0.39 | 46 | 0.57 | 0.70 | 0.75 |
| England | 0.44 | 47 | 0.80 | 0.37 | 0.80 |
| Georgia | 0.54 | 53 | 0.79 | 0.58 | 0.79 |
| Hong Kong SAR | 0.50 | 51 | 0.75 | 0.56 | 0.80 |
| Hungary | 0.56 | 54 | 0.87 | 0.33 | 0.87 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 0.63 | 59 | 0.75 | 0.71 | 0.83 |
| Ireland | 0.42 | 47 | 0.80 | 0.30 | 0.82 |
| Israel | 0.51 | 68 | 0.82 | - | 0.82 |
| Italy | 0.46 | 48 | 0.80 | 0.37 | 0.82 |
| Japan | 0.34 | 44 | 0.73 | 0.45 | 0.76 |
| Jordan | 0.46 | 49 | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.77 |
| Kazakhstan | 0.50 | 51 | 0.76 | 0.68 | 0.70 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 0.41 | 47 | 0.74 | 0.54 | 0.75 |
| Kuwait | 0.27 | 40 | 0.71 | 0.36 | 0.76 |
| Lebanon | 0.37 | 44 | 0.71 | 0.48 | 0.77 |
| Lithuania | 0.45 | 49 | 0.78 | 0.48 | 0.78 |
| Malaysia | 0.52 | 51 | 0.71 | 0.66 | 0.78 |
| Malta | 0.37 | 45 | 0.80 | 0.16 | 0.82 |
| Morocco | 0.55 | 54 | 0.73 | 0.69 | 0.77 |
| New Zealand | 0.43 | 48 | 0.77 | 0.57 | 0.73 |
| Norway (9) | 0.38 | 47 | 0.77 | 0.44 | 0.78 |
| Oman | 0.44 | 48 | 0.63 | 0.65 | 0.78 |
| Qatar | 0.34 | 43 | 0.71 | 0.43 | 0.78 |
| Russian Federation | 0.39 | 45 | 0.78 | 0.36 | 0.78 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0.38 | 45 | 0.68 | 0.50 | 0.79 |
| Singapore | 0.44 | 48 | 0.73 | 0.53 | 0.79 |
| Slovenia | 0.43 | 47 | 0.80 | 0.31 | 0.82 |
| South Africa (9) | 0.45 | 48 | 0.61 | 0.71 | 0.75 |
| Sweden | 0.39 | 46 | 0.79 | 0.46 | 0.75 |
| Thailand | 0.49 | 50 | 0.73 | 0.60 | 0.78 |
| Turkey | 0.62 | 58 | 0.78 | 0.70 | 0.80 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.35 | 44 | 0.72 | 0.51 | 0.73 |
| United States | 0.47 | 49 | 0.73 | 0.55 | 0.80 |
| Benchmarking Participants | | | | | |
| Buenos Aires, Argentina | 0.58 | 54 | 0.78 | 0.58 | 0.83 |
| Ontario, Canada | 0.36 | 45 | 0.76 | 0.44 | 0.76 |
| Quebec, Canada | 0.38 | 45 | 0.80 | 0.27 | 0.80 |
| Norway (8) | 0.37 | 46 | 0.76 | 0.41 | 0.78 |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 0.34 | 43 | 0.72 | 0.48 | 0.74 |
| Dubai, UAE | 0.38 | 45 | 0.73 | 0.57 | 0.71 |
| Florida, US | 0.43 | 48 | 0.72 | 0.56 | 0.78 |

A dash (-) indicates comparable data not available.

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**Relationship Between the TIMSS 2015 Home Educational Resources Scale, Eighth Grade, and
TIMSS 2015 Achievement**

| Country | Pearson's Correlation with Achievement | | | | Variance in Achievement Accounted for by Difference Between Regions of the Scale (η^2) | |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|-------------------|---------|--|---------|
| | (r) | | (r ²) | | | |
| | Mathematics | Science | Mathematics | Science | Mathematics | Science |
| Australia | 0.38 | 0.45 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.09 | 0.13 |
| Bahrain | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Botswana (9) | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Canada | 0.33 | 0.40 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.07 | 0.10 |
| Chile | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Chinese Taipei | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.14 | 0.15 |
| Egypt | 0.21 | 0.20 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| England | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.17 | 0.19 |
| Georgia | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 0.09 |
| Hong Kong SAR | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Hungary | 0.60 | 0.57 | 0.37 | 0.32 | 0.27 | 0.24 |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.14 |
| Ireland | 0.45 | 0.48 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.13 | 0.15 |
| Israel | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| Italy | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.13 |
| Japan | 0.39 | 0.35 | 0.15 | 0.13 | 0.10 | 0.08 |
| Jordan | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.07 |
| Kazakhstan | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.09 |
| Kuwait | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Lebanon | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Lithuania | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.10 | 0.11 |
| Malaysia | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Malta | 0.39 | 0.41 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.12 |
| Morocco | 0.20 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| New Zealand | 0.47 | 0.50 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.13 | 0.15 |
| Norway (9) | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.12 |
| Oman | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Qatar | 0.40 | 0.37 | 0.16 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.08 |
| Russian Federation | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Singapore | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.09 | 0.11 |
| Slovenia | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 0.08 |
| South Africa (9) | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Sweden | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.11 | 0.15 |
| Thailand | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.08 |
| Turkey | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.21 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.15 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.35 | 0.34 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| United States | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.12 |
| International Median | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Benchmarking Participants | | | | | | |
| Buenos Aires, Argentina | 0.44 | 0.41 | 0.19 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.11 |
| Ontario, Canada | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.09 | 0.11 |
| Quebec, Canada | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.07 | 0.10 |
| Norway (8) | 0.37 | 0.39 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.08 | 0.09 |
| Abu Dhabi, UAE | 0.35 | 0.34 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.07 |
| Dubai, UAE | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Florida, US | 0.39 | 0.41 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.11 |

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