

Fact Sheet 1

The South African National Study in maths and science showed that there is a difference in performance among provinces, with the Western Cape, Northern Cape and Gauteng being the three highest performers.

The three lowest performers were KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape and Limpopo.

The top provinces had almost twice the scores of the lowest performing province. The Northern Cape showed the highest improvement in scores in comparison with TIMSS 99. Other provinces that showed slight improvements were Mpumalanga and Limpopo.

MATHS AND SCIENCE SCALED SCORES BY PROVINCE

PROVINCE	MATHS SCORE	SCIENCE SCORE
International Average	467	474
Western Cape	389	386
Northern Cape	333	334
Gauteng	304	309
Free State	265	245
National Average	264	244
Mpumalanga	261	239
North West Province	251	231
KwaZulu Natal	246	227
Eastern Cape	223	190
Limpopo	217	191