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Request

I would like to request information on average PISA mathematics and science scores by GCSE mathematics and science grades, on the 9-1 scale for Northern Ireland. For each grade (9-1) for Maths, what was the average PISA Maths score?

DE Response

You requested:

1. information on average PISA mathematics and science scores by GCSE mathematics and science grades, on the 9-1 scale for Northern Ireland. For each grade (9-1) for Maths, what was the average PISA Maths score.

The analysis you requested is contained in Annex 1.

Please note the vast majority of Northern Ireland pupils take GCSEs with The Council for the Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment (CCEA) and will receive A* to G grades¹. All PISA pupils GCSE grades were graded A*-G. This link gives more details regarding GCSE grades: Leaflet: Your Guide to GCSE Grading Changes in Northern Ireland.pdf (ccea.org.uk)

¹ Pupils whose work is below the grade G standard are denoted as 'Unclassified' (U).