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**GRADE 8 MATHEMATICS**  
*Average TIMSS scores for selected countries*

**GRADE 8 SCIENCE**  
*Average TIMSS scores for selected countries*

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