

# PSAT/NMSQT®

## 2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

### NEW MEXICO

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test  
cosponsored by

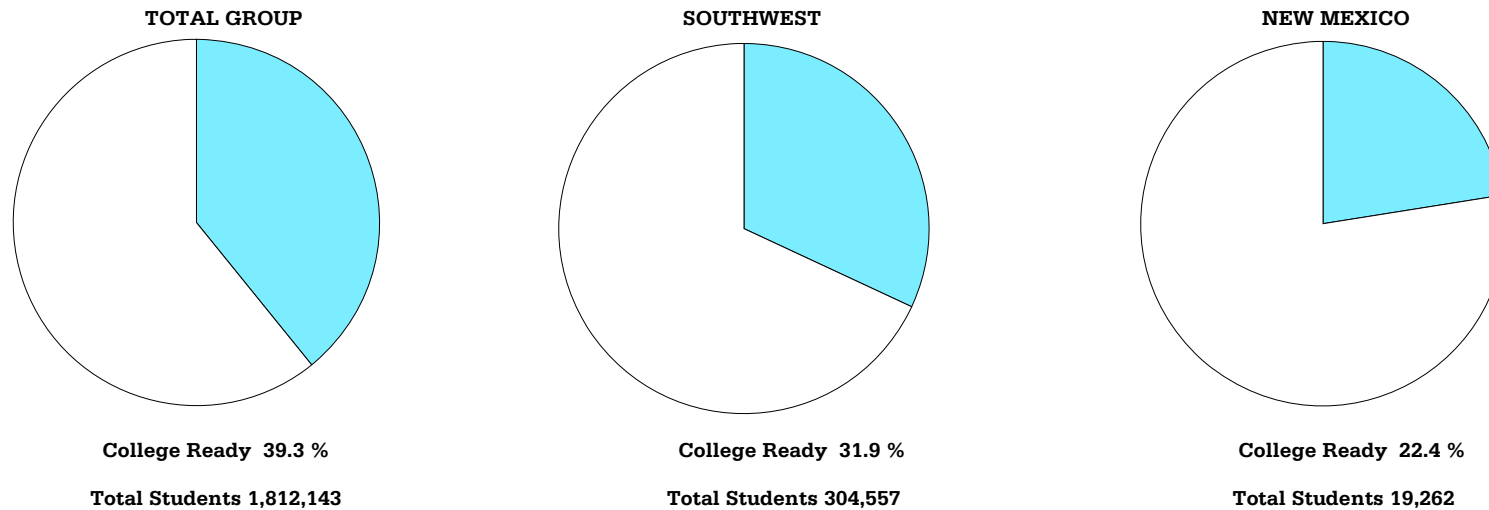


This material produced solely by College Board for its organizational purposes. NMSC was not involved in its production.

**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage of students in the nation, your region, and your state who have met the PSAT/NMSQT composite score benchmark (142 for juniors and 133 for sophomores).

Use this information in combination with the optional Student Data File CD to identify students who may need extra support or who may be ready for more rigorous course work. In addition, PSAT/NMSQT Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS) reports can help you target skills to improve with aggregate skills feedback.



---

See last page of this report for the list of states included in your region.

**TABLE 1: NUMBER OF SOPHOMORES TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT®**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	149,852	49.4	9,550	49.8
Female	922,187	51.1	153,315	50.6	9,637	50.2
No Response	9,146		1,390		75	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>304,557</b>		<b>19,262</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	5,237	1.8	1,698	9.5
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	15,445	5.3	397	2.2
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	35,988	12.4	454	2.5
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	122,783	42.3	9,654	54.0
White	812,556	48.0	103,358	35.6	5,153	28.8
Other	66,728	3.9	7,448	2.6	538	3.0
No Response	119,013		14,298		1,368	

**TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	257,506	84.6	16,268	84.5
No	311,711	17.2	47,051	15.4	2,994	15.5

**TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	9,882	3.6	460	2.6
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	47,168	17.0	2,575	14.7
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	51,247	18.5	2,548	14.5
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	53,358	19.3	2,488	14.2
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	48,958	17.7	3,151	18.0
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	30,850	11.1	1,928	11.0
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	19,172	6.9	1,898	10.8
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	9,796	3.5	1,395	8.0
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	4,114	1.5	541	3.1
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	1,024	0.4	235	1.3
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	676	0.2	221	1.3
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	442	0.2	83	0.5
No Response	188,880		27,870		1,739	

**TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	659	0.2	21	0.1
2016	36,486	2.1	9,643	3.3	309	1.7
2017	1,628,214	94.0	270,707	92.1	16,575	91.4
After 2017	48,794	2.8	9,828	3.3	984	5.4
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	3,154	1.1	244	1.3
No Response	79,900		10,566		1,129	

**TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	379	0.1	15	0.1
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,606	0.5	69	0.4
65-69	22,611	1.2	2,622	0.9	106	0.6
60-64	75,582	4.2	9,656	3.2	411	2.1
55-59	104,347	5.8	13,069	4.3	543	2.8
50-54	222,376	12.3	30,113	9.9	1,488	7.7
45-49	245,015	13.5	35,895	11.8	1,846	9.6
40-44	347,511	19.2	59,268	19.5	3,469	18.0
35-39	321,251	17.7	60,690	19.9	4,109	21.3
30-34	236,884	13.1	47,618	15.6	3,504	18.2
25-29	143,005	7.9	28,723	9.4	2,433	12.6
20-24	76,227	4.2	14,918	4.9	1,269	6.6
TOTAL	1,812,143		304,557		19,262	
Mean Score	42.1		40.4		38.4	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.2		9.9	

**PSAT/NMSQT® 2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES  
NEW MEXICO**

**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	843	0.3	19	0.1
70-74	15,111	0.8	1,381	0.5	42	0.2
65-69	49,192	2.7	5,274	1.7	169	0.9
60-64	71,822	4.0	7,862	2.6	316	1.6
55-59	141,770	7.8	18,253	6.0	788	4.1
50-54	214,315	11.8	30,904	10.1	1,467	7.6
45-49	323,711	17.9	54,801	18.0	3,105	16.1
40-44	271,903	15.0	51,725	17.0	3,102	16.1
35-39	341,545	18.8	67,187	22.1	4,701	24.4
30-34	191,547	10.6	35,681	11.7	2,913	15.1
25-29	121,254	6.7	20,934	6.9	1,690	8.8
20-24	61,726	3.4	9,712	3.2	950	4.9
TOTAL	1,812,143		304,557		19,262	
Mean Score	43.4		42.0		39.7	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.2		9.7	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	328	0.1	5	0.0
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,346	0.4	32	0.2
65-69	24,949	1.4	2,985	1.0	88	0.5
60-64	42,832	2.4	5,466	1.8	180	0.9
55-59	108,401	6.0	14,214	4.7	486	2.5
50-54	144,708	8.0	19,121	6.3	819	4.3
45-49	258,971	14.3	37,195	12.2	1,719	8.9
40-44	291,803	16.1	46,913	15.4	2,535	13.2
35-39	373,535	20.6	68,024	22.3	4,434	23.0
30-34	243,627	13.4	48,145	15.8	3,626	18.8
25-29	161,462	8.9	32,422	10.6	2,590	13.4
20-24	149,483	8.2	28,398	9.3	2,748	14.3
TOTAL	1,812,143		304,557		19,262	
Mean Score	40.1		38.6		35.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.5		9.7	

**TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - MALE - CRITICAL READING**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	202	0.1	9	0.1
70-74	7,312	0.8	883	0.6	30	0.3
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,324	0.9	50	0.5
60-64	36,710	4.2	4,938	3.3	218	2.3
55-59	48,178	5.5	6,156	4.1	260	2.7
50-54	99,907	11.3	13,791	9.2	692	7.2
45-49	109,558	12.4	16,250	10.8	799	8.4
40-44	159,674	18.1	27,386	18.3	1,615	16.9
35-39	156,430	17.8	29,267	19.5	1,979	20.7
30-34	125,386	14.2	24,902	16.6	1,810	19.0
25-29	80,229	9.1	16,063	10.7	1,341	14.0
20-24	44,695	5.1	8,690	5.8	747	7.8
TOTAL	880,810		149,852		9,550	
Mean Score	41.4		39.9		37.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.5		10.0	

**PSAT/NMSQT® 2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES  
NEW MEXICO**

**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	597	0.4	15	0.2
70-74	9,805	1.1	917	0.6	30	0.3
65-69	30,402	3.5	3,327	2.2	109	1.1
60-64	41,199	4.7	4,727	3.2	190	2.0
55-59	75,499	8.6	10,334	6.9	450	4.7
50-54	105,200	11.9	15,937	10.6	788	8.3
45-49	150,974	17.1	26,457	17.7	1,557	16.3
40-44	122,770	13.9	23,806	15.9	1,452	15.2
35-39	155,059	17.6	30,733	20.5	2,219	23.2
30-34	90,792	10.3	17,012	11.4	1,429	15.0
25-29	60,551	6.9	10,671	7.1	802	8.4
20-24	32,860	3.7	5,334	3.6	509	5.3
TOTAL	880,810		149,852		9,550	
Mean Score	44.0		42.5		40.1	
STD. DEV.	11.7		10.8		10.1	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	146	0.1	2	0.0
70-74	3,739	0.4	542	0.4	12	0.1
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,204	0.8	34	0.4
60-64	17,417	2.0	2,225	1.5	73	0.8
55-59	44,825	5.1	5,973	4.0	213	2.2
50-54	62,243	7.1	8,298	5.5	338	3.5
45-49	114,963	13.1	16,691	11.1	741	7.8
40-44	134,229	15.2	21,668	14.5	1,159	12.1
35-39	181,434	20.6	32,703	21.8	2,064	21.6
30-34	128,702	14.6	25,128	16.8	1,874	19.6
25-29	92,100	10.5	18,285	12.2	1,426	14.9
20-24	90,143	10.2	16,989	11.3	1,614	16.9
TOTAL	880,810		149,852		9,550	
Mean Score	38.9		37.5		34.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.4		9.6	



**TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - FEMALE - CRITICAL READING**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	176	0.1	6	0.1
70-74	6,917	0.8	722	0.5	39	0.4
65-69	11,394	1.2	1,296	0.8	56	0.6
60-64	38,678	4.2	4,705	3.1	193	2.0
55-59	55,901	6.1	6,889	4.5	282	2.9
50-54	121,826	13.2	16,259	10.6	791	8.2
45-49	134,547	14.6	19,523	12.7	1,042	10.8
40-44	186,303	20.2	31,665	20.7	1,845	19.1
35-39	163,036	17.7	31,116	20.3	2,114	21.9
30-34	109,823	11.9	22,408	14.6	1,677	17.4
25-29	61,495	6.7	12,446	8.1	1,077	11.2
20-24	30,763	3.3	6,110	4.0	515	5.3
TOTAL	922,187		153,315		9,637	
Mean Score	42.8		41.0		39.0	
STD. DEV.	10.3		9.9		9.7	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	246	0.2	4	0.0
70-74	5,279	0.6	464	0.3	12	0.1
65-69	18,673	2.0	1,943	1.3	60	0.6
60-64	30,451	3.3	3,120	2.0	126	1.3
55-59	65,935	7.1	7,889	5.1	337	3.5
50-54	108,425	11.8	14,894	9.7	677	7.0
45-49	171,513	18.6	28,168	18.4	1,538	16.0
40-44	147,879	16.0	27,726	18.1	1,637	17.0
35-39	184,475	20.0	36,108	23.6	2,463	25.6
30-34	99,247	10.8	18,402	12.0	1,475	15.3
25-29	59,568	6.5	10,093	6.6	875	9.1
20-24	28,206	3.1	4,262	2.8	433	4.5
TOTAL	922,187		153,315		9,637	
Mean Score	42.9		41.5		39.3	
STD. DEV.	10.5		9.6		9.2	

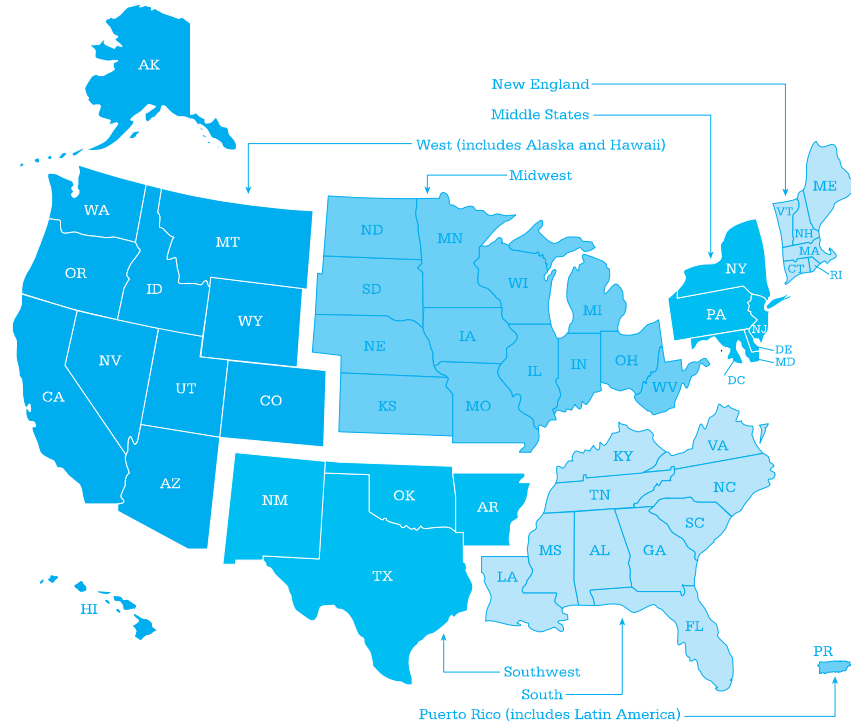
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	181	0.1	3	0.0
70-74	5,822	0.6	804	0.5	20	0.2
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,780	1.2	54	0.6
60-64	25,333	2.7	3,235	2.1	107	1.1
55-59	63,308	6.9	8,228	5.4	273	2.8
50-54	82,052	8.9	10,772	7.0	477	4.9
45-49	143,184	15.5	20,413	13.3	974	10.1
40-44	156,325	17.0	25,084	16.4	1,369	14.2
35-39	190,234	20.6	35,026	22.8	2,356	24.4
30-34	113,254	12.3	22,707	14.8	1,741	18.1
25-29	68,039	7.4	13,898	9.1	1,145	11.9
20-24	57,962	6.3	11,187	7.3	1,118	11.6
TOTAL	922,187		153,315		9,637	
Mean Score	41.3		39.7		36.7	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.5		9.7	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTHWEST			NEW MEXICO		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.3
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	2.0	3.2	0.9	1.7	2.7	0.8
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	4.2	3.3	5.1	4.3	2.9	5.6
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.2	8.1	6.4	4.8	4.9	4.7
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.3	0.9	1.6	0.9	0.7	1.1
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.5	4.6	0.6	2.2	3.9	0.6
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.8	0.8	4.6	1.9	0.6	3.2
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	13.0	23.1	3.4	13.0	23.1	3.4
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.8	3.3	0.4	1.7	3.1	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	0.8	0.3	1.2	0.9	0.4	1.4
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.4	9.4	28.8	19.0	9.1	28.3
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	1.9	1.5	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.5
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.1	1.7	0.4	1.9	3.0	0.8
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.8	1.3	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.2	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.7	0.6
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.5	0.8
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.2	1.4	4.8	3.0	1.3	4.5
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.5	5.6	5.5	6.0	6.3	5.6
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.8	1.5
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	9.9	8.0	11.7	9.9	8.5	11.2
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.8	5.3	5.6	5.1
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	9.7	10.8	8.7	11.5	12.3	10.8
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			273,899			16,811		

**Areas Served by College Board Regional Offices**



**National Office**

45 Columbus Avenue  
 New York, NY 10023-6992  
 212-713-8000  
 212-713-8255 (Fax)

**Middle States Regional Office**

Three Bala Plaza East, Suite 501  
 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004-1501  
 866-392-3019  
 610-227-2580 (Fax)

**Midwestern Regional Office**

8700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue,  
 Suite 900N  
 Chicago, IL 60631-3512  
 866-392-4086  
 847-653-4528 (Fax)

**New England Regional Office**

1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12  
 Waltham, MA 02451-7333  
 866-392-4089  
 781-663-2743 (Fax)

**Southern Regional Office**

3700 Crestwood Parkway NW, Suite 700  
 Duluth, GA 30096-7155  
 866-392-4088  
 770-225-4062 (Fax)

**Southwestern Regional Office**

4330 Gaines Ranch Loop, Suite 200  
 Austin, TX 78735-6735  
 866-392-3017  
 512-721-1841 (Fax)

**Western Regional Office**

2001 Gateway Place, Suite 220W  
 San Jose, CA 95110-1051  
 866-392-4078  
 408-367-1459 (Fax)

**Puerto Rico and Latin America Office**

208 Ponce de León Avenue, Suite 1501  
 San Juan, PR 00918-1017  
 Mailing address:  
 P.O. Box 71101  
 San Juan, PR 00936-8001  
 787-772-1200  
 787-759-8629 (Fax - Reception area)  
 787-764-4306 (Fax - Director's office)

**International Education Office**

45 Columbus Avenue  
 New York, NY 10023-6992  
 212-373-8738  
 646-417-7350(Fax)

**Washington Office**

1919 M Street NW, Suite 300  
 Washington, DC 20036-2375  
 202-741-4700  
 202-741-4743 (Fax)

**Florida Office**

1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 250  
 Tallahassee, FL 32308-1500  
 850-521-4900  
 850-521-4921 (Fax)