

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

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### MINNESOTA

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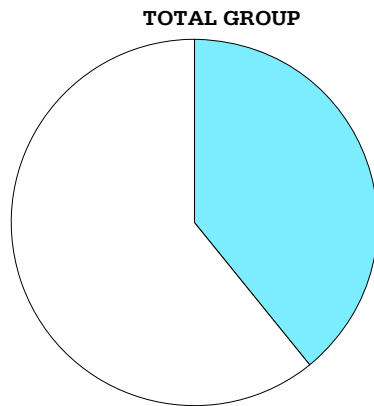


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

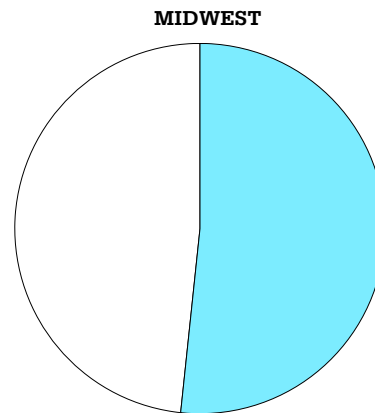
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage 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.



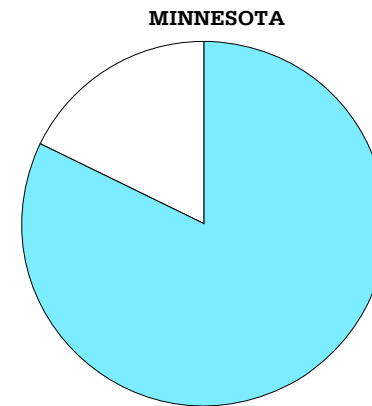
**College Ready 39.3 %**

**Total Students 1,812,143**



**College Ready 51.7 %**

**Total Students 176,468**



**College Ready 82.2 %**

**Total Students 5,113**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	83,877	47.8	2,158	42.3
Female	922,187	51.1	91,696	52.2	2,941	57.7
No Response	9,146		895		14	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>176,468</b>		<b>5,113</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	1,075	0.6	20	0.4
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	8,442	5.0	492	9.9
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	19,689	11.6	166	3.3
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	12,778	7.5	119	2.4
White	812,556	48.0	122,520	72.3	4,069	82.0
Other	66,728	3.9	5,025	3.0	95	1.9
No Response	119,013		6,939		152	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	153,379	86.9	4,351	85.1
No	311,711	17.2	23,089	13.1	762	14.9

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	8,857	5.3	459	9.4
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	42,989	25.9	2,110	43.1
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	31,898	19.2	1,123	23.0
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	23,933	14.4	591	12.1
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	23,617	14.2	368	7.5
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	11,419	6.9	138	2.8
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	10,085	6.1	56	1.1
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	7,978	4.8	34	0.7
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	2,891	1.7	6	0.1
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	1,113	0.7	2	0.0
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	949	0.6	3	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	383	0.2	1	0.0
No Response	188,880		10,356		222	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	92	0.1	3	0.1
2016	36,486	2.1	1,556	0.9	17	0.3
2017	1,628,214	94.0	166,386	96.2	5,049	99.0
After 2017	48,794	2.8	3,378	2.0	27	0.5
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	1,466	0.8	4	0.1
No Response	79,900		3,590		13	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	405	0.2	33	0.6
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,880	1.1	157	3.1
65-69	22,611	1.2	3,220	1.8	231	4.5
60-64	75,582	4.2	10,827	6.1	648	12.7
55-59	104,347	5.8	14,174	8.0	735	14.4
50-54	222,376	12.3	28,382	16.1	1,212	23.7
45-49	245,015	13.5	28,827	16.3	896	17.5
40-44	347,511	19.2	32,906	18.6	762	14.9
35-39	321,251	17.7	24,656	14.0	293	5.7
30-34	236,884	13.1	16,627	9.4	104	2.0
25-29	143,005	7.9	8,478	4.8	33	0.6
20-24	76,227	4.2	6,086	3.4	9	0.2
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		5,113	
Mean Score	42.1		44.8		51.7	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.7		9.2	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,053	0.6	90	1.8
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,095	1.2	175	3.4
65-69	49,192	2.7	7,290	4.1	572	11.2
60-64	71,822	4.0	10,458	5.9	675	13.2
55-59	141,770	7.8	19,458	11.0	1,023	20.0
50-54	214,315	11.8	26,186	14.8	1,005	19.7
45-49	323,711	17.9	33,483	19.0	891	17.4
40-44	271,903	15.0	24,978	14.2	393	7.7
35-39	341,545	18.8	25,554	14.5	209	4.1
30-34	191,547	10.6	13,592	7.7	51	1.0
25-29	121,254	6.7	8,022	4.5	22	0.4
20-24	61,726	3.4	4,299	2.4	7	0.1
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		5,113	
Mean Score	43.4		46.2		54.7	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.3		9.6	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	305	0.2	20	0.4
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,240	0.7	103	2.0
65-69	24,949	1.4	3,320	1.9	215	4.2
60-64	42,832	2.4	5,962	3.4	372	7.3
55-59	108,401	6.0	15,088	8.5	814	15.9
50-54	144,708	8.0	19,645	11.1	874	17.1
45-49	258,971	14.3	31,115	17.6	1,103	21.6
40-44	291,803	16.1	30,160	17.1	817	16.0
35-39	373,535	20.6	33,035	18.7	556	10.9
30-34	243,627	13.4	16,700	9.5	152	3.0
25-29	161,462	8.9	10,365	5.9	65	1.3
20-24	149,483	8.2	9,533	5.4	22	0.4
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		5,113	
Mean Score	40.1		42.9		49.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		9.6	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	206	0.2	17	0.8
70-74	7,312	0.8	995	1.2	82	3.8
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,569	1.9	94	4.4
60-64	36,710	4.2	5,232	6.2	295	13.7
55-59	48,178	5.5	6,554	7.8	311	14.4
50-54	99,907	11.3	12,749	15.2	456	21.1
45-49	109,558	12.4	12,738	15.2	384	17.8
40-44	159,674	18.1	15,011	17.9	323	15.0
35-39	156,430	17.8	11,923	14.2	128	5.9
30-34	125,386	14.2	8,709	10.4	50	2.3
25-29	80,229	9.1	4,644	5.5	14	0.6
20-24	44,695	5.1	3,547	4.2	4	0.2
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		2,158	
Mean Score	41.4		44.3		51.8	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		9.6	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	719	0.9	55	2.5
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,410	1.7	106	4.9
65-69	30,402	3.5	4,503	5.4	302	14.0
60-64	41,199	4.7	5,828	6.9	333	15.4
55-59	75,499	8.6	9,961	11.9	438	20.3
50-54	105,200	11.9	12,231	14.6	381	17.7
45-49	150,974	17.1	14,919	17.8	302	14.0
40-44	122,770	13.9	10,850	12.9	152	7.0
35-39	155,059	17.6	11,129	13.3	64	3.0
30-34	90,792	10.3	6,311	7.5	15	0.7
25-29	60,551	6.9	3,841	4.6	8	0.4
20-24	32,860	3.7	2,175	2.6	2	0.1
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		2,158	
Mean Score	44.0		47.1		56.4	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		9.8	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	117	0.1	7	0.3
70-74	3,739	0.4	494	0.6	32	1.5
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,345	1.6	82	3.8
60-64	17,417	2.0	2,475	3.0	136	6.3
55-59	44,825	5.1	6,298	7.5	326	15.1
50-54	62,243	7.1	8,502	10.1	337	15.6
45-49	114,963	13.1	13,951	16.6	450	20.9
40-44	134,229	15.2	13,966	16.7	385	17.8
35-39	181,434	20.6	16,212	19.3	271	12.6
30-34	128,702	14.6	8,862	10.6	86	4.0
25-29	92,100	10.5	5,875	7.0	31	1.4
20-24	90,143	10.2	5,780	6.9	15	0.7
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		2,158	
Mean Score	38.9		41.8		48.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		9.7	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	198	0.2	16	0.5
70-74	6,917	0.8	874	1.0	75	2.6
65-69	11,394	1.2	1,643	1.8	136	4.6
60-64	38,678	4.2	5,563	6.1	351	11.9
55-59	55,901	6.1	7,584	8.3	422	14.3
50-54	121,826	13.2	15,545	17.0	754	25.6
45-49	134,547	14.6	15,975	17.4	511	17.4
40-44	186,303	20.2	17,723	19.3	436	14.8
35-39	163,036	17.7	12,584	13.7	164	5.6
30-34	109,823	11.9	7,790	8.5	52	1.8
25-29	61,495	6.7	3,739	4.1	19	0.6
20-24	30,763	3.3	2,478	2.7	5	0.2
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		2,941	
Mean Score	42.8		45.2		51.6	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.3		9.0	

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**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	332	0.4	35	1.2
70-74	5,279	0.6	681	0.7	69	2.3
65-69	18,673	2.0	2,772	3.0	270	9.2
60-64	30,451	3.3	4,605	5.0	342	11.6
55-59	65,935	7.1	9,443	10.3	582	19.8
50-54	108,425	11.8	13,865	15.1	622	21.1
45-49	171,513	18.6	18,425	20.1	587	20.0
40-44	147,879	16.0	13,977	15.2	236	8.0
35-39	184,475	20.0	14,242	15.5	143	4.9
30-34	99,247	10.8	7,175	7.8	36	1.2
25-29	59,568	6.5	4,097	4.5	14	0.5
20-24	28,206	3.1	2,082	2.3	5	0.2
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		2,941	
Mean Score	42.9		45.5		53.5	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.7		9.3	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>MIDWEST</b>		<b>MINNESOTA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	187	0.2	13	0.4
70-74	5,822	0.6	745	0.8	71	2.4
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,966	2.1	133	4.5
60-64	25,333	2.7	3,477	3.8	236	8.0
55-59	63,308	6.9	8,746	9.5	486	16.5
50-54	82,052	8.9	11,076	12.1	534	18.2
45-49	143,184	15.5	17,057	18.6	651	22.1
40-44	156,325	17.0	16,037	17.5	430	14.6
35-39	190,234	20.6	16,621	18.1	282	9.6
30-34	113,254	12.3	7,708	8.4	65	2.2
25-29	68,039	7.4	4,414	4.8	34	1.2
20-24	57,962	6.3	3,662	4.0	6	0.2
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		2,941	
Mean Score	41.3		43.9		50.2	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		9.4	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			MINNESOTA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.9	0.6	1.1
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.4	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.2
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.1	3.9	6.2	7.4	6.1	8.4
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.5	9.7	5.5	8.0	10.5	6.1
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.4	1.0	1.6
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	5.0	0.6	2.3	4.7	0.6
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.6	1.1	5.8	3.2	0.6	5.1
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	11.5	20.7	3.4	13.8	25.0	5.8
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.5	2.8	0.3	1.1	2.1	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.7	1.5	0.5	2.2
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.3	28.4	18.0	9.2	24.5
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.6
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	0.7	0.9	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.1
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	1.1
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.6
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.9	2.1	2.8	1.6
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.3	1.3	5.1	3.0	1.1	4.3
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.3
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.3	1.7	1.5	1.8
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.9	2.4	1.5
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	7.9	5.9	9.7	5.1	3.7	6.1
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	0.8	1.0	0.7
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	12.7	13.6	11.8	18.3	17.7	18.7
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			162,075			4,838		

