

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

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### CALIFORNIA

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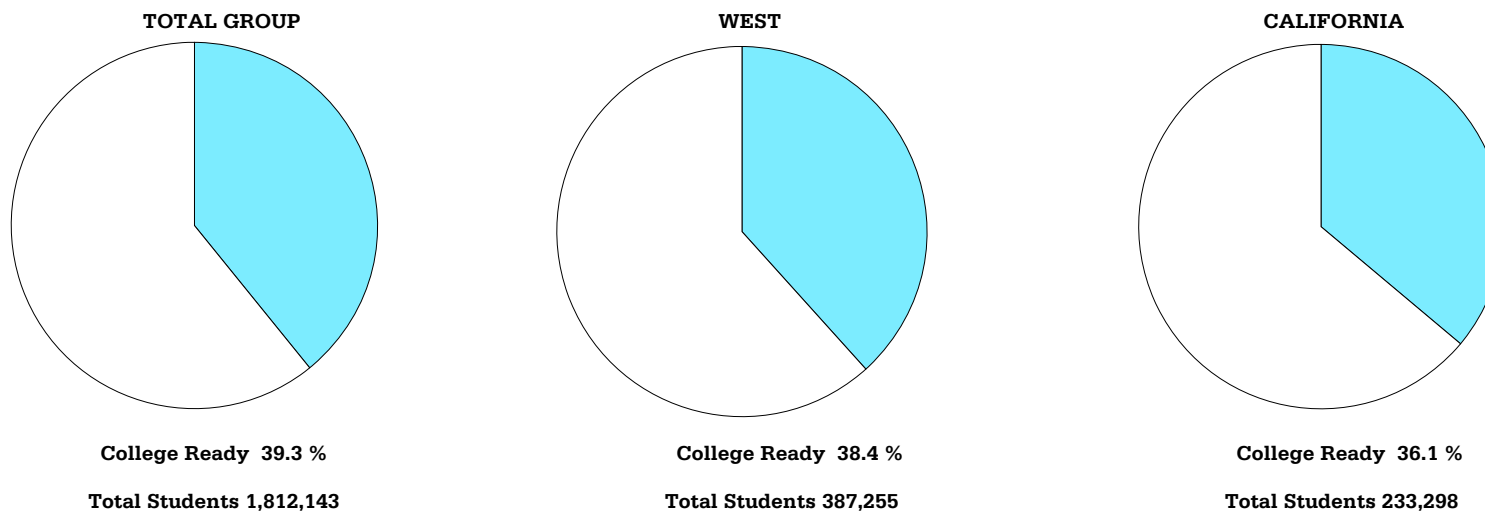


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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.



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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		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	186,711	48.5	112,186	48.3
Female	922,187	51.1	198,625	51.5	119,851	51.7
No Response	9,146		1,919		1,261	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>387,255</b>		<b>233,298</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	4,123	1.2	1,286	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	51,713	14.6	36,091	17.0
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	20,162	5.7	12,848	6.1
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	129,150	36.4	98,957	46.7
White	812,556	48.0	134,043	37.8	52,177	24.6
Other	66,728	3.9	15,457	4.4	10,528	5.0
No Response	119,013		32,607		21,411	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	312,971	80.8	185,678	79.6
No	311,711	17.2	74,284	19.2	47,620	20.4

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	11,693	3.4	5,808	2.9
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	68,753	20.2	38,266	19.1
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	61,484	18.1	36,187	18.0
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	51,250	15.1	30,588	15.3
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	56,983	16.8	34,141	17.0
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	29,130	8.6	17,661	8.8
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	26,112	7.7	16,439	8.2
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	20,439	6.0	12,668	6.3
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	7,175	2.1	4,479	2.2
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,933	0.9	1,797	0.9
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	2,464	0.7	1,556	0.8
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	1,405	0.4	926	0.5
No Response	188,880		47,434		32,782	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	660	0.2	512	0.2
2016	36,486	2.1	4,638	1.3	3,116	1.4
2017	1,628,214	94.0	341,153	94.0	203,026	94.3
After 2017	48,794	2.8	13,217	3.6	7,142	3.3
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	3,399	0.9	1,549	0.7
No Response	79,900		24,188		17,953	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	789	0.2	443	0.2
70-74	14,263	0.8	3,394	0.9	1,995	0.9
65-69	22,611	1.2	5,071	1.3	2,728	1.2
60-64	75,582	4.2	15,805	4.1	8,514	3.6
55-59	104,347	5.8	21,794	5.6	11,862	5.1
50-54	222,376	12.3	45,391	11.7	24,904	10.7
45-49	245,015	13.5	50,600	13.1	28,616	12.3
40-44	347,511	19.2	72,863	18.8	43,093	18.5
35-39	321,251	17.7	70,247	18.1	44,210	19.0
30-34	236,884	13.1	52,816	13.6	34,573	14.8
25-29	143,005	7.9	31,923	8.2	21,443	9.2
20-24	76,227	4.2	16,562	4.3	10,917	4.7
TOTAL	1,812,143		387,255		233,298	
Mean Score	42.1		41.9		41.2	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.7		10.7	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	2,079	0.5	1,522	0.7
70-74	15,111	0.8	3,734	1.0	2,558	1.1
65-69	49,192	2.7	10,843	2.8	6,740	2.9
60-64	71,822	4.0	15,700	4.1	9,086	3.9
55-59	141,770	7.8	29,239	7.6	16,177	6.9
50-54	214,315	11.8	44,549	11.5	24,486	10.5
45-49	323,711	17.9	66,438	17.2	37,700	16.2
40-44	271,903	15.0	55,766	14.4	32,822	14.1
35-39	341,545	18.8	72,691	18.8	45,547	19.5
30-34	191,547	10.6	42,808	11.1	27,729	11.9
25-29	121,254	6.7	28,760	7.4	19,153	8.2
20-24	61,726	3.4	14,648	3.8	9,778	4.2
TOTAL	1,812,143		387,255		233,298	
Mean Score	43.4		43.2		42.7	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.4		11.7	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	717	0.2	503	0.2
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,941	0.5	1,286	0.6
65-69	24,949	1.4	5,391	1.4	3,352	1.4
60-64	42,832	2.4	8,838	2.3	5,271	2.3
55-59	108,401	6.0	22,388	5.8	12,937	5.5
50-54	144,708	8.0	30,680	7.9	17,540	7.5
45-49	258,971	14.3	55,091	14.2	31,837	13.6
40-44	291,803	16.1	61,604	15.9	36,390	15.6
35-39	373,535	20.6	79,973	20.7	48,185	20.7
30-34	243,627	13.4	52,959	13.7	32,988	14.1
25-29	161,462	8.9	35,247	9.1	22,486	9.6
20-24	149,483	8.2	32,426	8.4	20,523	8.8
TOTAL	1,812,143		387,255		233,298	
Mean Score	40.1		40.0		39.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		11.0	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	394	0.2	224	0.2
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,684	0.9	1,001	0.9
65-69	11,170	1.3	2,450	1.3	1,303	1.2
60-64	36,710	4.2	7,598	4.1	4,100	3.7
55-59	48,178	5.5	10,032	5.4	5,525	4.9
50-54	99,907	11.3	20,389	10.9	11,270	10.0
45-49	109,558	12.4	22,355	12.0	12,654	11.3
40-44	159,674	18.1	33,213	17.8	19,496	17.4
35-39	156,430	17.8	33,749	18.1	20,946	18.7
30-34	125,386	14.2	27,468	14.7	17,656	15.7
25-29	80,229	9.1	17,828	9.5	11,811	10.5
20-24	44,695	5.1	9,551	5.1	6,200	5.5
TOTAL	880,810		186,711		112,186	
Mean Score	41.4		41.3		40.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		10.9	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	1,437	0.8	1,012	0.9
70-74	9,805	1.1	2,362	1.3	1,587	1.4
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,625	3.5	4,023	3.6
60-64	41,199	4.7	8,950	4.8	5,190	4.6
55-59	75,499	8.6	15,338	8.2	8,435	7.5
50-54	105,200	11.9	21,777	11.7	12,076	10.8
45-49	150,974	17.1	30,764	16.5	17,580	15.7
40-44	122,770	13.9	25,142	13.5	14,778	13.2
35-39	155,059	17.6	32,683	17.5	20,318	18.1
30-34	90,792	10.3	19,968	10.7	12,793	11.4
25-29	60,551	6.9	14,005	7.5	9,270	8.3
20-24	32,860	3.7	7,660	4.1	5,124	4.6
TOTAL	880,810		186,711		112,186	
Mean Score	44.0		43.8		43.3	
STD. DEV.	11.7		12.0		12.3	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	303	0.2	217	0.2
70-74	3,739	0.4	747	0.4	498	0.4
65-69	9,851	1.1	2,131	1.1	1,358	1.2
60-64	17,417	2.0	3,612	1.9	2,164	1.9
55-59	44,825	5.1	9,230	4.9	5,385	4.8
50-54	62,243	7.1	13,183	7.1	7,564	6.7
45-49	114,963	13.1	24,240	13.0	14,100	12.6
40-44	134,229	15.2	27,943	15.0	16,458	14.7
35-39	181,434	20.6	38,486	20.6	22,852	20.4
30-34	128,702	14.6	27,703	14.8	17,035	15.2
25-29	92,100	10.5	19,728	10.6	12,463	11.1
20-24	90,143	10.2	19,405	10.4	12,092	10.8
TOTAL	880,810		186,711		112,186	
Mean Score	38.9		38.8		38.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		11.0	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	395	0.2	219	0.2
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,703	0.9	989	0.8
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,602	1.3	1,411	1.2
60-64	38,678	4.2	8,154	4.1	4,379	3.7
55-59	55,901	6.1	11,709	5.9	6,309	5.3
50-54	121,826	13.2	24,860	12.5	13,546	11.3
45-49	134,547	14.6	28,068	14.1	15,843	13.2
40-44	186,303	20.2	39,339	19.8	23,392	19.5
35-39	163,036	17.7	36,140	18.2	23,015	19.2
30-34	109,823	11.9	24,990	12.6	16,668	13.9
25-29	61,495	6.7	13,819	7.0	9,459	7.9
20-24	30,763	3.3	6,846	3.4	4,621	3.9
TOTAL	922,187		198,625		119,851	
Mean Score	42.8		42.5		41.7	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.4		10.4	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	639	0.3	507	0.4
70-74	5,279	0.6	1,361	0.7	963	0.8
65-69	18,673	2.0	4,189	2.1	2,695	2.2
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,702	3.4	3,867	3.2
55-59	65,935	7.1	13,827	7.0	7,698	6.4
50-54	108,425	11.8	22,629	11.4	12,309	10.3
45-49	171,513	18.6	35,445	17.8	19,973	16.7
40-44	147,879	16.0	30,377	15.3	17,884	14.9
35-39	184,475	20.0	39,584	19.9	24,949	20.8
30-34	99,247	10.8	22,530	11.3	14,726	12.3
25-29	59,568	6.5	14,500	7.3	9,712	8.1
20-24	28,206	3.1	6,842	3.4	4,568	3.8
TOTAL	922,187		198,625		119,851	
Mean Score	42.9		42.6		42.1	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.8		11.0	

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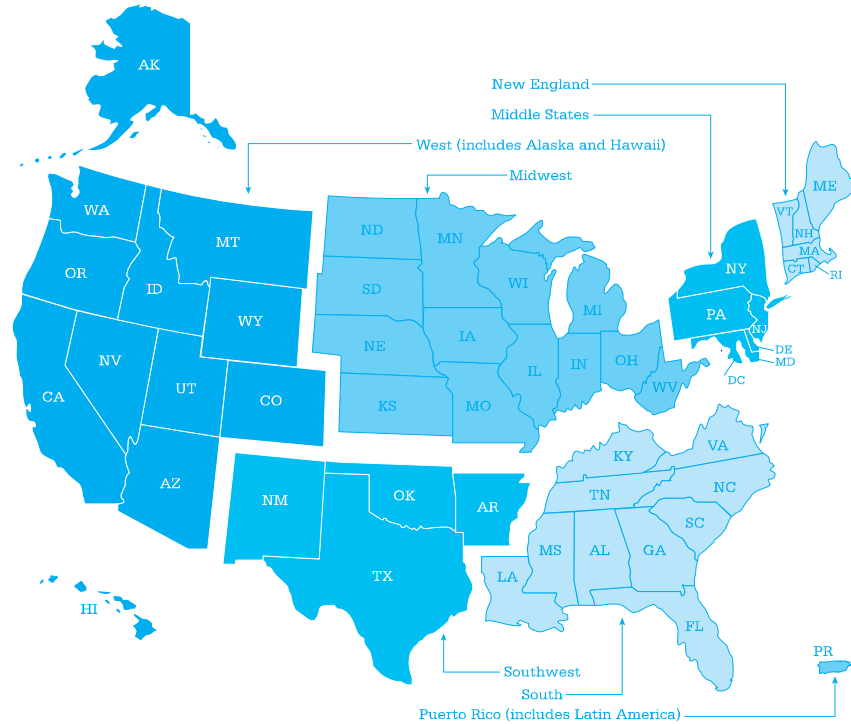
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	413	0.2	285	0.2
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,189	0.6	785	0.7
65-69	15,046	1.6	3,243	1.6	1,986	1.7
60-64	25,333	2.7	5,211	2.6	3,097	2.6
55-59	63,308	6.9	13,099	6.6	7,513	6.3
50-54	82,052	8.9	17,409	8.8	9,917	8.3
45-49	143,184	15.5	30,681	15.4	17,621	14.7
40-44	156,325	17.0	33,397	16.8	19,755	16.5
35-39	190,234	20.6	41,106	20.7	25,084	20.9
30-34	113,254	12.3	24,908	12.5	15,716	13.1
25-29	68,039	7.4	15,265	7.7	9,856	8.2
20-24	57,962	6.3	12,704	6.4	8,236	6.9
TOTAL	922,187		198,625		119,851	
Mean Score	41.3		41.2		40.8	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.8		10.9	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			WEST			CALIFORNIA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.2
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.2	0.8	1.4	2.1	0.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.6	4.4	6.7	6.1	4.8	7.2
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	6.6	7.6	5.8	6.7	7.7	5.8
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.3	0.9	1.7	1.3	0.9	1.7
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.8	5.2	0.7	2.7	4.9	0.7
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.2	0.7	3.5	2.0	0.7	3.1
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	10.9	19.4	3.2	10.6	18.9	3.2
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.5	2.1	3.8	0.5
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.2	0.5	1.8	1.1	0.4	1.6
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	16.2	8.8	22.7	15.4	8.3	21.6
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.0	1.5	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.4
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.0	1.6	0.4	0.9	1.6	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.9	1.5	0.3	0.9	1.5	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.5	2.1	1.0	1.5	2.1	1.0
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.7	1.5	5.5	3.8	1.6	5.8
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.7
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.5	5.5	5.5
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.6	1.0	2.1	1.7	1.1	2.2
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	9.6	7.4	11.6	9.7	7.7	11.5
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.4
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	15.3	16.2	14.5	15.9	16.8	15.2
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			325,325			191,977		

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