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2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

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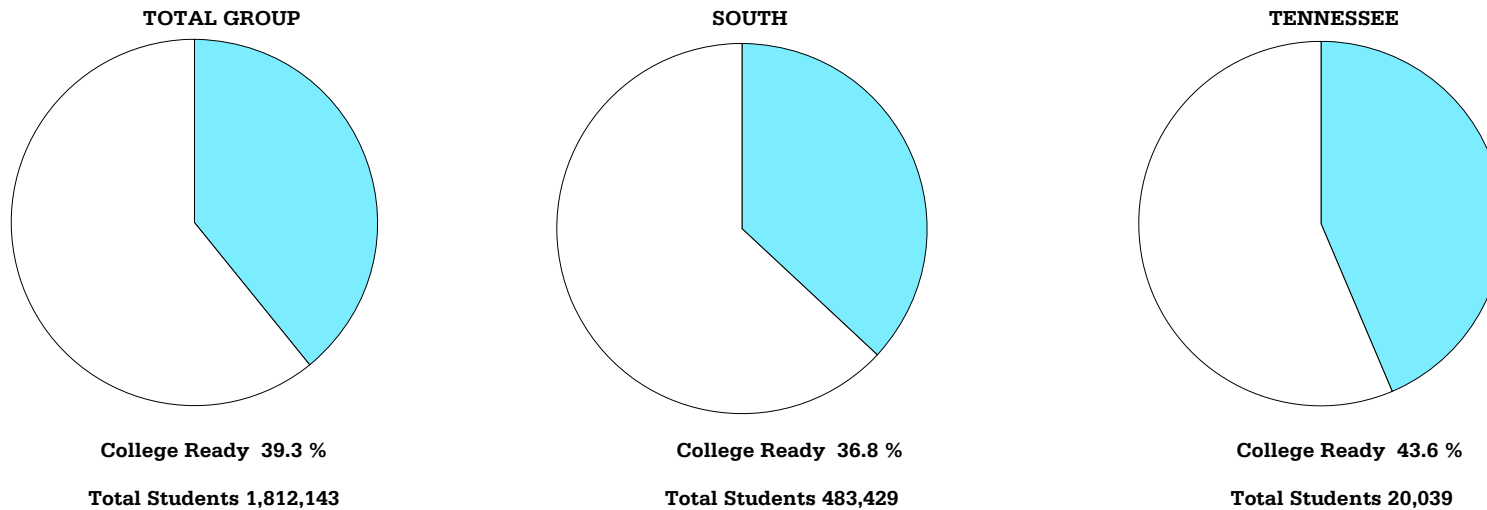


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FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

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). 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		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	235,674	49.0	9,664	48.3
Female	922,187	51.1	245,208	51.0	10,325	51.7
No Response	9,146		2,547		50	
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		20,039	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	2,718	0.6	77	0.4
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	21,199	4.7	856	4.4
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	111,519	24.5	7,383	37.8
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	73,690	16.2	1,502	7.7
White	812,556	48.0	229,614	50.4	9,448	48.4
Other	66,728	3.9	16,472	3.6	274	1.4
No Response	119,013		28,217		499	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	404,899	83.8	16,615	82.9
No	311,711	17.2	78,530	16.2	3,424	17.1

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TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	18,443	4.3	1,512	8.3
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	84,696	19.5	4,449	24.3
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	75,809	17.5	3,283	18.0
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	76,884	17.7	3,119	17.1
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	75,978	17.5	2,729	14.9
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	40,244	9.3	1,385	7.6
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	31,126	7.2	1,070	5.9
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	19,487	4.5	512	2.8
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	6,688	1.5	153	0.8
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,133	0.5	37	0.2
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	1,342	0.3	31	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	750	0.2	7	0.0
No Response	188,880		49,849		1,752	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	724	0.2	30	0.2
2016	36,486	2.1	10,916	2.4	460	2.4
2017	1,628,214	94.0	436,666	94.1	18,117	94.2
After 2017	48,794	2.8	11,619	2.5	492	2.6
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	4,150	0.9	127	0.7
No Response	79,900		19,354		813	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	604	0.1	44	0.2
70-74	14,263	0.8	3,255	0.7	235	1.2
65-69	22,611	1.2	5,414	1.1	378	1.9
60-64	75,582	4.2	19,541	4.0	1,131	5.6
55-59	104,347	5.8	26,571	5.5	1,419	7.1
50-54	222,376	12.3	58,386	12.1	2,716	13.6
45-49	245,015	13.5	63,602	13.2	2,580	12.9
40-44	347,511	19.2	94,556	19.6	3,147	15.7
35-39	321,251	17.7	88,198	18.2	2,994	14.9
30-34	236,884	13.1	63,989	13.2	2,540	12.7
25-29	143,005	7.9	39,409	8.2	1,833	9.1
20-24	76,227	4.2	19,904	4.1	1,022	5.1
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		20,039	
Mean Score	42.1		41.9		42.8	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.5		11.7	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,376	0.3	96	0.5
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,705	0.6	176	0.9
65-69	49,192	2.7	10,325	2.1	621	3.1
60-64	71,822	4.0	15,869	3.3	854	4.3
55-59	141,770	7.8	34,267	7.1	1,699	8.5
50-54	214,315	11.8	53,582	11.1	2,332	11.6
45-49	323,711	17.9	85,337	17.7	3,221	16.1
40-44	271,903	15.0	73,340	15.2	2,537	12.7
35-39	341,545	18.8	97,299	20.1	3,442	17.2
30-34	191,547	10.6	55,519	11.5	2,300	11.5
25-29	121,254	6.7	35,442	7.3	1,765	8.8
20-24	61,726	3.4	18,368	3.8	996	5.0
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		20,039	
Mean Score	43.4		42.5		42.9	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.8		12.0	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	544	0.1	54	0.3
70-74	9,575	0.5	2,492	0.5	230	1.1
65-69	24,949	1.4	5,911	1.2	492	2.5
60-64	42,832	2.4	10,654	2.2	760	3.8
55-59	108,401	6.0	27,161	5.6	1,739	8.7
50-54	144,708	8.0	36,090	7.5	1,895	9.5
45-49	258,971	14.3	65,571	13.6	2,808	14.0
40-44	291,803	16.1	76,581	15.8	2,699	13.5
35-39	373,535	20.6	102,195	21.1	3,334	16.6
30-34	243,627	13.4	68,445	14.2	2,387	11.9
25-29	161,462	8.9	45,140	9.3	1,810	9.0
20-24	149,483	8.2	42,645	8.8	1,831	9.1
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		20,039	
Mean Score	40.1		39.6		41.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		12.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	302	0.1	21	0.2
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,665	0.7	116	1.2
65-69	11,170	1.3	2,719	1.2	207	2.1
60-64	36,710	4.2	9,446	4.0	540	5.6
55-59	48,178	5.5	12,260	5.2	634	6.6
50-54	99,907	11.3	25,717	10.9	1,140	11.8
45-49	109,558	12.4	28,432	12.1	1,161	12.0
40-44	159,674	18.1	43,421	18.4	1,409	14.6
35-39	156,430	17.8	43,298	18.4	1,463	15.1
30-34	125,386	14.2	34,270	14.5	1,382	14.3
25-29	80,229	9.1	22,280	9.5	1,003	10.4
20-24	44,695	5.1	11,864	5.0	588	6.1
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		9,664	
Mean Score	41.4		41.1		41.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		12.0	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	979	0.4	64	0.7
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,810	0.8	114	1.2
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,457	2.7	383	4.0
60-64	41,199	4.7	9,283	3.9	483	5.0
55-59	75,499	8.6	18,497	7.8	869	9.0
50-54	105,200	11.9	26,532	11.3	1,088	11.3
45-49	150,974	17.1	39,993	17.0	1,461	15.1
40-44	122,770	13.9	33,381	14.2	1,102	11.4
35-39	155,059	17.6	44,469	18.9	1,553	16.1
30-34	90,792	10.3	26,490	11.2	1,138	11.8
25-29	60,551	6.9	17,920	7.6	861	8.9
20-24	32,860	3.7	9,863	4.2	548	5.7
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		9,664	
Mean Score	44.0		42.9		43.3	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.4		12.6	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	226	0.1	28	0.3
70-74	3,739	0.4	952	0.4	93	1.0
65-69	9,851	1.1	2,265	1.0	197	2.0
60-64	17,417	2.0	4,224	1.8	291	3.0
55-59	44,825	5.1	11,143	4.7	724	7.5
50-54	62,243	7.1	15,397	6.5	859	8.9
45-49	114,963	13.1	28,662	12.2	1,218	12.6
40-44	134,229	15.2	34,836	14.8	1,287	13.3
35-39	181,434	20.6	49,573	21.0	1,589	16.4
30-34	128,702	14.6	36,308	15.4	1,252	13.0
25-29	92,100	10.5	26,077	11.1	1,080	11.2
20-24	90,143	10.2	26,011	11.0	1,046	10.8
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		9,664	
Mean Score	38.9		38.3		40.2	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		12.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	301	0.1	23	0.2
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,585	0.6	118	1.1
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,686	1.1	171	1.7
60-64	38,678	4.2	10,057	4.1	589	5.7
55-59	55,901	6.1	14,243	5.8	784	7.6
50-54	121,826	13.2	32,515	13.3	1,571	15.2
45-49	134,547	14.6	34,916	14.2	1,407	13.6
40-44	186,303	20.2	50,693	20.7	1,732	16.8
35-39	163,036	17.7	44,357	18.1	1,523	14.8
30-34	109,823	11.9	29,240	11.9	1,149	11.1
25-29	61,495	6.7	16,783	6.8	827	8.0
20-24	30,763	3.3	7,832	3.2	431	4.2
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		10,325	
Mean Score	42.8		42.6		43.5	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.1		11.3	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	396	0.2	32	0.3
70-74	5,279	0.6	892	0.4	62	0.6
65-69	18,673	2.0	3,843	1.6	238	2.3
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,555	2.7	369	3.6
55-59	65,935	7.1	15,699	6.4	826	8.0
50-54	108,425	11.8	26,886	11.0	1,237	12.0
45-49	171,513	18.6	45,000	18.4	1,755	17.0
40-44	147,879	16.0	39,607	16.2	1,425	13.8
35-39	184,475	20.0	52,236	21.3	1,879	18.2
30-34	99,247	10.8	28,575	11.7	1,156	11.2
25-29	59,568	6.5	17,188	7.0	899	8.7
20-24	28,206	3.1	8,331	3.4	447	4.3
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		10,325	
Mean Score	42.9		42.1		42.6	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.2		11.3	

FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	318	0.1	26	0.3
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,536	0.6	136	1.3
65-69	15,046	1.6	3,640	1.5	294	2.8
60-64	25,333	2.7	6,407	2.6	468	4.5
55-59	63,308	6.9	15,948	6.5	1,014	9.8
50-54	82,052	8.9	20,601	8.4	1,029	10.0
45-49	143,184	15.5	36,702	15.0	1,584	15.3
40-44	156,325	17.0	41,389	16.9	1,403	13.6
35-39	190,234	20.6	52,072	21.2	1,735	16.8
30-34	113,254	12.3	31,670	12.9	1,129	10.9
25-29	68,039	7.4	18,681	7.6	727	7.0
20-24	57,962	6.3	16,244	6.6	780	7.6
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		10,325	
Mean Score	41.3		40.9		42.9	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		12.2	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			TENNESSEE		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.1
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.6	2.5	0.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.0	3.9	5.9	4.6	4.0	5.2
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.3	8.7	6.0	8.4	10.4	6.6
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.8
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.5	4.6	0.7
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.4
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	10.4	19.0	2.6	10.9	19.7	3.2
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.4	1.9	3.4	0.5
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.9	0.3	1.3
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.1	28.9	21.1	10.9	30.3
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.3	1.9	2.6
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.5
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4	1.3	2.4	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4
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	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.4	1.9	1.0
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.5	1.5	5.3	3.3	1.5	4.8
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	3.9	3.5	4.2
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.5
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	10.1	8.0	12.0	10.1	8.2	11.8
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.5
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	10.3	11.6	9.0	9.9	10.7	9.1
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			429,411			17,186		

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