

PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

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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.

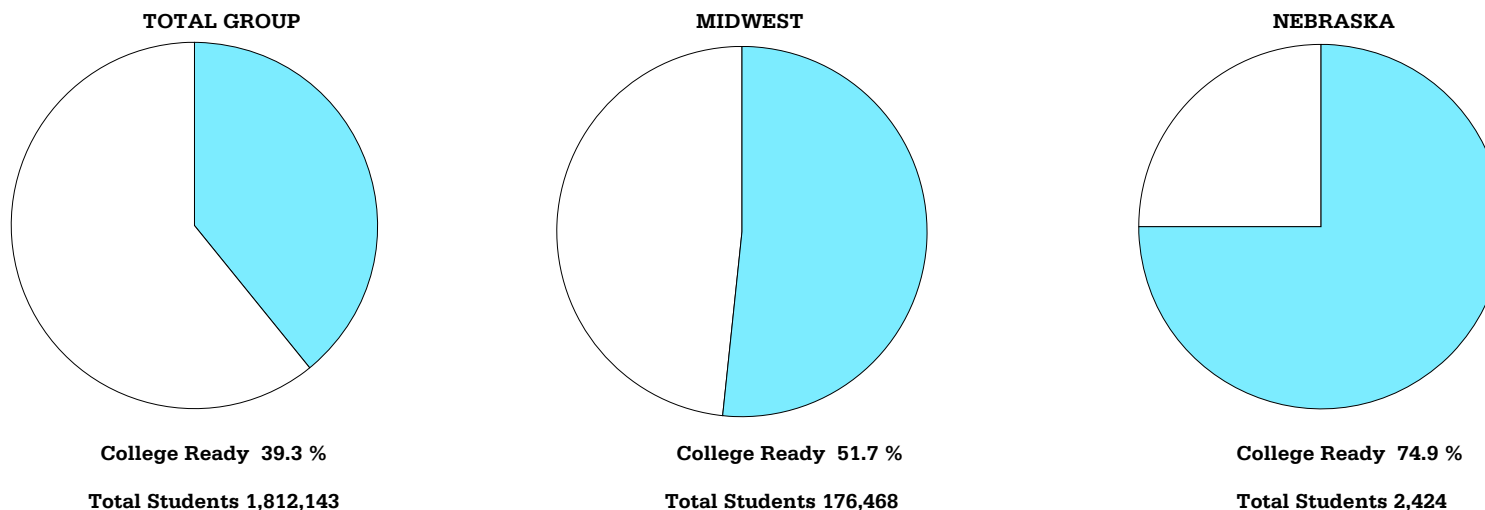


TABLE 1: NUMBER OF SOPHOMORES TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT®

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	83,877	47.8	1,056	43.6
Female	922,187	51.1	91,696	52.2	1,365	56.4
No Response	9,146		895		3	
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		2,424	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	1,075	0.6	19	0.8
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	8,442	5.0	174	7.3
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	19,689	11.6	53	2.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	12,778	7.5	100	4.2
White	812,556	48.0	122,520	72.3	2,016	84.4
Other	66,728	3.9	5,025	3.0	27	1.1
No Response	119,013		6,939		35	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	153,379	86.9	2,216	91.4
No	311,711	17.2	23,089	13.1	208	8.6

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	8,857	5.3	306	12.9
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	42,989	25.9	1,044	44.2
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	31,898	19.2	462	19.5
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	23,933	14.4	259	11.0
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	23,617	14.2	149	6.3
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	11,419	6.9	74	3.1
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	10,085	6.1	37	1.6
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	7,978	4.8	24	1.0
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	2,891	1.7	6	0.3
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	1,113	0.7	2	0.1
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	949	0.6	1	0.0
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	383	0.2	0	0.0
No Response	188,880		10,356		60	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	92	0.1	0	0.0
2016	36,486	2.1	1,556	0.9	8	0.3
2017	1,628,214	94.0	166,386	96.2	2,395	98.9
After 2017	48,794	2.8	3,378	2.0	15	0.6
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	1,466	0.8	3	0.1
No Response	79,900		3,590		3	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	405	0.2	7	0.3
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,880	1.1	46	1.9
65-69	22,611	1.2	3,220	1.8	86	3.5
60-64	75,582	4.2	10,827	6.1	249	10.3
55-59	104,347	5.8	14,174	8.0	355	14.6
50-54	222,376	12.3	28,382	16.1	538	22.2
45-49	245,015	13.5	28,827	16.3	471	19.4
40-44	347,511	19.2	32,906	18.6	358	14.8
35-39	321,251	17.7	24,656	14.0	204	8.4
30-34	236,884	13.1	16,627	9.4	76	3.1
25-29	143,005	7.9	8,478	4.8	25	1.0
20-24	76,227	4.2	6,086	3.4	9	0.4
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		2,424	
Mean Score	42.1		44.8		50.1	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.7		9.2	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,053	0.6	27	1.1
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,095	1.2	37	1.5
65-69	49,192	2.7	7,290	4.1	142	5.9
60-64	71,822	4.0	10,458	5.9	253	10.4
55-59	141,770	7.8	19,458	11.0	404	16.7
50-54	214,315	11.8	26,186	14.8	465	19.2
45-49	323,711	17.9	33,483	19.0	510	21.0
40-44	271,903	15.0	24,978	14.2	261	10.8
35-39	341,545	18.8	25,554	14.5	209	8.6
30-34	191,547	10.6	13,592	7.7	76	3.1
25-29	121,254	6.7	8,022	4.5	32	1.3
20-24	61,726	3.4	4,299	2.4	8	0.3
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		2,424	
Mean Score	43.4		46.2		51.0	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.3		9.9	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	305	0.2	5	0.2
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,240	0.7	13	0.5
65-69	24,949	1.4	3,320	1.9	86	3.5
60-64	42,832	2.4	5,962	3.4	144	5.9
55-59	108,401	6.0	15,088	8.5	333	13.7
50-54	144,708	8.0	19,645	11.1	407	16.8
45-49	258,971	14.3	31,115	17.6	578	23.8
40-44	291,803	16.1	30,160	17.1	427	17.6
35-39	373,535	20.6	33,035	18.7	290	12.0
30-34	243,627	13.4	16,700	9.5	96	4.0
25-29	161,462	8.9	10,365	5.9	31	1.3
20-24	149,483	8.2	9,533	5.4	14	0.6
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		2,424	
Mean Score	40.1		42.9		48.1	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		9.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	206	0.2	5	0.5
70-74	7,312	0.8	995	1.2	23	2.2
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,569	1.9	51	4.8
60-64	36,710	4.2	5,232	6.2	121	11.5
55-59	48,178	5.5	6,554	7.8	160	15.2
50-54	99,907	11.3	12,749	15.2	224	21.2
45-49	109,558	12.4	12,738	15.2	188	17.8
40-44	159,674	18.1	15,011	17.9	156	14.8
35-39	156,430	17.8	11,923	14.2	82	7.8
30-34	125,386	14.2	8,709	10.4	28	2.7
25-29	80,229	9.1	4,644	5.5	16	1.5
20-24	44,695	5.1	3,547	4.2	2	0.2
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		1,056	
Mean Score	41.4		44.3		50.8	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		9.5	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	719	0.9	21	2.0
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,410	1.7	27	2.6
65-69	30,402	3.5	4,503	5.4	94	8.9
60-64	41,199	4.7	5,828	6.9	137	13.0
55-59	75,499	8.6	9,961	11.9	205	19.4
50-54	105,200	11.9	12,231	14.6	213	20.2
45-49	150,974	17.1	14,919	17.8	178	16.9
40-44	122,770	13.9	10,850	12.9	88	8.3
35-39	155,059	17.6	11,129	13.3	62	5.9
30-34	90,792	10.3	6,311	7.5	24	2.3
25-29	60,551	6.9	3,841	4.6	5	0.5
20-24	32,860	3.7	2,175	2.6	2	0.2
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		1,056	
Mean Score	44.0		47.1		53.5	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		9.9	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	117	0.1	0	0.0
70-74	3,739	0.4	494	0.6	5	0.5
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,345	1.6	35	3.3
60-64	17,417	2.0	2,475	3.0	65	6.2
55-59	44,825	5.1	6,298	7.5	139	13.2
50-54	62,243	7.1	8,502	10.1	170	16.1
45-49	114,963	13.1	13,951	16.6	249	23.6
40-44	134,229	15.2	13,966	16.7	189	17.9
35-39	181,434	20.6	16,212	19.3	132	12.5
30-34	128,702	14.6	8,862	10.6	52	4.9
25-29	92,100	10.5	5,875	7.0	12	1.1
20-24	90,143	10.2	5,780	6.9	8	0.8
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		1,056	
Mean Score	38.9		41.8		47.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		9.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	198	0.2	2	0.1
70-74	6,917	0.8	874	1.0	23	1.7
65-69	11,394	1.2	1,643	1.8	35	2.6
60-64	38,678	4.2	5,563	6.1	128	9.4
55-59	55,901	6.1	7,584	8.3	195	14.3
50-54	121,826	13.2	15,545	17.0	314	23.0
45-49	134,547	14.6	15,975	17.4	282	20.7
40-44	186,303	20.2	17,723	19.3	202	14.8
35-39	163,036	17.7	12,584	13.7	121	8.9
30-34	109,823	11.9	7,790	8.5	47	3.4
25-29	61,495	6.7	3,739	4.1	9	0.7
20-24	30,763	3.3	2,478	2.7	7	0.5
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		1,365	
Mean Score	42.8		45.2		49.6	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.3		8.9	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	332	0.4	6	0.4
70-74	5,279	0.6	681	0.7	10	0.7
65-69	18,673	2.0	2,772	3.0	48	3.5
60-64	30,451	3.3	4,605	5.0	116	8.5
55-59	65,935	7.1	9,443	10.3	199	14.6
50-54	108,425	11.8	13,865	15.1	252	18.5
45-49	171,513	18.6	18,425	20.1	331	24.2
40-44	147,879	16.0	13,977	15.2	173	12.7
35-39	184,475	20.0	14,242	15.5	145	10.6
30-34	99,247	10.8	7,175	7.8	52	3.8
25-29	59,568	6.5	4,097	4.5	27	2.0
20-24	28,206	3.1	2,082	2.3	6	0.4
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		1,365	
Mean Score	42.9		45.5		49.0	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.7		9.6	

FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	187	0.2	5	0.4
70-74	5,822	0.6	745	0.8	8	0.6
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,966	2.1	51	3.7
60-64	25,333	2.7	3,477	3.8	79	5.8
55-59	63,308	6.9	8,746	9.5	194	14.2
50-54	82,052	8.9	11,076	12.1	237	17.4
45-49	143,184	15.5	17,057	18.6	328	24.0
40-44	156,325	17.0	16,037	17.5	236	17.3
35-39	190,234	20.6	16,621	18.1	158	11.6
30-34	113,254	12.3	7,708	8.4	44	3.2
25-29	68,039	7.4	4,414	4.8	19	1.4
20-24	57,962	6.3	3,662	4.0	6	0.4
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		1,365	
Mean Score	41.3		43.9		48.4	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		9.1	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			NEBRASKA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.2	1.9
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.4	0.8	2.2	3.3	1.3
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.1	3.9	6.2	4.8	4.2	5.2
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.5	9.7	5.5	6.6	8.4	5.3
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.6	1.2	2.0
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	5.0	0.6	2.9	5.7	0.7
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.6	1.1	5.8	3.9	1.5	5.8
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	11.5	20.7	3.4	11.0	20.6	3.5
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.5	2.8	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.7	1.7	0.7	2.6
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.8
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.9
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.3	28.4	22.1	13.7	28.5
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.5	1.9	1.0	2.6
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.2	0.8
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.9	1.3	0.5
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.7	2.4	1.1
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.3	1.3	5.1	3.6	2.0	4.9
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.3	2.7	2.9	2.4
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.8
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	7.9	5.9	9.7	7.3	4.6	9.4
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	2.0	2.1	1.9
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	12.7	13.6	11.8	13.3	14.1	12.6
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			162,075			2,347		

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