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2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

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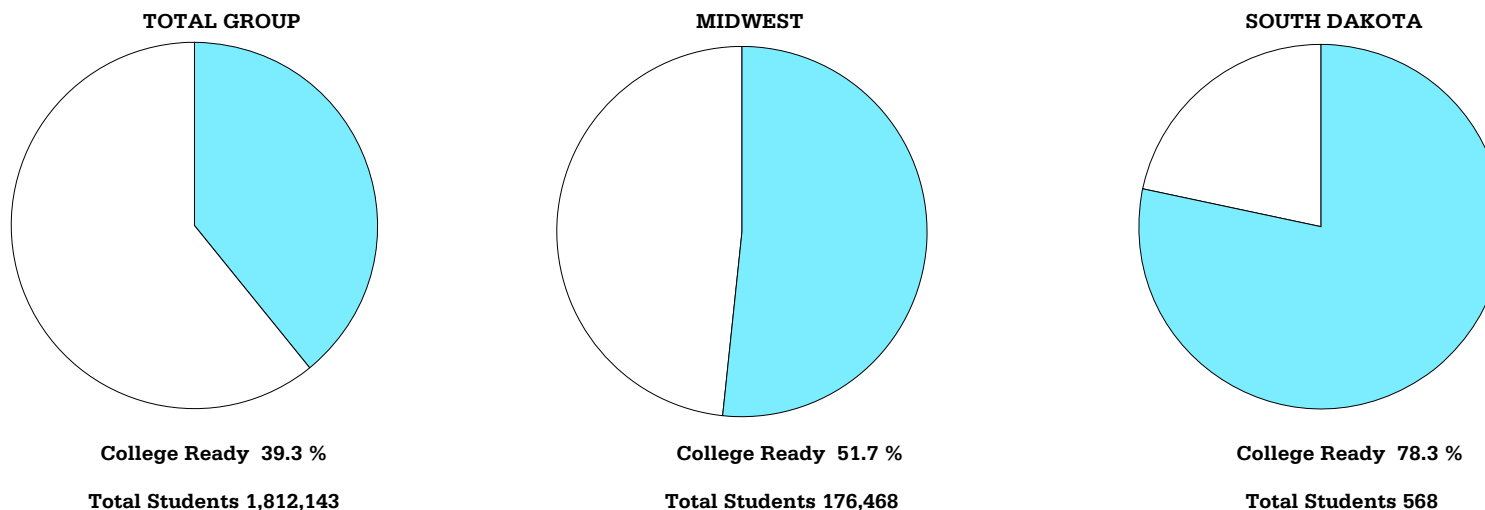


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FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

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		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	83,877	47.8	216	38.0
Female	922,187	51.1	91,696	52.2	352	62.0
No Response	9,146		895		0	
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		568	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	1,075	0.6	8	1.4
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	8,442	5.0	21	3.7
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	19,689	11.6	7	1.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	12,778	7.5	16	2.8
White	812,556	48.0	122,520	72.3	503	89.3
Other	66,728	3.9	5,025	3.0	8	1.4
No Response	119,013		6,939		5	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	153,379	86.9	521	91.7
No	311,711	17.2	23,089	13.1	47	8.3

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TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	8,857	5.3	88	15.7
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	42,989	25.9	279	49.7
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	31,898	19.2	114	20.3
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	23,933	14.4	40	7.1
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	23,617	14.2	19	3.4
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	11,419	6.9	10	1.8
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	10,085	6.1	7	1.2
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	7,978	4.8	4	0.7
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	2,891	1.7	0	0.0
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	1,113	0.7	0	0.0
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	949	0.6	0	0.0
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	383	0.2	0	0.0
No Response	188,880		10,356		7	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	92	0.1	1	0.2
2016	36,486	2.1	1,556	0.9	9	1.6
2017	1,628,214	94.0	166,386	96.2	551	97.0
After 2017	48,794	2.8	3,378	2.0	6	1.1
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	1,466	0.8	1	0.2
No Response	79,900		3,590		0	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	405	0.2	1	0.2
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,880	1.1	14	2.5
65-69	22,611	1.2	3,220	1.8	13	2.3
60-64	75,582	4.2	10,827	6.1	47	8.3
55-59	104,347	5.8	14,174	8.0	91	16.0
50-54	222,376	12.3	28,382	16.1	131	23.1
45-49	245,015	13.5	28,827	16.3	123	21.7
40-44	347,511	19.2	32,906	18.6	87	15.3
35-39	321,251	17.7	24,656	14.0	39	6.9
30-34	236,884	13.1	16,627	9.4	17	3.0
25-29	143,005	7.9	8,478	4.8	5	0.9
20-24	76,227	4.2	6,086	3.4	0	0.0
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		568	
Mean Score	42.1		44.8		50.1	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.7		8.6	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,053	0.6	4	0.7
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,095	1.2	10	1.8
65-69	49,192	2.7	7,290	4.1	39	6.9
60-64	71,822	4.0	10,458	5.9	65	11.4
55-59	141,770	7.8	19,458	11.0	113	19.9
50-54	214,315	11.8	26,186	14.8	131	23.1
45-49	323,711	17.9	33,483	19.0	107	18.8
40-44	271,903	15.0	24,978	14.2	59	10.4
35-39	341,545	18.8	25,554	14.5	26	4.6
30-34	191,547	10.6	13,592	7.7	8	1.4
25-29	121,254	6.7	8,022	4.5	4	0.7
20-24	61,726	3.4	4,299	2.4	2	0.4
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		568	
Mean Score	43.4		46.2		52.7	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.3		9.2	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	305	0.2	2	0.4
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,240	0.7	6	1.1
65-69	24,949	1.4	3,320	1.9	13	2.3
60-64	42,832	2.4	5,962	3.4	31	5.5
55-59	108,401	6.0	15,088	8.5	82	14.4
50-54	144,708	8.0	19,645	11.1	90	15.8
45-49	258,971	14.3	31,115	17.6	138	24.3
40-44	291,803	16.1	30,160	17.1	98	17.3
35-39	373,535	20.6	33,035	18.7	78	13.7
30-34	243,627	13.4	16,700	9.5	13	2.3
25-29	161,462	8.9	10,365	5.9	12	2.1
20-24	149,483	8.2	9,533	5.4	5	0.9
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		568	
Mean Score	40.1		42.9		47.8	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		9.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	206	0.2	1	0.5
70-74	7,312	0.8	995	1.2	7	3.2
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,569	1.9	11	5.1
60-64	36,710	4.2	5,232	6.2	16	7.4
55-59	48,178	5.5	6,554	7.8	34	15.7
50-54	99,907	11.3	12,749	15.2	42	19.4
45-49	109,558	12.4	12,738	15.2	44	20.4
40-44	159,674	18.1	15,011	17.9	33	15.3
35-39	156,430	17.8	11,923	14.2	17	7.9
30-34	125,386	14.2	8,709	10.4	9	4.2
25-29	80,229	9.1	4,644	5.5	2	0.9
20-24	44,695	5.1	3,547	4.2	0	0.0
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		216	
Mean Score	41.4		44.3		50.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		9.5	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	719	0.9	3	1.4
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,410	1.7	8	3.7
65-69	30,402	3.5	4,503	5.4	26	12.0
60-64	41,199	4.7	5,828	6.9	34	15.7
55-59	75,499	8.6	9,961	11.9	39	18.1
50-54	105,200	11.9	12,231	14.6	41	19.0
45-49	150,974	17.1	14,919	17.8	31	14.4
40-44	122,770	13.9	10,850	12.9	22	10.2
35-39	155,059	17.6	11,129	13.3	8	3.7
30-34	90,792	10.3	6,311	7.5	1	0.5
25-29	60,551	6.9	3,841	4.6	1	0.5
20-24	32,860	3.7	2,175	2.6	2	0.9
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		216	
Mean Score	44.0		47.1		54.9	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		10.1	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	117	0.1	1	0.5
70-74	3,739	0.4	494	0.6	4	1.9
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,345	1.6	3	1.4
60-64	17,417	2.0	2,475	3.0	9	4.2
55-59	44,825	5.1	6,298	7.5	27	12.5
50-54	62,243	7.1	8,502	10.1	38	17.6
45-49	114,963	13.1	13,951	16.6	48	22.2
40-44	134,229	15.2	13,966	16.7	39	18.1
35-39	181,434	20.6	16,212	19.3	33	15.3
30-34	128,702	14.6	8,862	10.6	7	3.2
25-29	92,100	10.5	5,875	7.0	5	2.3
20-24	90,143	10.2	5,780	6.9	2	0.9
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		216	
Mean Score	38.9		41.8		47.1	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		9.4	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	198	0.2	0	0.0
70-74	6,917	0.8	874	1.0	7	2.0
65-69	11,394	1.2	1,643	1.8	2	0.6
60-64	38,678	4.2	5,563	6.1	31	8.8
55-59	55,901	6.1	7,584	8.3	57	16.2
50-54	121,826	13.2	15,545	17.0	89	25.3
45-49	134,547	14.6	15,975	17.4	79	22.4
40-44	186,303	20.2	17,723	19.3	54	15.3
35-39	163,036	17.7	12,584	13.7	22	6.3
30-34	109,823	11.9	7,790	8.5	8	2.3
25-29	61,495	6.7	3,739	4.1	3	0.9
20-24	30,763	3.3	2,478	2.7	0	0.0
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		352	
Mean Score	42.8		45.2		49.9	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.3		8.1	

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FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	332	0.4	1	0.3
70-74	5,279	0.6	681	0.7	2	0.6
65-69	18,673	2.0	2,772	3.0	13	3.7
60-64	30,451	3.3	4,605	5.0	31	8.8
55-59	65,935	7.1	9,443	10.3	74	21.0
50-54	108,425	11.8	13,865	15.1	90	25.6
45-49	171,513	18.6	18,425	20.1	76	21.6
40-44	147,879	16.0	13,977	15.2	37	10.5
35-39	184,475	20.0	14,242	15.5	18	5.1
30-34	99,247	10.8	7,175	7.8	7	2.0
25-29	59,568	6.5	4,097	4.5	3	0.9
20-24	28,206	3.1	2,082	2.3	0	0.0
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		352	
Mean Score	42.9		45.5		51.3	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.7		8.2	

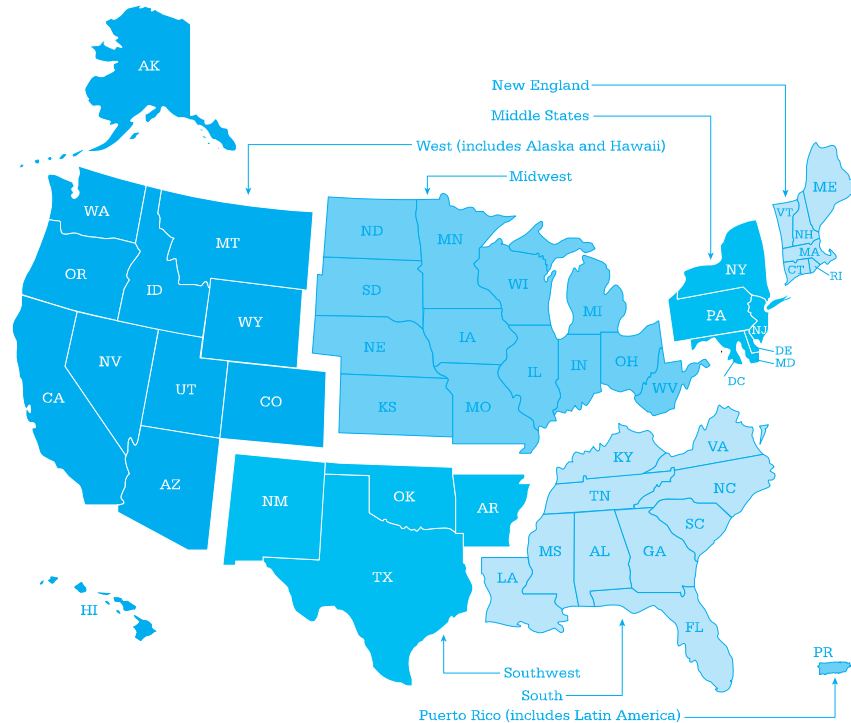
FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		SOUTH DAKOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	187	0.2	1	0.3
70-74	5,822	0.6	745	0.8	2	0.6
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,966	2.1	10	2.8
60-64	25,333	2.7	3,477	3.8	22	6.3
55-59	63,308	6.9	8,746	9.5	55	15.6
50-54	82,052	8.9	11,076	12.1	52	14.8
45-49	143,184	15.5	17,057	18.6	90	25.6
40-44	156,325	17.0	16,037	17.5	59	16.8
35-39	190,234	20.6	16,621	18.1	45	12.8
30-34	113,254	12.3	7,708	8.4	6	1.7
25-29	68,039	7.4	4,414	4.8	7	2.0
20-24	57,962	6.3	3,662	4.0	3	0.9
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		352	
Mean Score	41.3		43.9		48.3	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		9.2	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			SOUTH DAKOTA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.0	2.0
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.4	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.1	3.9	6.2	6.1	5.2	6.7
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.5	9.7	5.5	5.0	6.7	4.1
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.6
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	5.0	0.6	2.5	6.7	0.0
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.6	1.1	5.8	4.0	1.4	5.5
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	11.5	20.7	3.4	11.2	23.8	3.5
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.5	2.8	0.3	0.7	1.4	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.7	0.9	0.0	1.4
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	0.4	0.5	0.3
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.3	28.4	27.4	14.8	35.1
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.5	1.6	2.9	0.9
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.0
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.5	1.4	0.0
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	1.2
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.3	2.4	0.6
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.3	1.3	5.1	2.5	1.4	3.2
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.9
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.3	1.6	0.0	2.6
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.7	0.7	1.4	0.3
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.6
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	7.9	5.9	9.7	5.4	4.3	6.1
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	1.1	1.4	0.9
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	12.7	13.6	11.8	18.6	18.1	18.8
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			162,075			555		

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