

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## NEW JERSEY

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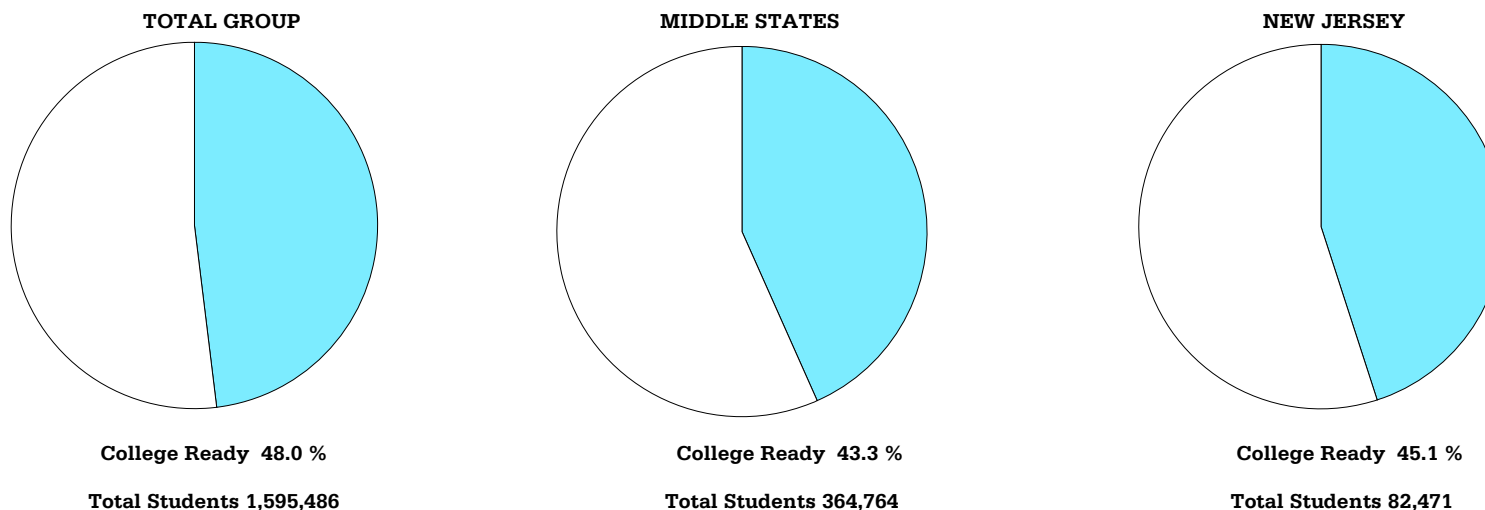


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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 JUNIORS TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT®**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	176,407	48.5	40,884	49.8
Female	839,350	52.8	187,159	51.5	41,216	50.2
No Response	5,207		1,198		371	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>364,764</b>		<b>82,471</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,742	0.5	345	0.4
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	31,008	9.1	8,359	10.8
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	55,262	16.1	9,961	12.9
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	49,708	14.5	13,890	18.0
White	811,645	53.5	189,536	55.4	41,210	53.4
Other	56,542	3.7	14,971	4.4	3,385	4.4
No Response	77,439		22,537		5,321	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	304,538	83.5	68,287	82.8
No	220,802	13.8	60,226	16.5	14,184	17.2

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	15,917	4.8	2,475	3.3
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	65,665	19.7	13,728	18.3
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	69,040	20.7	17,069	22.8
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	62,442	18.7	15,664	20.9
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	54,628	16.4	12,993	17.4
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	28,749	8.6	6,272	8.4
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	19,531	5.9	3,936	5.3
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	10,718	3.2	1,904	2.5
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	4,235	1.3	570	0.8
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	1,626	0.5	162	0.2
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	704	0.2	58	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	286	0.1	33	0.0
No Response	109,554		31,223		7,607	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	2,223	0.6	306	0.4
2016	1,529,666	97.6	347,314	97.5	79,481	98.1
2017	13,401	0.9	3,098	0.9	563	0.7
After 2017	4,382	0.3	1,000	0.3	198	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	2,516	0.7	497	0.6
No Response	28,720		8,613		1,426	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	2,435	0.7	595	0.7
70-74	40,435	2.5	7,873	2.2	1,946	2.4
65-69	50,059	3.1	9,749	2.7	2,309	2.8
60-64	132,960	8.3	25,614	7.0	6,016	7.3
55-59	151,282	9.5	31,577	8.7	7,257	8.8
50-54	262,519	16.5	55,789	15.3	12,594	15.3
45-49	241,246	15.1	55,700	15.3	12,263	14.9
40-44	277,848	17.4	65,138	17.9	14,750	17.9
35-39	205,506	12.9	50,507	13.8	11,459	13.9
30-34	123,731	7.8	32,244	8.8	7,176	8.7
25-29	65,274	4.1	18,528	5.1	4,116	5.0
20-24	32,357	2.0	9,610	2.6	1,990	2.4
TOTAL	1,595,486		364,764		82,471	
Mean Score	46.9		45.7		46.0	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.4		11.4	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	5,902	1.6	1,824	2.2
70-74	39,427	2.5	8,726	2.4	2,440	3.0
65-69	99,827	6.3	20,742	5.7	5,374	6.5
60-64	117,266	7.3	24,380	6.7	5,964	7.2
55-59	190,357	11.9	39,461	10.8	9,322	11.3
50-54	238,624	15.0	51,130	14.0	11,548	14.0
45-49	300,608	18.8	66,496	18.2	14,816	18.0
40-44	206,440	12.9	47,885	13.1	10,599	12.9
35-39	205,350	12.9	51,458	14.1	11,017	13.4
30-34	92,785	5.8	25,244	6.9	5,030	6.1
25-29	52,906	3.3	15,589	4.3	3,030	3.7
20-24	24,696	1.5	7,751	2.1	1,507	1.8
TOTAL	1,595,486		364,764		82,471	
Mean Score	48.6		47.5		48.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.1		12.4	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	3,315	0.9	962	1.2
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,491	1.8	1,740	2.1
65-69	58,912	3.7	12,200	3.3	3,129	3.8
60-64	80,202	5.0	15,778	4.3	3,803	4.6
55-59	164,768	10.3	32,389	8.9	7,686	9.3
50-54	180,999	11.3	35,515	9.7	8,132	9.9
45-49	277,129	17.4	59,824	16.4	13,518	16.4
40-44	258,258	16.2	59,485	16.3	13,212	16.0
35-39	258,214	16.2	63,361	17.4	13,942	16.9
30-34	133,110	8.3	35,374	9.7	7,654	9.3
25-29	75,906	4.8	21,759	6.0	4,436	5.4
20-24	62,569	3.9	19,273	5.3	4,257	5.2
TOTAL	1,595,486		364,764		82,471	
Mean Score	45.3		44.0		44.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.1		12.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,243	0.7	294	0.7
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,099	2.3	1,014	2.5
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,893	2.8	1,167	2.9
60-64	63,762	8.5	12,387	7.0	2,947	7.2
55-59	69,523	9.3	14,886	8.4	3,528	8.6
50-54	117,103	15.6	25,588	14.5	5,933	14.5
45-49	107,379	14.3	25,329	14.4	5,689	13.9
40-44	125,592	16.7	30,415	17.2	7,073	17.3
35-39	96,906	12.9	24,560	13.9	5,791	14.2
30-34	63,366	8.4	17,016	9.6	3,896	9.5
25-29	35,911	4.8	10,450	5.9	2,397	5.9
20-24	18,570	2.5	5,541	3.1	1,155	2.8
TOTAL	750,929		176,407		40,884	
Mean Score	46.7		45.4		45.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.8	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	3,840	2.2	1,160	2.8
70-74	24,544	3.3	5,417	3.1	1,490	3.6
65-69	58,730	7.8	12,364	7.0	3,198	7.8
60-64	63,734	8.5	13,504	7.7	3,234	7.9
55-59	95,622	12.7	20,223	11.5	4,759	11.6
50-54	110,359	14.7	24,313	13.8	5,594	13.7
45-49	129,882	17.3	29,907	17.0	6,824	16.7
40-44	85,201	11.3	20,640	11.7	4,767	11.7
35-39	85,862	11.4	22,670	12.9	4,994	12.2
30-34	41,404	5.5	11,790	6.7	2,501	6.1
25-29	25,099	3.3	7,694	4.4	1,555	3.8
20-24	12,583	1.7	4,045	2.3	808	2.0
TOTAL	750,929		176,407		40,884	
Mean Score	49.8		48.5		49.4	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.8		12.9	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,470	0.8	443	1.1
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,759	1.6	752	1.8
65-69	25,009	3.3	5,149	2.9	1,361	3.3
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,906	3.9	1,628	4.0
55-59	71,197	9.5	14,173	8.0	3,454	8.4
50-54	79,747	10.6	16,027	9.1	3,683	9.0
45-49	125,954	16.8	27,493	15.6	6,406	15.7
40-44	120,231	16.0	28,230	16.0	6,520	15.9
35-39	125,467	16.7	31,439	17.8	7,220	17.7
30-34	69,329	9.2	18,665	10.6	4,177	10.2
25-29	42,639	5.7	12,501	7.1	2,613	6.4
20-24	37,288	5.0	11,595	6.6	2,627	6.4
TOTAL	750,929		176,407		40,884	
Mean Score	44.4		42.9		43.4	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.1		12.4	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,192	0.6	301	0.7
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,762	2.0	927	2.2
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,844	2.6	1,137	2.8
60-64	68,995	8.2	13,191	7.0	3,055	7.4
55-59	81,466	9.7	16,645	8.9	3,713	9.0
50-54	144,823	17.3	30,079	16.1	6,614	16.0
45-49	133,262	15.9	30,234	16.2	6,525	15.8
40-44	151,249	18.0	34,508	18.4	7,604	18.4
35-39	107,685	12.8	25,725	13.7	5,601	13.6
30-34	59,661	7.1	15,056	8.0	3,244	7.9
25-29	28,896	3.4	7,938	4.2	1,678	4.1
20-24	13,515	1.6	3,985	2.1	817	2.0
TOTAL	839,350		187,159		41,216	
Mean Score	47.2		46.1		46.5	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		11.1	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	2,055	1.1	663	1.6
70-74	14,848	1.8	3,304	1.8	949	2.3
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,353	4.5	2,162	5.2
60-64	53,359	6.4	10,840	5.8	2,713	6.6
55-59	94,379	11.2	19,166	10.2	4,528	11.0
50-54	127,719	15.2	26,708	14.3	5,920	14.4
45-49	169,815	20.2	36,411	19.5	7,931	19.2
40-44	120,438	14.3	27,075	14.5	5,780	14.0
35-39	118,531	14.1	28,569	15.3	5,953	14.4
30-34	50,749	6.0	13,279	7.1	2,489	6.0
25-29	27,391	3.3	7,769	4.2	1,446	3.5
20-24	11,894	1.4	3,630	1.9	682	1.7
TOTAL	839,350		187,159		41,216	
Mean Score	47.6		46.6		47.8	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.5		11.7	

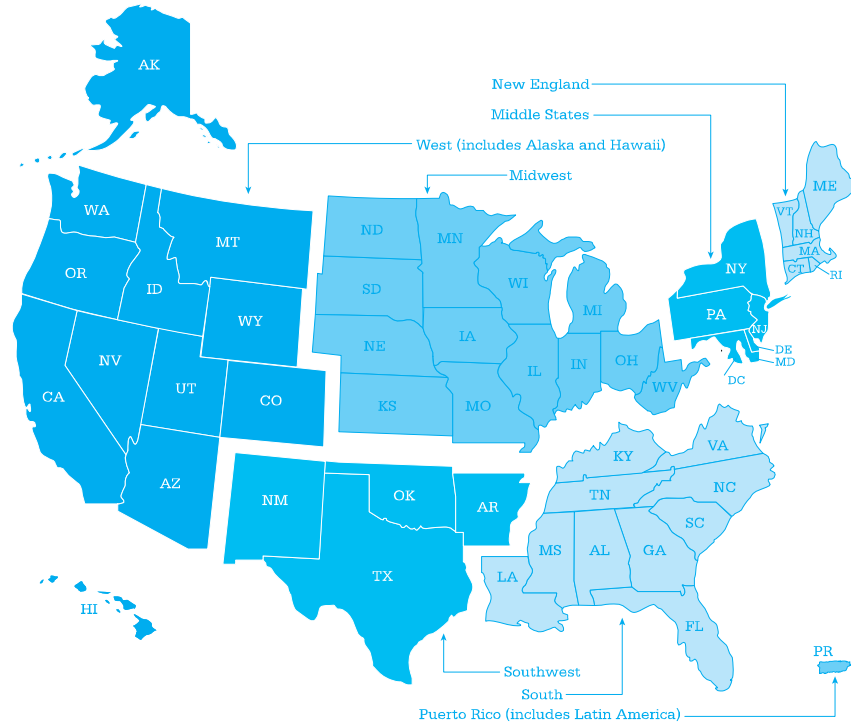
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>MIDDLE STATES</b>		<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	1,842	1.0	516	1.3
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,727	2.0	986	2.4
65-69	33,832	4.0	7,040	3.8	1,764	4.3
60-64	45,764	5.5	8,859	4.7	2,170	5.3
55-59	93,261	11.1	18,155	9.7	4,208	10.2
50-54	100,894	12.0	19,432	10.4	4,424	10.7
45-49	150,475	17.9	32,192	17.2	7,062	17.1
40-44	137,187	16.3	31,085	16.6	6,635	16.1
35-39	131,705	15.7	31,702	16.9	6,642	16.1
30-34	63,051	7.5	16,505	8.8	3,429	8.3
25-29	32,766	3.9	9,100	4.9	1,787	4.3
20-24	24,778	3.0	7,520	4.0	1,593	3.9
TOTAL	839,350		187,159		41,216	
Mean Score	46.2		45.0		45.8	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.9		12.2	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDDLE STATES			NEW JERSEY		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.3	4.1	6.3	5.0	3.9	6.0
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	10.5	13.1	8.2	12.0	14.7	9.4
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.1	1.6	2.5	2.4	1.9	2.9
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	3.1	5.7	0.8	3.1	5.5	0.8
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.1	5.5	3.6	1.1	5.9
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	9.8	17.1	3.3	9.8	16.4	3.5
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.5	0.3	1.3	2.4	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.1	0.5	1.6
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	16.8	8.9	23.8	16.0	8.9	22.9
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.8	1.6	2.0
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.7
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.8	1.5	0.2	0.8	1.4	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.0
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.1	1.8	6.3	4.2	1.7	6.6
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.7
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	5.3	6.3	4.4
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.4
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.8	6.3	9.2	8.1	6.7	9.4
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.0
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	12.8	13.9	11.8	11.9	12.8	11.1
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			318,844			71,945		

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