

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## LOUISIANA

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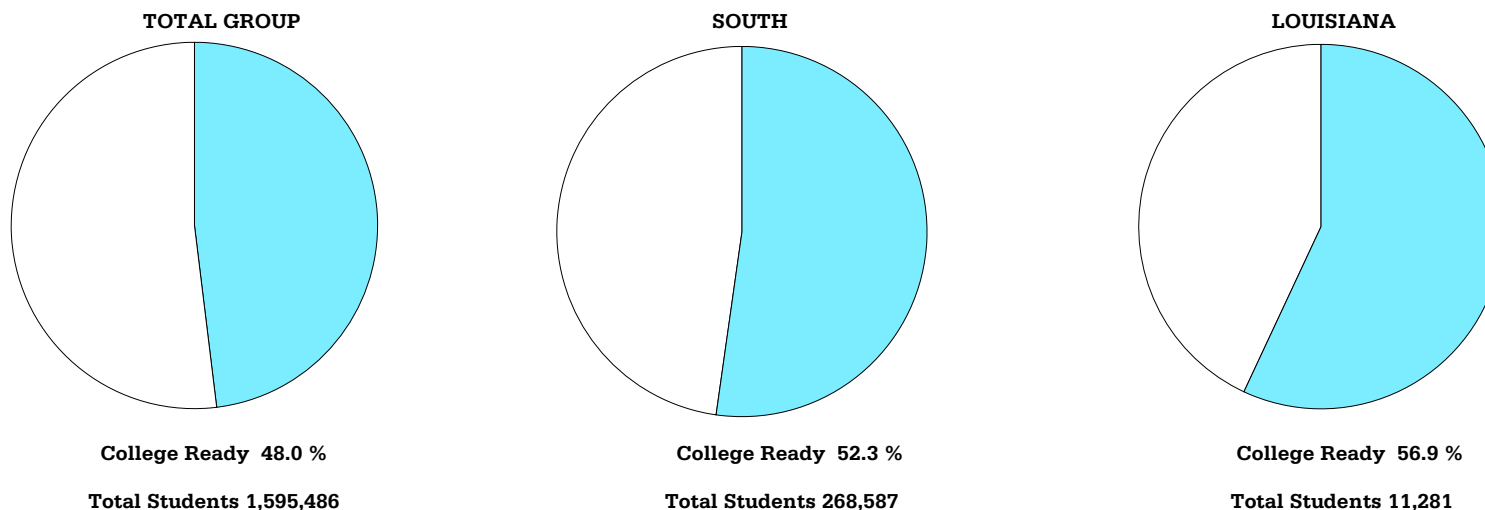


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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.



**TABLE 1: NUMBER OF JUNIORS TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT®**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	124,561	46.5	4,836	43.0
Female	839,350	52.8	143,228	53.5	6,420	57.0
No Response	5,207		798		25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>268,587</b>		<b>11,281</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,522	0.6	86	0.8
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	16,833	6.5	469	4.3
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	49,563	19.1	2,477	22.4
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	32,678	12.6	482	4.4
White	811,645	53.5	149,006	57.5	7,313	66.3
Other	56,542	3.7	9,408	3.6	207	1.9
No Response	77,439		9,577		247	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	237,094	88.3	10,439	92.5
No	220,802	13.8	31,493	11.7	842	7.5

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	16,138	6.4	1,100	10.0
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	64,387	25.4	3,200	29.0
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	54,058	21.3	2,270	20.6
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	43,550	17.2	1,668	15.1
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	37,969	15.0	1,367	12.4
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	17,677	7.0	661	6.0
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	11,203	4.4	462	4.2
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	6,123	2.4	235	2.1
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,745	0.7	71	0.6
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	450	0.2	7	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	220	0.1	1	0.0
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	0	0.0
No Response	109,554		14,993		239	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	1,655	0.6	33	0.3
2016	1,529,666	97.6	259,675	97.9	11,132	99.1
2017	13,401	0.9	2,141	0.8	46	0.4
After 2017	4,382	0.3	508	0.2	7	0.1
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,286	0.5	20	0.2
No Response	28,720		3,322		43	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	2,175	0.8	99	0.9
70-74	40,435	2.5	7,617	2.8	294	2.6
65-69	50,059	3.1	9,735	3.6	363	3.2
60-64	132,960	8.3	26,902	10.0	1,203	10.7
55-59	151,282	9.5	28,442	10.6	1,220	10.8
50-54	262,519	16.5	48,372	18.0	2,209	19.6
45-49	241,246	15.1	40,755	15.2	1,913	17.0
40-44	277,848	17.4	45,037	16.8	1,957	17.3
35-39	205,506	12.9	30,143	11.2	1,158	10.3
30-34	123,731	7.8	16,808	6.3	561	5.0
25-29	65,274	4.1	8,586	3.2	225	2.0
20-24	32,357	2.0	4,015	1.5	79	0.7
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		11,281	
Mean Score	46.9		48.3		49.1	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.1		10.4	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	3,810	1.4	130	1.2
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,117	2.3	253	2.2
65-69	99,827	6.3	17,566	6.5	676	6.0
60-64	117,266	7.3	20,320	7.6	824	7.3
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,244	12.7	1,500	13.3
50-54	238,624	15.0	41,659	15.5	1,960	17.4
45-49	300,608	18.8	52,086	19.4	2,435	21.6
40-44	206,440	12.9	34,302	12.8	1,606	14.2
35-39	205,350	12.9	32,646	12.2	1,186	10.5
30-34	92,785	5.8	14,160	5.3	438	3.9
25-29	52,906	3.3	7,963	3.0	208	1.8
20-24	24,696	1.5	3,714	1.4	65	0.6
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		11,281	
Mean Score	48.6		49.0		49.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.6		10.6	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	2,389	0.9	126	1.1
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,621	2.5	352	3.1
65-69	58,912	3.7	11,274	4.2	534	4.7
60-64	80,202	5.0	16,323	6.1	792	7.0
55-59	164,768	10.3	31,721	11.8	1,527	13.5
50-54	180,999	11.3	33,025	12.3	1,710	15.2
45-49	277,129	17.4	47,745	17.8	2,157	19.1
40-44	258,258	16.2	41,704	15.5	1,748	15.5
35-39	258,214	16.2	39,723	14.8	1,369	12.1
30-34	133,110	8.3	19,114	7.1	573	5.1
25-29	75,906	4.8	10,333	3.8	223	2.0
20-24	62,569	3.9	8,615	3.2	170	1.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		11,281	
Mean Score	45.3		46.6		48.8	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.1	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,139	0.9	56	1.2
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,056	3.3	162	3.3
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,887	3.9	194	4.0
60-64	63,762	8.5	12,677	10.2	547	11.3
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,742	10.2	514	10.6
50-54	117,103	15.6	21,048	16.9	901	18.6
45-49	107,379	14.3	17,756	14.3	736	15.2
40-44	125,592	16.7	20,050	16.1	782	16.2
35-39	96,906	12.9	14,250	11.4	496	10.3
30-34	63,366	8.4	8,762	7.0	287	5.9
25-29	35,911	4.8	4,820	3.9	113	2.3
20-24	18,570	2.5	2,374	1.9	48	1.0
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		4,836	
Mean Score	46.7		48.1		49.3	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.7		11.1	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,598	2.1	105	2.2
70-74	24,544	3.3	3,866	3.1	165	3.4
65-69	58,730	7.8	10,419	8.4	403	8.3
60-64	63,734	8.5	10,947	8.8	421	8.7
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,827	13.5	692	14.3
50-54	110,359	14.7	18,739	15.0	817	16.9
45-49	129,882	17.3	21,836	17.5	897	18.5
40-44	85,201	11.3	13,855	11.1	568	11.7
35-39	85,862	11.4	13,425	10.8	451	9.3
30-34	41,404	5.5	6,322	5.1	197	4.1
25-29	25,099	3.3	3,782	3.0	90	1.9
20-24	12,583	1.7	1,945	1.6	30	0.6
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		4,836	
Mean Score	49.8		50.2		51.2	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.2		11.4	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,036	0.8	67	1.4
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,766	2.2	155	3.2
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,680	3.8	225	4.7
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,946	5.6	315	6.5
55-59	71,197	9.5	13,658	11.0	620	12.8
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,159	11.4	657	13.6
45-49	125,954	16.8	21,431	17.2	888	18.4
40-44	120,231	16.0	19,282	15.5	755	15.6
35-39	125,467	16.7	19,345	15.5	644	13.3
30-34	69,329	9.2	10,113	8.1	285	5.9
25-29	42,639	5.7	5,838	4.7	119	2.5
20-24	37,288	5.0	5,307	4.3	106	2.2
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		4,836	
Mean Score	44.4		45.6		48.2	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.0		11.6	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,034	0.7	43	0.7
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,547	2.5	132	2.1
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,833	3.4	169	2.6
60-64	68,995	8.2	14,199	9.9	654	10.2
55-59	81,466	9.7	15,635	10.9	704	11.0
50-54	144,823	17.3	27,223	19.0	1,307	20.4
45-49	133,262	15.9	22,892	16.0	1,173	18.3
40-44	151,249	18.0	24,831	17.3	1,171	18.2
35-39	107,685	12.8	15,754	11.0	657	10.2
30-34	59,661	7.1	7,953	5.6	269	4.2
25-29	28,896	3.4	3,712	2.6	110	1.7
20-24	13,515	1.6	1,615	1.1	31	0.5
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		6,420	
Mean Score	47.2		48.5		48.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		9.8	

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**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,212	0.8	25	0.4
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,243	1.6	88	1.4
65-69	40,965	4.9	7,128	5.0	273	4.3
60-64	53,359	6.4	9,340	6.5	402	6.3
55-59	94,379	11.2	17,360	12.1	805	12.5
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,828	15.9	1,142	17.8
45-49	169,815	20.2	30,084	21.0	1,533	23.9
40-44	120,438	14.3	20,333	14.2	1,036	16.1
35-39	118,531	14.1	19,076	13.3	728	11.3
30-34	50,749	6.0	7,753	5.4	238	3.7
25-29	27,391	3.3	4,124	2.9	116	1.8
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,747	1.2	34	0.5
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		6,420	
Mean Score	47.6		47.9		48.5	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.9		9.7	

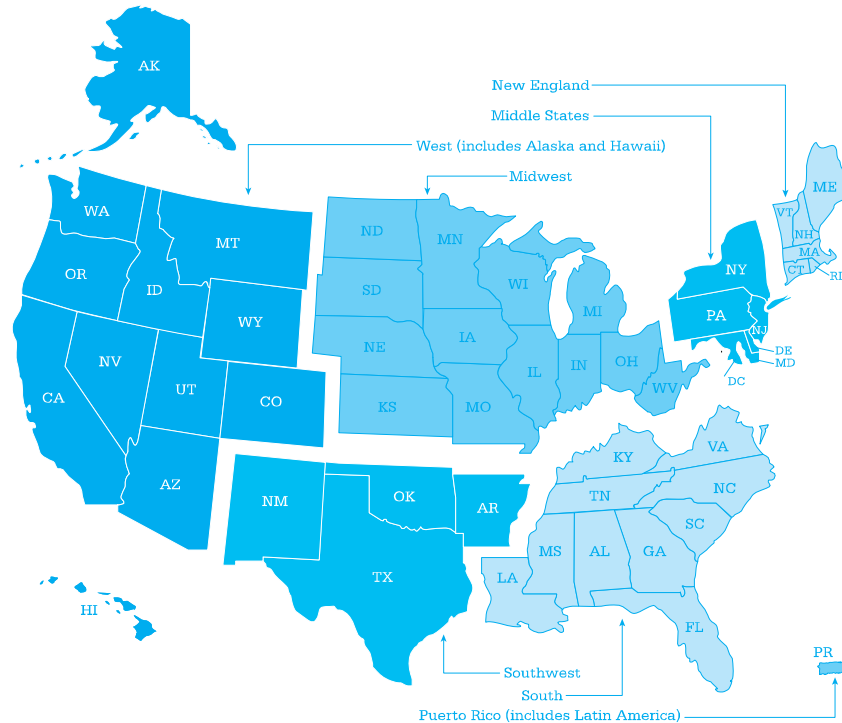
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	1,349	0.9	59	0.9
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,850	2.7	196	3.1
65-69	33,832	4.0	6,582	4.6	309	4.8
60-64	45,764	5.5	9,350	6.5	476	7.4
55-59	93,261	11.1	18,003	12.6	907	14.1
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,798	13.1	1,051	16.4
45-49	150,475	17.9	26,202	18.3	1,263	19.7
40-44	137,187	16.3	22,292	15.6	987	15.4
35-39	131,705	15.7	20,226	14.1	723	11.3
30-34	63,051	7.5	8,899	6.2	285	4.4
25-29	32,766	3.9	4,435	3.1	101	1.6
20-24	24,778	3.0	3,242	2.3	63	1.0
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		6,420	
Mean Score	46.2		47.6		49.4	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.5		10.7	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			LOUISIANA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.7
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.2	1.8	0.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.7	4.5	6.7	6.6	5.2	7.7
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.2	11.6	7.2	7.0	8.8	5.7
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.5	2.0	1.6	2.3
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.9	5.4	0.8	2.3	4.5	0.6
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	2.9	0.8	4.7	2.2	0.7	3.4
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.4	20.4	3.8	15.2	28.2	5.6
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.2	2.3	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	1.4	1.1	0.6	1.5
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	22.0	12.1	30.4	27.7	15.2	36.9
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.5
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.0
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.6	0.7
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.0	1.9	5.7	4.0	2.0	5.5
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.7
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	2.5	2.2	2.8
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.4	2.0	1.5	2.3
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	8.5	7.1	9.6	7.3	6.4	7.9
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	8.7	9.6	7.9	6.9	7.2	6.7
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			252,521			10,963		

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