

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## RHODE ISLAND

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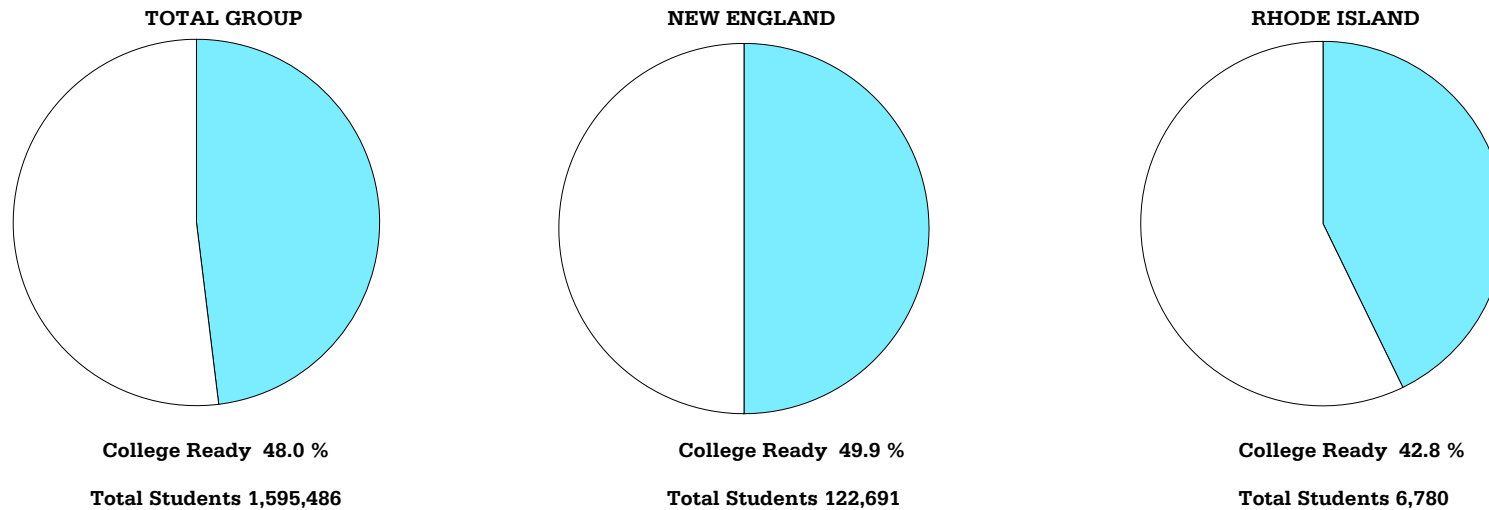


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	59,305	48.5	3,218	47.6
Female	839,350	52.8	62,946	51.5	3,544	52.4
No Response	5,207		440		18	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>122,691</b>		<b>6,780</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	633	0.5	38	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	8,198	7.1	351	5.7
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	9,117	7.9	423	6.8
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	13,064	11.3	1,161	18.7
White	811,645	53.5	81,004	69.8	3,987	64.3
Other	56,542	3.7	4,054	3.5	238	3.8
No Response	77,439		6,621		582	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	101,000	82.3	5,681	83.8
No	220,802	13.8	21,691	17.7	1,099	16.2

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	2,611	2.3	124	2.1
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	16,892	14.9	941	15.6
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	25,229	22.2	1,343	22.2
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	24,618	21.7	1,277	21.1
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	21,461	18.9	1,172	19.4
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	10,579	9.3	593	9.8
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	6,677	5.9	338	5.6
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	3,651	3.2	167	2.8
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,291	1.1	59	1.0
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	400	0.4	19	0.3
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	201	0.2	6	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	88	0.1	7	0.1
No Response	109,554		8,993		734	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	400	0.3	30	0.5
2016	1,529,666	97.6	117,794	97.8	6,174	97.6
2017	13,401	0.9	940	0.8	64	1.0
After 2017	4,382	0.3	336	0.3	22	0.3
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,018	0.8	39	0.6
No Response	28,720		2,203		451	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,048	0.9	26	0.4
70-74	40,435	2.5	3,395	2.8	120	1.8
65-69	50,059	3.1	4,145	3.4	152	2.2
60-64	132,960	8.3	10,110	8.2	478	7.1
55-59	151,282	9.5	12,066	9.8	587	8.7
50-54	262,519	16.5	20,431	16.7	1,027	15.1
45-49	241,246	15.1	19,113	15.6	1,093	16.1
40-44	277,848	17.4	20,855	17.0	1,205	17.8
35-39	205,506	12.9	14,969	12.2	924	13.6
30-34	123,731	7.8	9,006	7.3	623	9.2
25-29	65,274	4.1	5,035	4.1	348	5.1
20-24	32,357	2.0	2,518	2.1	197	2.9
TOTAL	1,595,486		122,691		6,780	
Mean Score	46.9		47.2		45.4	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.4		11.1	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	2,214	1.8	71	1.0
70-74	39,427	2.5	3,444	2.8	137	2.0
65-69	99,827	6.3	7,900	6.4	294	4.3
60-64	117,266	7.3	9,978	8.1	414	6.1
55-59	190,357	11.9	15,256	12.4	723	10.7
50-54	238,624	15.0	18,786	15.3	1,003	14.8
45-49	300,608	18.8	22,721	18.5	1,259	18.6
40-44	206,440	12.9	14,762	12.0	944	13.9
35-39	205,350	12.9	14,387	11.7	977	14.4
30-34	92,785	5.8	7,023	5.7	469	6.9
25-29	52,906	3.3	4,145	3.4	315	4.6
20-24	24,696	1.5	2,075	1.7	174	2.6
TOTAL	1,595,486		122,691		6,780	
Mean Score	48.6		49.1		46.7	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.0		11.7	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,205	1.0	36	0.5
70-74	30,945	1.9	2,132	1.7	83	1.2
65-69	58,912	3.7	5,054	4.1	209	3.1
60-64	80,202	5.0	6,419	5.2	271	4.0
55-59	164,768	10.3	12,923	10.5	632	9.3
50-54	180,999	11.3	14,403	11.7	765	11.3
45-49	277,129	17.4	21,823	17.8	1,163	17.2
40-44	258,258	16.2	19,629	16.0	1,077	15.9
35-39	258,214	16.2	18,290	14.9	1,091	16.1
30-34	133,110	8.3	9,746	7.9	603	8.9
25-29	75,906	4.8	5,797	4.7	454	6.7
20-24	62,569	3.9	5,270	4.3	396	5.8
TOTAL	1,595,486		122,691		6,780	
Mean Score	45.3		45.6		43.7	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.9		11.8	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	566	1.0	14	0.4
70-74	21,196	2.8	1,786	3.0	73	2.3
65-69	25,304	3.4	2,082	3.5	84	2.6
60-64	63,762	8.5	4,944	8.3	218	6.8
55-59	69,523	9.3	5,678	9.6	265	8.2
50-54	117,103	15.6	9,357	15.8	485	15.1
45-49	107,379	14.3	8,772	14.8	491	15.3
40-44	125,592	16.7	9,741	16.4	522	16.2
35-39	96,906	12.9	7,274	12.3	439	13.6
30-34	63,366	8.4	4,787	8.1	310	9.6
25-29	35,911	4.8	2,833	4.8	206	6.4
20-24	18,570	2.5	1,485	2.5	111	3.4
TOTAL	750,929		59,305		3,218	
Mean Score	46.7		47.0		45.1	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.7	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	1,530	2.6	48	1.5
70-74	24,544	3.3	2,161	3.6	85	2.6
65-69	58,730	7.8	4,634	7.8	193	6.0
60-64	63,734	8.5	5,425	9.1	233	7.2
55-59	95,622	12.7	7,714	13.0	382	11.9
50-54	110,359	14.7	8,857	14.9	481	14.9
45-49	129,882	17.3	10,065	17.0	529	16.4
40-44	85,201	11.3	6,210	10.5	395	12.3
35-39	85,862	11.4	6,308	10.6	415	12.9
30-34	41,404	5.5	3,309	5.6	210	6.5
25-29	25,099	3.3	2,044	3.4	158	4.9
20-24	12,583	1.7	1,048	1.8	89	2.8
TOTAL	750,929		59,305		3,218	
Mean Score	49.8		50.2		47.8	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.6		12.5	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	546	0.9	14	0.4
70-74	13,265	1.8	916	1.5	44	1.4
65-69	25,009	3.3	2,181	3.7	101	3.1
60-64	34,324	4.6	2,802	4.7	112	3.5
55-59	71,197	9.5	5,671	9.6	276	8.6
50-54	79,747	10.6	6,467	10.9	335	10.4
45-49	125,954	16.8	10,265	17.3	526	16.3
40-44	120,231	16.0	9,474	16.0	495	15.4
35-39	125,467	16.7	9,180	15.5	521	16.2
30-34	69,329	9.2	5,293	8.9	324	10.1
25-29	42,639	5.7	3,320	5.6	253	7.9
20-24	37,288	5.0	3,190	5.4	217	6.7
TOTAL	750,929		59,305		3,218	
Mean Score	44.4		44.6		42.9	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.1		12.0	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	481	0.8	12	0.3
70-74	19,179	2.3	1,600	2.5	47	1.3
65-69	24,680	2.9	2,051	3.3	67	1.9
60-64	68,995	8.2	5,146	8.2	260	7.3
55-59	81,466	9.7	6,363	10.1	322	9.1
50-54	144,823	17.3	11,012	17.5	539	15.2
45-49	133,262	15.9	10,303	16.4	600	16.9
40-44	151,249	18.0	11,033	17.5	681	19.2
35-39	107,685	12.8	7,625	12.1	481	13.6
30-34	59,661	7.1	4,156	6.6	309	8.7
25-29	28,896	3.4	2,164	3.4	141	4.0
20-24	13,515	1.6	1,012	1.6	85	2.4
TOTAL	839,350		62,946		3,544	
Mean Score	47.2		47.5		45.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		10.6	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	679	1.1	23	0.6
70-74	14,848	1.8	1,280	2.0	52	1.5
65-69	40,965	4.9	3,258	5.2	101	2.8
60-64	53,359	6.4	4,544	7.2	181	5.1
55-59	94,379	11.2	7,508	11.9	340	9.6
50-54	127,719	15.2	9,869	15.7	522	14.7
45-49	169,815	20.2	12,582	20.0	724	20.4
40-44	120,438	14.3	8,493	13.5	546	15.4
35-39	118,531	14.1	7,993	12.7	560	15.8
30-34	50,749	6.0	3,670	5.8	257	7.3
25-29	27,391	3.3	2,063	3.3	155	4.4
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,007	1.6	83	2.3
TOTAL	839,350		62,946		3,544	
Mean Score	47.6		48.1		45.7	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.3		10.9	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	656	1.0	22	0.6
70-74	17,655	2.1	1,214	1.9	39	1.1
65-69	33,832	4.0	2,864	4.5	108	3.0
60-64	45,764	5.5	3,607	5.7	159	4.5
55-59	93,261	11.1	7,227	11.5	355	10.0
50-54	100,894	12.0	7,904	12.6	430	12.1
45-49	150,475	17.9	11,502	18.3	633	17.9
40-44	137,187	16.3	10,080	16.0	579	16.3
35-39	131,705	15.7	9,040	14.4	567	16.0
30-34	63,051	7.5	4,396	7.0	277	7.8
25-29	32,766	3.9	2,428	3.9	198	5.6
20-24	24,778	3.0	2,028	3.2	177	5.0
TOTAL	839,350		62,946		3,544	
Mean Score	46.2		46.6		44.5	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.7		11.6	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			NEW ENGLAND			RHODE ISLAND		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.8
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.1	1.7	0.6	1.4	2.3	0.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.5	4.2	6.6	5.2	3.7	6.5
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	10.6	13.7	7.8	10.4	13.9	7.4
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.7
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	4.4	1.0
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	3.7	1.1	6.1	3.2	1.1	5.1
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	9.6	17.0	3.0	10.1	18.5	2.9
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.2	2.2	0.3	1.4	2.7	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.3	0.7	1.9	1.4	0.5	2.2
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	15.6	7.2	23.2	17.7	8.5	25.6
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.3
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.5
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.8
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.6	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	0.5
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.0
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.1	1.8	6.3	4.1	1.4	6.5
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.6
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.7	5.5	4.0	5.4	5.5	5.3
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.6	1.9	1.6	2.2
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	7.4	6.0	8.7	7.4	6.1	8.5
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.1	3.5	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.3
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	14.3	15.4	13.3	12.6	13.9	11.5
<b>NUMBER RESPONDING</b>	<b>1,458,790</b>			<b>110,570</b>			<b>5,721</b>		

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