

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

**VIRGINIA**

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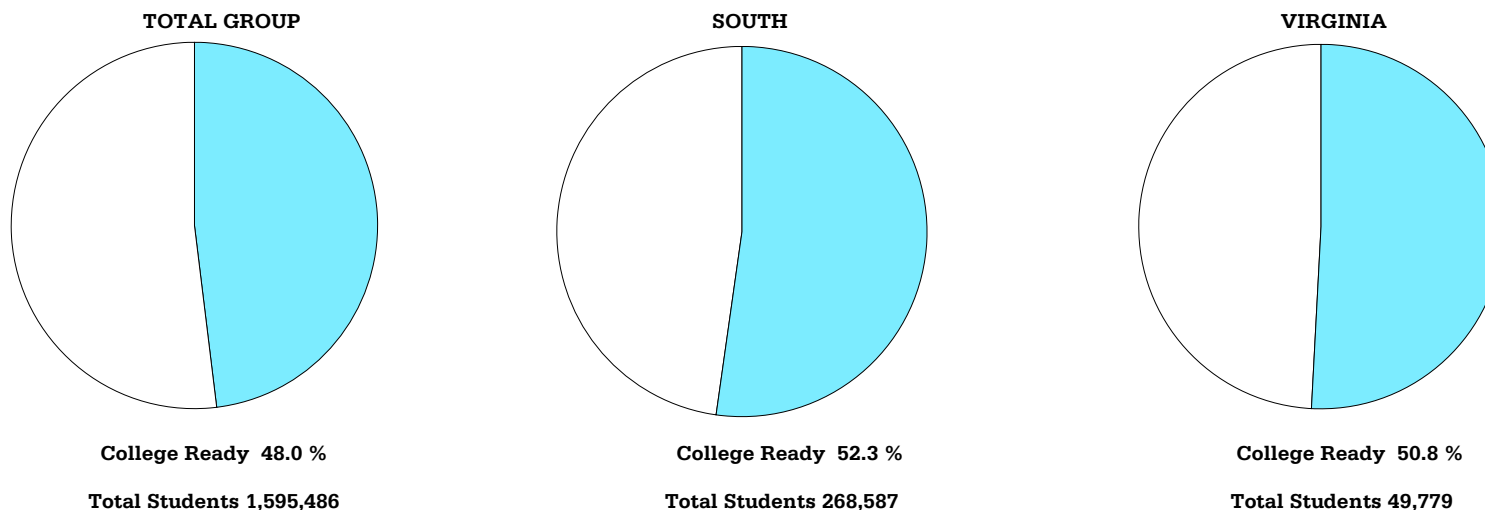


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	124,561	46.5	24,081	48.5
Female	839,350	52.8	143,228	53.5	25,540	51.5
No Response	5,207		798		158	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>268,587</b>		<b>49,779</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,522	0.6	251	0.5
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	16,833	6.5	5,018	10.5
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	49,563	19.1	8,815	18.5
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	32,678	12.6	4,851	10.2
White	811,645	53.5	149,006	57.5	26,314	55.2
Other	56,542	3.7	9,408	3.6	2,410	5.1
No Response	77,439		9,577		2,120	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	237,094	88.3	42,118	84.6
No	220,802	13.8	31,493	11.7	7,661	15.4

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	16,138	6.4	1,881	4.0
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	64,387	25.4	10,057	21.6
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	54,058	21.3	9,382	20.1
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	43,550	17.2	8,572	18.4
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	37,969	15.0	8,234	17.7
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	17,677	7.0	3,654	7.8
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	11,203	4.4	2,666	5.7
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	6,123	2.4	1,583	3.4
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,745	0.7	386	0.8
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	450	0.2	128	0.3
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	220	0.1	45	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	14	0.0
No Response	109,554		14,993		3,177	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	1,655	0.6	251	0.5
2016	1,529,666	97.6	259,675	97.9	47,844	97.7
2017	13,401	0.9	2,141	0.8	392	0.8
After 2017	4,382	0.3	508	0.2	139	0.3
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,286	0.5	332	0.7
No Response	28,720		3,322		821	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	2,175	0.8	503	1.0
70-74	40,435	2.5	7,617	2.8	1,553	3.1
65-69	50,059	3.1	9,735	3.6	1,918	3.9
60-64	132,960	8.3	26,902	10.0	4,826	9.7
55-59	151,282	9.5	28,442	10.6	5,008	10.1
50-54	262,519	16.5	48,372	18.0	8,444	17.0
45-49	241,246	15.1	40,755	15.2	7,405	14.9
40-44	277,848	17.4	45,037	16.8	8,408	16.9
35-39	205,506	12.9	30,143	11.2	5,733	11.5
30-34	123,731	7.8	16,808	6.3	3,401	6.8
25-29	65,274	4.1	8,586	3.2	1,779	3.6
20-24	32,357	2.0	4,015	1.5	801	1.6
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		49,779	
Mean Score	46.9		48.3		48.1	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.1		11.5	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	3,810	1.4	944	1.9
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,117	2.3	1,203	2.4
65-69	99,827	6.3	17,566	6.5	3,323	6.7
60-64	117,266	7.3	20,320	7.6	3,516	7.1
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,244	12.7	6,002	12.1
50-54	238,624	15.0	41,659	15.5	7,490	15.0
45-49	300,608	18.8	52,086	19.4	9,405	18.9
40-44	206,440	12.9	34,302	12.8	6,504	13.1
35-39	205,350	12.9	32,646	12.2	6,364	12.8
30-34	92,785	5.8	14,160	5.3	2,635	5.3
25-29	52,906	3.3	7,963	3.0	1,616	3.2
20-24	24,696	1.5	3,714	1.4	777	1.6
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		49,779	
Mean Score	48.6		49.0		48.8	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.6		11.9	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	2,389	0.9	488	1.0
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,621	2.5	1,219	2.4
65-69	58,912	3.7	11,274	4.2	2,024	4.1
60-64	80,202	5.0	16,323	6.1	2,944	5.9
55-59	164,768	10.3	31,721	11.8	5,566	11.2
50-54	180,999	11.3	33,025	12.3	5,857	11.8
45-49	277,129	17.4	47,745	17.8	8,578	17.2
40-44	258,258	16.2	41,704	15.5	7,786	15.6
35-39	258,214	16.2	39,723	14.8	7,609	15.3
30-34	133,110	8.3	19,114	7.1	3,809	7.7
25-29	75,906	4.8	10,333	3.8	2,169	4.4
20-24	62,569	3.9	8,615	3.2	1,730	3.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		49,779	
Mean Score	45.3		46.6		46.2	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.9	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,139	0.9	259	1.1
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,056	3.3	827	3.4
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,887	3.9	994	4.1
60-64	63,762	8.5	12,677	10.2	2,330	9.7
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,742	10.2	2,321	9.6
50-54	117,103	15.6	21,048	16.9	3,897	16.2
45-49	107,379	14.3	17,756	14.3	3,372	14.0
40-44	125,592	16.7	20,050	16.1	3,899	16.2
35-39	96,906	12.9	14,250	11.4	2,855	11.9
30-34	63,366	8.4	8,762	7.0	1,820	7.6
25-29	35,911	4.8	4,820	3.9	1,047	4.3
20-24	18,570	2.5	2,374	1.9	460	1.9
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		24,081	
Mean Score	46.7		48.1		47.8	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.7		11.9	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,598	2.1	626	2.6
70-74	24,544	3.3	3,866	3.1	745	3.1
65-69	58,730	7.8	10,419	8.4	1,985	8.2
60-64	63,734	8.5	10,947	8.8	1,899	7.9
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,827	13.5	3,061	12.7
50-54	110,359	14.7	18,739	15.0	3,617	15.0
45-49	129,882	17.3	21,836	17.5	4,161	17.3
40-44	85,201	11.3	13,855	11.1	2,784	11.6
35-39	85,862	11.4	13,425	10.8	2,744	11.4
30-34	41,404	5.5	6,322	5.1	1,236	5.1
25-29	25,099	3.3	3,782	3.0	809	3.4
20-24	12,583	1.7	1,945	1.6	414	1.7
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		24,081	
Mean Score	49.8		50.2		49.9	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.2		12.5	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,036	0.8	206	0.9
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,766	2.2	495	2.1
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,680	3.8	881	3.7
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,946	5.6	1,327	5.5
55-59	71,197	9.5	13,658	11.0	2,528	10.5
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,159	11.4	2,600	10.8
45-49	125,954	16.8	21,431	17.2	3,957	16.4
40-44	120,231	16.0	19,282	15.5	3,793	15.8
35-39	125,467	16.7	19,345	15.5	3,863	16.0
30-34	69,329	9.2	10,113	8.1	2,068	8.6
25-29	42,639	5.7	5,838	4.7	1,264	5.2
20-24	37,288	5.0	5,307	4.3	1,099	4.6
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		24,081	
Mean Score	44.4		45.6		45.2	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.0		12.1	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,034	0.7	243	1.0
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,547	2.5	721	2.8
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,833	3.4	921	3.6
60-64	68,995	8.2	14,199	9.9	2,492	9.8
55-59	81,466	9.7	15,635	10.9	2,670	10.5
50-54	144,823	17.3	27,223	19.0	4,529	17.7
45-49	133,262	15.9	22,892	16.0	4,010	15.7
40-44	151,249	18.0	24,831	17.3	4,488	17.6
35-39	107,685	12.8	15,754	11.0	2,851	11.2
30-34	59,661	7.1	7,953	5.6	1,560	6.1
25-29	28,896	3.4	3,712	2.6	719	2.8
20-24	13,515	1.6	1,615	1.1	336	1.3
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		25,540	
Mean Score	47.2		48.5		48.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		11.0	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,212	0.8	318	1.2
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,243	1.6	457	1.8
65-69	40,965	4.9	7,128	5.0	1,334	5.2
60-64	53,359	6.4	9,340	6.5	1,610	6.3
55-59	94,379	11.2	17,360	12.1	2,928	11.5
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,828	15.9	3,857	15.1
45-49	169,815	20.2	30,084	21.0	5,209	20.4
40-44	120,438	14.3	20,333	14.2	3,699	14.5
35-39	118,531	14.1	19,076	13.3	3,592	14.1
30-34	50,749	6.0	7,753	5.4	1,386	5.4
25-29	27,391	3.3	4,124	2.9	792	3.1
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,747	1.2	358	1.4
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		25,540	
Mean Score	47.6		47.9		47.8	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.9		11.2	

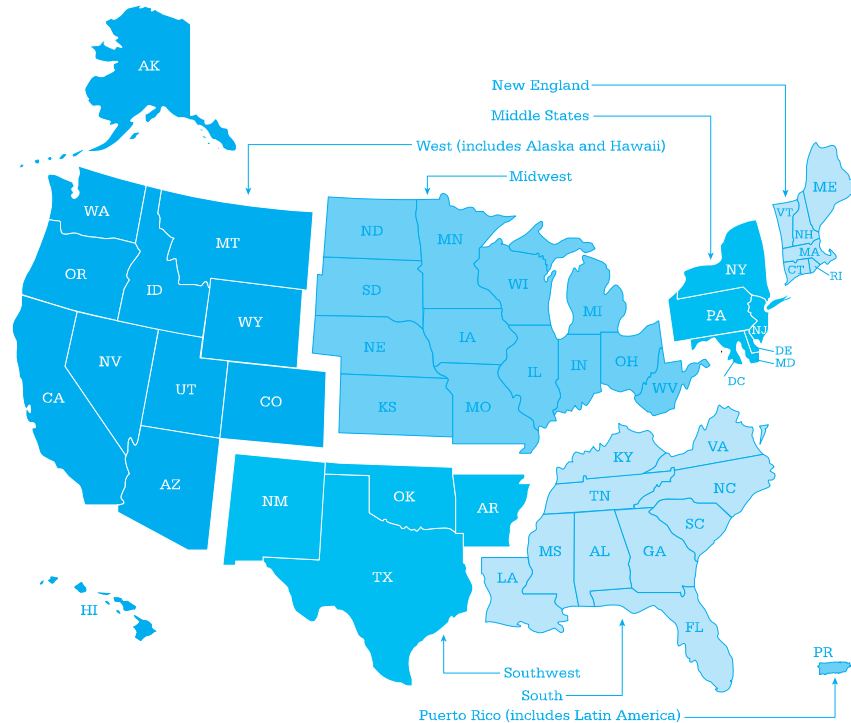
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	1,349	0.9	280	1.1
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,850	2.7	723	2.8
65-69	33,832	4.0	6,582	4.6	1,137	4.5
60-64	45,764	5.5	9,350	6.5	1,616	6.3
55-59	93,261	11.1	18,003	12.6	3,026	11.8
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,798	13.1	3,247	12.7
45-49	150,475	17.9	26,202	18.3	4,596	18.0
40-44	137,187	16.3	22,292	15.6	3,967	15.5
35-39	131,705	15.7	20,226	14.1	3,712	14.5
30-34	63,051	7.5	8,899	6.2	1,725	6.8
25-29	32,766	3.9	4,435	3.1	894	3.5
20-24	24,778	3.0	3,242	2.3	617	2.4
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		25,540	
Mean Score	46.2		47.6		47.3	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.5		11.7	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			VIRGINIA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.1
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.8
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	5.6	4.2	6.8
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.2	11.6	7.2	9.0	10.8	7.4
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.5	1.8	1.4	2.1
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.9	5.4	0.8	4.2	7.7	1.1
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	2.9	0.8	4.7	3.0	0.8	4.9
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.4	20.4	3.8	11.4	19.3	4.2
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.4	2.6	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.5	1.5
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.9
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	22.0	12.1	30.4	17.2	8.6	24.9
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.9	1.4	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.7	2.4
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.3	1.0	1.7	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.1
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.9	1.5	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.5	2.0	1.1
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.0	1.9	5.7	4.1	2.0	6.1
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	4.1	4.2	4.0
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.4	2.5	1.9	3.0
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	8.5	7.1	9.6	8.2	6.9	9.5
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.5
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	8.7	9.6	7.9	10.4	11.7	9.4
NUMBER RESPONDING	2,458,790			252,521			46,087		

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