

PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

CALIFORNIA

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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.

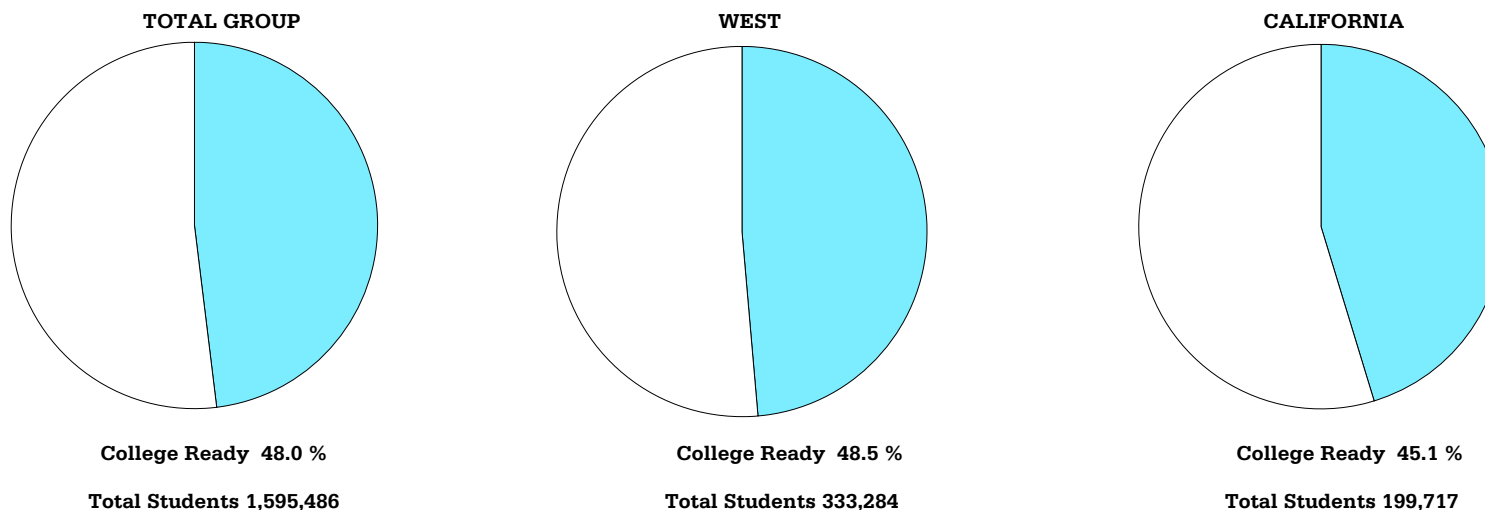


TABLE 1: NUMBER OF JUNIORS TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT®

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	153,016	46.1	91,578	46.1
Female	839,350	52.8	178,819	53.9	107,005	53.9
No Response	5,207		1,449		1,134	
TOTAL	1,595,486		333,284		199,717	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	3,501	1.1	1,193	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	50,305	16.1	34,054	18.4
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	15,397	4.9	10,048	5.4
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	97,342	31.2	77,138	41.6
White	811,645	53.5	132,824	42.6	54,271	29.3
Other	56,542	3.7	12,573	4.0	8,544	4.6
No Response	77,439		21,342		14,469	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	288,029	86.4	171,047	85.6
No	220,802	13.8	45,255	13.6	28,670	14.4

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	10,948	3.6	4,876	2.7
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	65,367	21.2	34,982	19.2
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	65,620	21.3	38,757	21.3
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	51,074	16.6	31,668	17.4
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	53,398	17.3	33,448	18.3
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	25,309	8.2	15,888	8.7
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	18,392	6.0	11,806	6.5
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	12,196	4.0	7,604	4.2
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	3,434	1.1	1,998	1.1
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	1,161	0.4	684	0.4
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	712	0.2	378	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	360	0.1	200	0.1
No Response	109,554		25,313		17,428	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	1,637	0.5	964	0.5
2016	1,529,666	97.6	319,921	97.7	191,455	98.1
2017	13,401	0.9	2,946	0.9	1,569	0.8
After 2017	4,382	0.3	1,199	0.4	473	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,635	0.5	732	0.4
No Response	28,720		5,946		4,524	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	3,183	1.0	1,973	1.0
70-74	40,435	2.5	9,702	2.9	5,621	2.8
65-69	50,059	3.1	11,079	3.3	6,067	3.0
60-64	132,960	8.3	27,760	8.3	14,750	7.4
55-59	151,282	9.5	31,569	9.5	16,969	8.5
50-54	262,519	16.5	53,888	16.2	29,741	14.9
45-49	241,246	15.1	50,612	15.2	29,016	14.5
40-44	277,848	17.4	58,628	17.6	36,481	18.3
35-39	205,506	12.9	43,908	13.2	29,208	14.6
30-34	123,731	7.8	24,932	7.5	17,308	8.7
25-29	65,274	4.1	12,385	3.7	8,668	4.3
20-24	32,357	2.0	5,638	1.7	3,915	2.0
TOTAL	1,595,486		333,284		199,717	
Mean Score	46.9		47.3		46.4	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.4		11.5	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	7,224	2.2	5,392	2.7
70-74	39,427	2.5	9,151	2.7	6,028	3.0
65-69	99,827	6.3	20,511	6.2	11,834	5.9
60-64	117,266	7.3	24,569	7.4	13,232	6.6
55-59	190,357	11.9	38,992	11.7	20,522	10.3
50-54	238,624	15.0	50,104	15.0	27,318	13.7
45-49	300,608	18.8	62,608	18.8	36,233	18.1
40-44	206,440	12.9	42,789	12.8	26,439	13.2
35-39	205,350	12.9	42,872	12.9	28,537	14.3
30-34	92,785	5.8	19,292	5.8	13,440	6.7
25-29	52,906	3.3	10,452	3.1	7,425	3.7
20-24	24,696	1.5	4,720	1.4	3,317	1.7
TOTAL	1,595,486		333,284		199,717	
Mean Score	48.6		48.9		48.2	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.0		12.4	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	3,951	1.2	2,925	1.5
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,404	1.9	4,244	2.1
65-69	58,912	3.7	13,021	3.9	7,965	4.0
60-64	80,202	5.0	16,110	4.8	9,036	4.5
55-59	164,768	10.3	33,900	10.2	18,541	9.3
50-54	180,999	11.3	38,949	11.7	21,640	10.8
45-49	277,129	17.4	59,148	17.7	34,078	17.1
40-44	258,258	16.2	55,865	16.8	33,593	16.8
35-39	258,214	16.2	54,208	16.3	34,059	17.1
30-34	133,110	8.3	26,773	8.0	17,384	8.7
25-29	75,906	4.8	14,044	4.2	9,195	4.6
20-24	62,569	3.9	10,911	3.3	7,057	3.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		333,284		199,717	
Mean Score	45.3		45.7		45.4	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.7		12.0	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,571	1.0	971	1.1
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,923	3.2	2,862	3.1
65-69	25,304	3.4	5,498	3.6	3,000	3.3
60-64	63,762	8.5	13,171	8.6	7,070	7.7
55-59	69,523	9.3	14,371	9.4	7,796	8.5
50-54	117,103	15.6	23,840	15.6	13,225	14.4
45-49	107,379	14.3	22,153	14.5	12,657	13.8
40-44	125,592	16.7	25,690	16.8	15,932	17.4
35-39	96,906	12.9	19,866	13.0	12,975	14.2
30-34	63,366	8.4	12,219	8.0	8,409	9.2
25-29	35,911	4.8	6,578	4.3	4,539	5.0
20-24	18,570	2.5	3,136	2.0	2,142	2.3
TOTAL	750,929		153,016		91,578	
Mean Score	46.7		47.2		46.3	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.9	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	4,548	3.0	3,322	3.6
70-74	24,544	3.3	5,456	3.6	3,490	3.8
65-69	58,730	7.8	11,895	7.8	6,698	7.3
60-64	63,734	8.5	13,324	8.7	7,200	7.9
55-59	95,622	12.7	19,526	12.8	10,392	11.3
50-54	110,359	14.7	23,113	15.1	12,835	14.0
45-49	129,882	17.3	26,514	17.3	15,586	17.0
40-44	85,201	11.3	17,106	11.2	10,672	11.7
35-39	85,862	11.4	16,846	11.0	11,297	12.3
30-34	41,404	5.5	7,885	5.2	5,397	5.9
25-29	25,099	3.3	4,542	3.0	3,152	3.4
20-24	12,583	1.7	2,261	1.5	1,537	1.7
TOTAL	750,929		153,016		91,578	
Mean Score	49.8		50.3		49.8	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.4		12.9	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,792	1.2	1,355	1.5
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,788	1.8	1,904	2.1
65-69	25,009	3.3	5,567	3.6	3,481	3.8
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,847	4.5	3,925	4.3
55-59	71,197	9.5	14,455	9.4	7,947	8.7
50-54	79,747	10.6	17,028	11.1	9,409	10.3
45-49	125,954	16.8	26,391	17.2	15,199	16.6
40-44	120,231	16.0	25,292	16.5	15,036	16.4
35-39	125,467	16.7	25,406	16.6	15,720	17.2
30-34	69,329	9.2	13,472	8.8	8,582	9.4
25-29	42,639	5.7	7,610	5.0	4,923	5.4
20-24	37,288	5.0	6,368	4.2	4,097	4.5
TOTAL	750,929		153,016		91,578	
Mean Score	44.4		45.0		44.7	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.9		12.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,606	0.9	1,000	0.9
70-74	19,179	2.3	4,769	2.7	2,753	2.6
65-69	24,680	2.9	5,565	3.1	3,052	2.9
60-64	68,995	8.2	14,528	8.1	7,640	7.1
55-59	81,466	9.7	17,121	9.6	9,119	8.5
50-54	144,823	17.3	29,877	16.7	16,386	15.3
45-49	133,262	15.9	28,288	15.8	16,240	15.2
40-44	151,249	18.0	32,634	18.2	20,296	19.0
35-39	107,685	12.8	23,775	13.3	16,006	15.0
30-34	59,661	7.1	12,523	7.0	8,742	8.2
25-29	28,896	3.4	5,698	3.2	4,046	3.8
20-24	13,515	1.6	2,435	1.4	1,725	1.6
TOTAL	839,350		178,819		107,005	
Mean Score	47.2		47.4		46.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		11.1	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	2,670	1.5	2,066	1.9
70-74	14,848	1.8	3,687	2.1	2,530	2.4
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,574	4.8	5,105	4.8
60-64	53,359	6.4	11,200	6.3	6,004	5.6
55-59	94,379	11.2	19,367	10.8	10,052	9.4
50-54	127,719	15.2	26,831	15.0	14,360	13.4
45-49	169,815	20.2	35,836	20.0	20,461	19.1
40-44	120,438	14.3	25,434	14.2	15,568	14.5
35-39	118,531	14.1	25,757	14.4	17,017	15.9
30-34	50,749	6.0	11,246	6.3	7,909	7.4
25-29	27,391	3.3	5,806	3.2	4,193	3.9
20-24	11,894	1.4	2,411	1.3	1,740	1.6
TOTAL	839,350		178,819		107,005	
Mean Score	47.6		47.6		47.0	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.4		11.9	

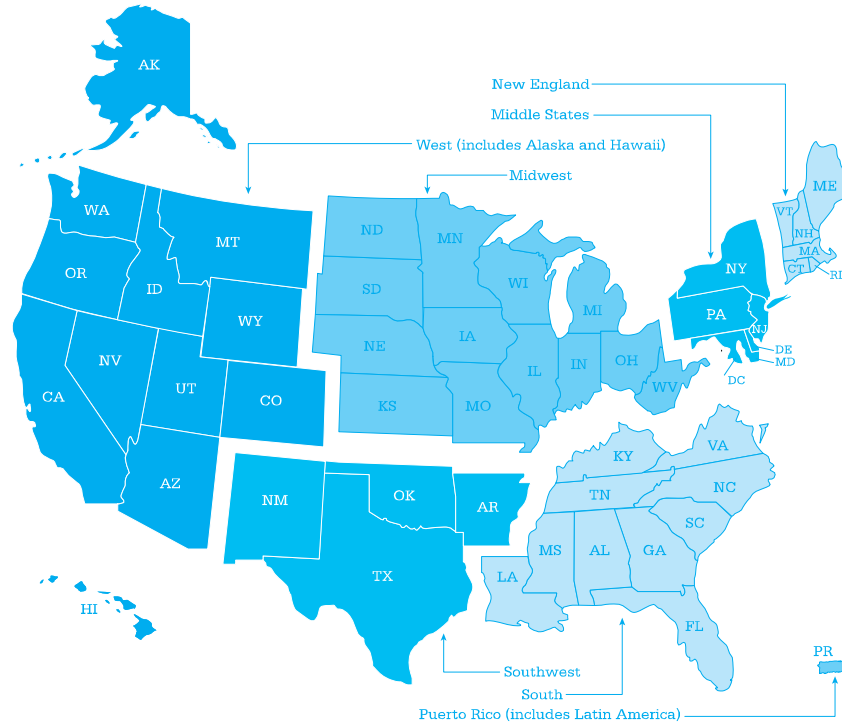
FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		CALIFORNIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	2,158	1.2	1,569	1.5
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,611	2.0	2,337	2.2
65-69	33,832	4.0	7,435	4.2	4,470	4.2
60-64	45,764	5.5	9,228	5.2	5,081	4.7
55-59	93,261	11.1	19,364	10.8	10,535	9.8
50-54	100,894	12.0	21,806	12.2	12,150	11.4
45-49	150,475	17.9	32,543	18.2	18,715	17.5
40-44	137,187	16.3	30,312	17.0	18,354	17.2
35-39	131,705	15.7	28,481	15.9	18,071	16.9
30-34	63,051	7.5	13,113	7.3	8,650	8.1
25-29	32,766	3.9	6,331	3.5	4,188	3.9
20-24	24,778	3.0	4,437	2.5	2,885	2.7
TOTAL	839,350		178,819		107,005	
Mean Score	46.2		46.4		46.0	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.5		11.8	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			WEST			CALIFORNIA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.1
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.3	1.8	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.8
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	6.4	5.1	7.5	7.0	5.5	8.2
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	8.8	10.7	7.3	9.1	11.1	7.4
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.7	1.1	2.1	1.7	1.1	2.2
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	3.1	5.8	0.9	3.0	5.6	0.9
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	2.5	0.8	4.0	2.2	0.7	3.4
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.3	20.0	4.1	10.8	19.2	3.9
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.5	0.3	1.4	2.6	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.6	1.7	1.1	0.6	1.6
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	18.2	10.3	24.7	17.3	10.0	23.3
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.6	2.2
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.6
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	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.5	2.1	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.0
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.4	2.1	6.3	4.7	2.1	6.8
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.7
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.6	2.8	2.4	1.8	2.9
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	8.2	7.0	9.3	8.1	7.0	9.1
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	12.0	12.7	11.4	12.5	13.2	12.0
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			302,984			179,459		

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