

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

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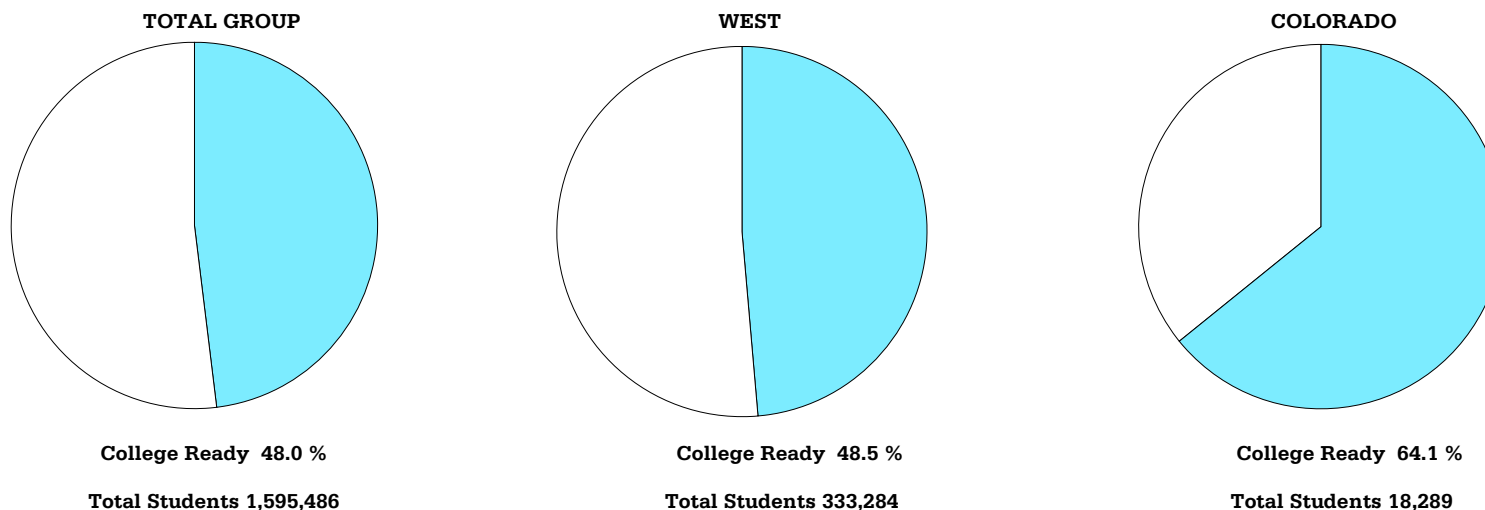


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	153,016	46.1	8,481	46.5
Female	839,350	52.8	178,819	53.9	9,762	53.5
No Response	5,207		1,449		46	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>333,284</b>		<b>18,289</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	3,501	1.1	137	0.8
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	50,305	16.1	1,204	6.8
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	15,397	4.9	585	3.3
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	97,342	31.2	2,661	15.1
White	811,645	53.5	132,824	42.6	12,706	71.9
Other	56,542	3.7	12,573	4.0	379	2.1
No Response	77,439		21,342		617	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	288,029	86.4	16,198	88.6
No	220,802	13.8	45,255	13.6	2,091	11.4

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	10,948	3.6	787	4.5
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	65,367	21.2	4,605	26.0
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	65,620	21.3	3,914	22.1
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	51,074	16.6	2,795	15.8
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	53,398	17.3	2,834	16.0
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	25,309	8.2	1,211	6.8
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	18,392	6.0	771	4.4
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	12,196	4.0	519	2.9
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	3,434	1.1	148	0.8
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	1,161	0.4	48	0.3
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	712	0.2	30	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	360	0.1	17	0.1
No Response	109,554		25,313		610	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	1,637	0.5	54	0.3
2016	1,529,666	97.6	319,921	97.7	17,849	98.3
2017	13,401	0.9	2,946	0.9	143	0.8
After 2017	4,382	0.3	1,199	0.4	50	0.3
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,635	0.5	69	0.4
No Response	28,720		5,946		124	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	3,183	1.0	201	1.1
70-74	40,435	2.5	9,702	2.9	734	4.0
65-69	50,059	3.1	11,079	3.3	928	5.1
60-64	132,960	8.3	27,760	8.3	2,182	11.9
55-59	151,282	9.5	31,569	9.5	2,469	13.5
50-54	262,519	16.5	53,888	16.2	3,610	19.7
45-49	241,246	15.1	50,612	15.2	3,014	16.5
40-44	277,848	17.4	58,628	17.6	2,495	13.6
35-39	205,506	12.9	43,908	13.2	1,515	8.3
30-34	123,731	7.8	24,932	7.5	683	3.7
25-29	65,274	4.1	12,385	3.7	313	1.7
20-24	32,357	2.0	5,638	1.7	145	0.8
TOTAL	1,595,486		333,284		18,289	
Mean Score	46.9		47.3		50.9	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.4		10.7	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	7,224	2.2	313	1.7
70-74	39,427	2.5	9,151	2.7	570	3.1
65-69	99,827	6.3	20,511	6.2	1,552	8.5
60-64	117,266	7.3	24,569	7.4	2,001	10.9
55-59	190,357	11.9	38,992	11.7	2,950	16.1
50-54	238,624	15.0	50,104	15.0	3,272	17.9
45-49	300,608	18.8	62,608	18.8	3,309	18.1
40-44	206,440	12.9	42,789	12.8	1,854	10.1
35-39	205,350	12.9	42,872	12.9	1,535	8.4
30-34	92,785	5.8	19,292	5.8	569	3.1
25-29	52,906	3.3	10,452	3.1	265	1.4
20-24	24,696	1.5	4,720	1.4	99	0.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		333,284		18,289	
Mean Score	48.6		48.9		52.0	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.0		10.9	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	3,951	1.2	189	1.0
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,404	1.9	313	1.7
65-69	58,912	3.7	13,021	3.9	963	5.3
60-64	80,202	5.0	16,110	4.8	1,299	7.1
55-59	164,768	10.3	33,900	10.2	2,723	14.9
50-54	180,999	11.3	38,949	11.7	2,962	16.2
45-49	277,129	17.4	59,148	17.7	3,679	20.1
40-44	258,258	16.2	55,865	16.8	2,770	15.1
35-39	258,214	16.2	54,208	16.3	2,037	11.1
30-34	133,110	8.3	26,773	8.0	753	4.1
25-29	75,906	4.8	14,044	4.2	326	1.8
20-24	62,569	3.9	10,911	3.3	275	1.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		333,284		18,289	
Mean Score	45.3		45.7		49.1	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.7		10.6	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>COLORADO</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,571	1.0	90	1.1
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,923	3.2	366	4.3
65-69	25,304	3.4	5,498	3.6	437	5.2
60-64	63,762	8.5	13,171	8.6	995	11.7
55-59	69,523	9.3	14,371	9.4	1,111	13.1
50-54	117,103	15.6	23,840	15.6	1,665	19.6
45-49	107,379	14.3	22,153	14.5	1,350	15.9
40-44	125,592	16.7	25,690	16.8	1,143	13.5
35-39	96,906	12.9	19,866	13.0	726	8.6
30-34	63,366	8.4	12,219	8.0	336	4.0
25-29	35,911	4.8	6,578	4.3	173	2.0
20-24	18,570	2.5	3,136	2.0	89	1.0
TOTAL	750,929		153,016		8,481	
Mean Score	46.7		47.2		50.8	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.0	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	4,548	3.0	203	2.4
70-74	24,544	3.3	5,456	3.6	336	4.0
65-69	58,730	7.8	11,895	7.8	932	11.0
60-64	63,734	8.5	13,324	8.7	1,048	12.4
55-59	95,622	12.7	19,526	12.8	1,422	16.8
50-54	110,359	14.7	23,113	15.1	1,421	16.8
45-49	129,882	17.3	26,514	17.3	1,384	16.3
40-44	85,201	11.3	17,106	11.2	750	8.8
35-39	85,862	11.4	16,846	11.0	587	6.9
30-34	41,404	5.5	7,885	5.2	229	2.7
25-29	25,099	3.3	4,542	3.0	123	1.5
20-24	12,583	1.7	2,261	1.5	46	0.5
TOTAL	750,929		153,016		8,481	
Mean Score	49.8		50.3		53.4	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.4		11.2	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,792	1.2	77	0.9
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,788	1.8	129	1.5
65-69	25,009	3.3	5,567	3.6	398	4.7
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,847	4.5	534	6.3
55-59	71,197	9.5	14,455	9.4	1,155	13.6
50-54	79,747	10.6	17,028	11.1	1,349	15.9
45-49	125,954	16.8	26,391	17.2	1,713	20.2
40-44	120,231	16.0	25,292	16.5	1,319	15.6
35-39	125,467	16.7	25,406	16.6	1,051	12.4
30-34	69,329	9.2	13,472	8.8	414	4.9
25-29	42,639	5.7	7,610	5.0	177	2.1
20-24	37,288	5.0	6,368	4.2	165	1.9
TOTAL	750,929		153,016		8,481	
Mean Score	44.4		45.0		48.2	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.9		10.7	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,606	0.9	109	1.1
70-74	19,179	2.3	4,769	2.7	368	3.8
65-69	24,680	2.9	5,565	3.1	491	5.0
60-64	68,995	8.2	14,528	8.1	1,180	12.1
55-59	81,466	9.7	17,121	9.6	1,352	13.8
50-54	144,823	17.3	29,877	16.7	1,939	19.9
45-49	133,262	15.9	28,288	15.8	1,656	17.0
40-44	151,249	18.0	32,634	18.2	1,346	13.8
35-39	107,685	12.8	23,775	13.3	784	8.0
30-34	59,661	7.1	12,523	7.0	345	3.5
25-29	28,896	3.4	5,698	3.2	140	1.4
20-24	13,515	1.6	2,435	1.4	52	0.5
TOTAL	839,350		178,819		9,762	
Mean Score	47.2		47.4		51.1	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		10.4	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		WEST		COLORADO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	2,670	1.5	110	1.1
70-74	14,848	1.8	3,687	2.1	234	2.4
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,574	4.8	619	6.3
60-64	53,359	6.4	11,200	6.3	947	9.7
55-59	94,379	11.2	19,367	10.8	1,524	15.6
50-54	127,719	15.2	26,831	15.0	1,839	18.8
45-49	169,815	20.2	35,836	20.0	1,917	19.6
40-44	120,438	14.3	25,434	14.2	1,096	11.2
35-39	118,531	14.1	25,757	14.4	945	9.7
30-34	50,749	6.0	11,246	6.3	337	3.5
25-29	27,391	3.3	5,806	3.2	141	1.4
20-24	11,894	1.4	2,411	1.3	53	0.5
TOTAL	839,350		178,819		9,762	
Mean Score	47.6		47.6		50.8	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.4		10.5	

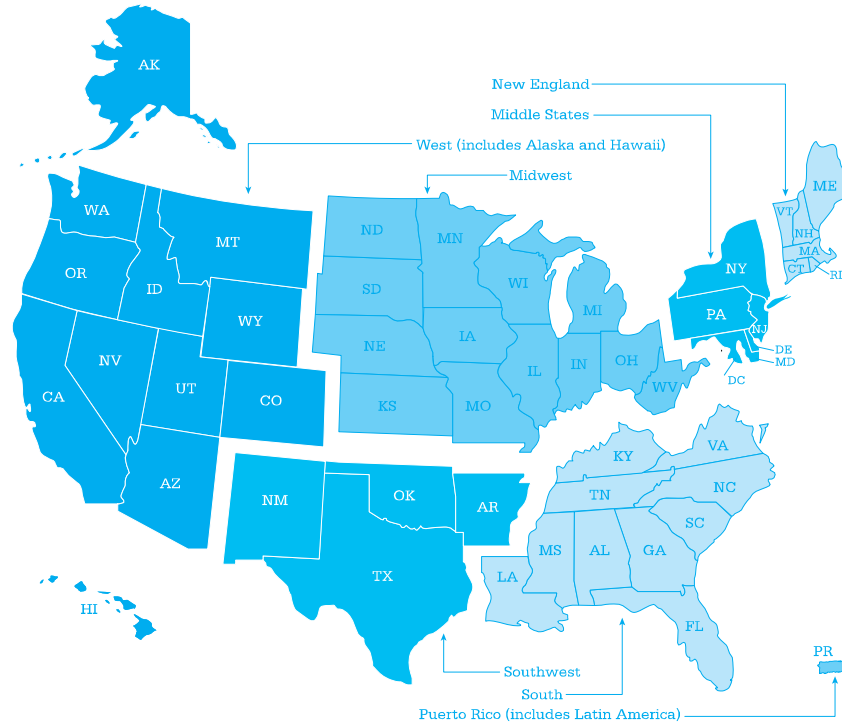
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>COLORADO</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	2,158	1.2	112	1.1
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,611	2.0	184	1.9
65-69	33,832	4.0	7,435	4.2	564	5.8
60-64	45,764	5.5	9,228	5.2	764	7.8
55-59	93,261	11.1	19,364	10.8	1,563	16.0
50-54	100,894	12.0	21,806	12.2	1,607	16.5
45-49	150,475	17.9	32,543	18.2	1,952	20.0
40-44	137,187	16.3	30,312	17.0	1,444	14.8
35-39	131,705	15.7	28,481	15.9	981	10.0
30-34	63,051	7.5	13,113	7.3	336	3.4
25-29	32,766	3.9	6,331	3.5	149	1.5
20-24	24,778	3.0	4,437	2.5	106	1.1
TOTAL	839,350		178,819		9,762	
Mean Score	46.2		46.4		49.9	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.5		10.5	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			WEST			COLORADO		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.3	1.8	0.8	1.3	1.7	0.9
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	6.4	5.1	7.5	6.7	5.2	8.0
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	8.8	10.7	7.3	9.4	11.9	7.4
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.7	1.1	2.1	1.9	1.4	2.4
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	3.1	5.8	0.9	2.8	5.3	0.6
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	2.5	0.8	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.6
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.3	20.0	4.1	14.8	25.1	6.1
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.5	0.3	1.1	2.1	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.6	1.7	1.4	0.7	2.0
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.8
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	18.2	10.3	24.7	16.2	8.4	22.8
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.2
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.5	2.1	1.0	2.1	3.0	1.2
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.4	2.1	6.3	3.9	1.6	5.9
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.1	2.9	2.8	2.9
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.6	2.8	2.5	1.5	3.3
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	8.2	7.0	9.3	8.3	6.6	9.7
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.2	1.9
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	12.0	12.7	11.4	10.5	10.6	10.4
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			302,984			17,489		

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