

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## ILLINOIS

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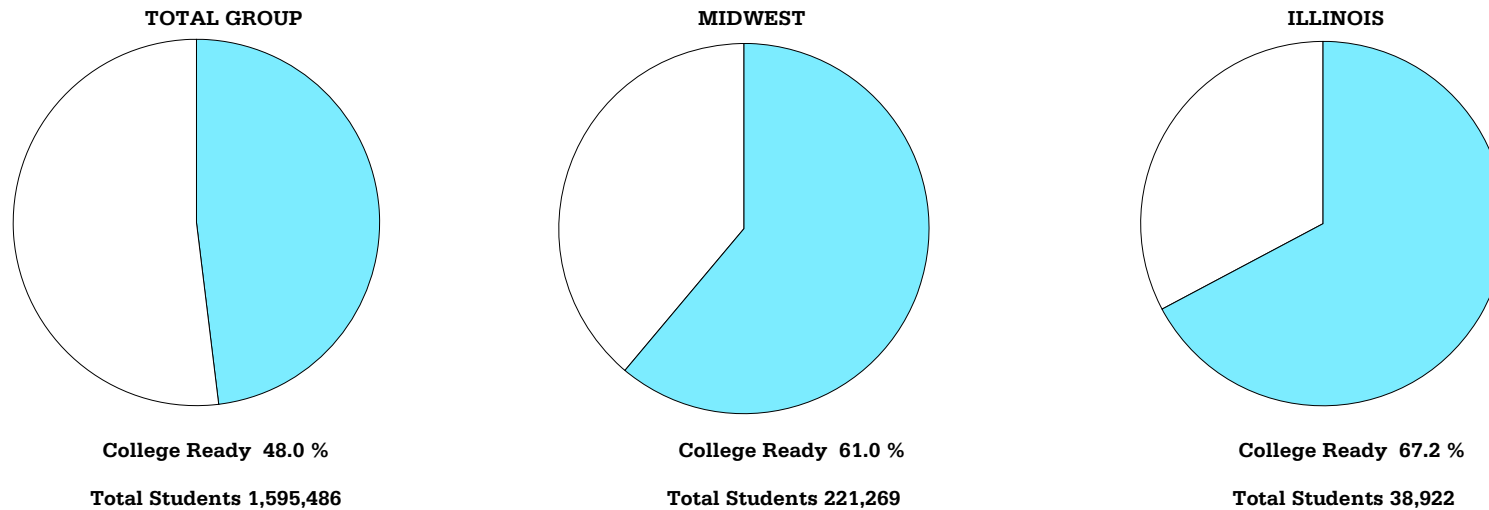


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	99,828	45.2	17,488	45.1
Female	839,350	52.8	120,882	54.8	21,300	54.9
No Response	5,207		559		134	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>221,269</b>		<b>38,922</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,070	0.5	107	0.3
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	12,886	6.0	3,488	9.2
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	21,085	9.8	3,862	10.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	13,068	6.1	4,570	12.1
White	811,645	53.5	161,067	74.9	24,696	65.4
Other	56,542	3.7	5,776	2.7	1,067	2.8
No Response	77,439		6,317		1,132	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	195,327	88.3	34,681	89.1
No	220,802	13.8	25,942	11.7	4,241	10.9

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	13,944	6.6	1,733	4.6
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	62,700	29.5	10,818	28.8
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	48,277	22.7	9,501	25.3
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	32,014	15.0	6,255	16.6
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	28,440	13.4	5,278	14.0
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	11,879	5.6	1,914	5.1
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	8,182	3.8	1,144	3.0
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	5,148	2.4	728	1.9
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,457	0.7	182	0.5
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	441	0.2	45	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	251	0.1	22	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	7	0.0
No Response	109,554		8,462		1,295	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	674	0.3	109	0.3
2016	1,529,666	97.6	216,815	98.7	38,300	98.9
2017	13,401	0.9	1,130	0.5	207	0.5
After 2017	4,382	0.3	366	0.2	44	0.1
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	709	0.3	51	0.1
No Response	28,720		1,575		211	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,912	0.9	417	1.1
70-74	40,435	2.5	6,944	3.1	1,509	3.9
65-69	50,059	3.1	8,968	4.1	1,876	4.8
60-64	132,960	8.3	24,710	11.2	4,675	12.0
55-59	151,282	9.5	27,229	12.3	5,174	13.3
50-54	262,519	16.5	45,608	20.6	8,422	21.6
45-49	241,246	15.1	36,146	16.3	6,358	16.3
40-44	277,848	17.4	34,123	15.4	5,583	14.3
35-39	205,506	12.9	19,363	8.8	2,904	7.5
30-34	123,731	7.8	9,662	4.4	1,239	3.2
25-29	65,274	4.1	4,329	2.0	560	1.4
20-24	32,357	2.0	2,275	1.0	205	0.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		38,922	
Mean Score	46.9		49.9		51.2	
STD. DEV.	11.3		10.6		10.3	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	4,166	1.9	1,202	3.1
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,677	3.0	1,823	4.7
65-69	99,827	6.3	19,399	8.8	4,326	11.1
60-64	117,266	7.3	22,598	10.2	4,504	11.6
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,390	15.5	6,103	15.7
50-54	238,624	15.0	38,368	17.3	6,506	16.7
45-49	300,608	18.8	41,136	18.6	6,792	17.5
40-44	206,440	12.9	23,354	10.6	3,555	9.1
35-39	205,350	12.9	18,645	8.4	2,601	6.7
30-34	92,785	5.8	7,166	3.2	915	2.4
25-29	52,906	3.3	3,611	1.6	401	1.0
20-24	24,696	1.5	1,759	0.8	194	0.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		38,922	
Mean Score	48.6		51.8		53.8	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.1		11.3	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,761	0.8	441	1.1
70-74	30,945	1.9	4,718	2.1	962	2.5
65-69	58,912	3.7	9,965	4.5	2,185	5.6
60-64	80,202	5.0	14,605	6.6	3,088	7.9
55-59	164,768	10.3	30,594	13.8	5,901	15.2
50-54	180,999	11.3	32,527	14.7	6,280	16.1
45-49	277,129	17.4	43,596	19.7	7,830	20.1
40-44	258,258	16.2	34,486	15.6	5,652	14.5
35-39	258,214	16.2	28,263	12.8	4,018	10.3
30-34	133,110	8.3	10,999	5.0	1,448	3.7
25-29	75,906	4.8	5,478	2.5	652	1.7
20-24	62,569	3.9	4,277	1.9	465	1.2
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		38,922	
Mean Score	45.3		48.1		49.8	
STD. DEV.	11.8		10.9		10.7	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,001	1.0	226	1.3
70-74	21,196	2.8	3,640	3.6	814	4.7
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,592	4.6	944	5.4
60-64	63,762	8.5	11,703	11.7	2,201	12.6
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,182	12.2	2,319	13.3
50-54	117,103	15.6	19,586	19.6	3,578	20.5
45-49	107,379	14.3	15,461	15.5	2,698	15.4
40-44	125,592	16.7	14,638	14.7	2,359	13.5
35-39	96,906	12.9	8,818	8.8	1,335	7.6
30-34	63,366	8.4	4,660	4.7	612	3.5
25-29	35,911	4.8	2,283	2.3	292	1.7
20-24	18,570	2.5	1,264	1.3	110	0.6
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		17,488	
Mean Score	46.7		50.1		51.5	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.0		10.8	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>MIDWEST</b>		<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,876	2.9	787	4.5
70-74	24,544	3.3	4,317	4.3	1,146	6.6
65-69	58,730	7.8	11,294	11.3	2,384	13.6
60-64	63,734	8.5	11,884	11.9	2,229	12.7
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,265	16.3	2,784	15.9
50-54	110,359	14.7	16,215	16.2	2,674	15.3
45-49	129,882	17.3	16,106	16.1	2,562	14.7
40-44	85,201	11.3	8,615	8.6	1,279	7.3
35-39	85,862	11.4	6,921	6.9	1,008	5.8
30-34	41,404	5.5	2,977	3.0	390	2.2
25-29	25,099	3.3	1,570	1.6	160	0.9
20-24	12,583	1.7	788	0.8	85	0.5
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		17,488	
Mean Score	49.8		53.5		55.6	
STD. DEV.	12.4		11.6		11.6	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>MIDWEST</b>		<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	761	0.8	189	1.1
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,041	2.0	413	2.4
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,181	4.2	920	5.3
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,112	6.1	1,290	7.4
55-59	71,197	9.5	12,938	13.0	2,491	14.2
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,034	14.1	2,697	15.4
45-49	125,954	16.8	19,559	19.6	3,536	20.2
40-44	120,231	16.0	15,792	15.8	2,646	15.1
35-39	125,467	16.7	13,451	13.5	1,982	11.3
30-34	69,329	9.2	5,568	5.6	728	4.2
25-29	42,639	5.7	2,935	2.9	335	1.9
20-24	37,288	5.0	2,456	2.5	261	1.5
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		17,488	
Mean Score	44.4		47.4		49.2	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.1		10.8	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	910	0.8	191	0.9
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,294	2.7	689	3.2
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,363	3.6	929	4.4
60-64	68,995	8.2	12,966	10.7	2,461	11.6
55-59	81,466	9.7	14,996	12.4	2,844	13.4
50-54	144,823	17.3	25,938	21.5	4,828	22.7
45-49	133,262	15.9	20,609	17.0	3,640	17.1
40-44	151,249	18.0	19,378	16.0	3,195	15.0
35-39	107,685	12.8	10,467	8.7	1,552	7.3
30-34	59,661	7.1	4,950	4.1	616	2.9
25-29	28,896	3.4	2,022	1.7	264	1.2
20-24	13,515	1.6	989	0.8	91	0.4
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		21,300	
Mean Score	47.2		49.8		50.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.1		9.9	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,287	1.1	413	1.9
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,354	1.9	674	3.2
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,080	6.7	1,937	9.1
60-64	53,359	6.4	10,681	8.8	2,263	10.6
55-59	94,379	11.2	18,060	14.9	3,302	15.5
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,078	18.3	3,812	17.9
45-49	169,815	20.2	24,913	20.6	4,205	19.7
40-44	120,438	14.3	14,665	12.1	2,256	10.6
35-39	118,531	14.1	11,657	9.6	1,583	7.4
30-34	50,749	6.0	4,142	3.4	515	2.4
25-29	27,391	3.3	2,013	1.7	235	1.1
20-24	11,894	1.4	952	0.8	105	0.5
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		21,300	
Mean Score	47.6		50.4		52.4	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.5		10.7	

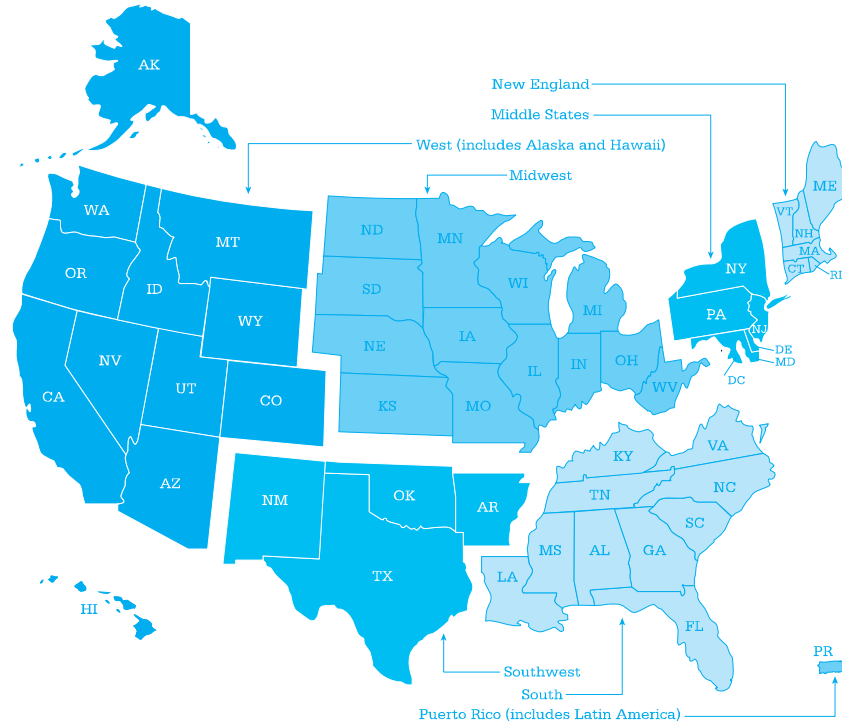
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	999	0.8	252	1.2
70-74	17,655	2.1	2,674	2.2	547	2.6
65-69	33,832	4.0	5,772	4.8	1,262	5.9
60-64	45,764	5.5	8,474	7.0	1,793	8.4
55-59	93,261	11.1	17,599	14.6	3,397	15.9
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,444	15.3	3,570	16.8
45-49	150,475	17.9	23,936	19.8	4,265	20.0
40-44	137,187	16.3	18,596	15.4	2,987	14.0
35-39	131,705	15.7	14,709	12.2	2,014	9.5
30-34	63,051	7.5	5,381	4.5	705	3.3
25-29	32,766	3.9	2,506	2.1	309	1.5
20-24	24,778	3.0	1,792	1.5	199	0.9
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		21,300	
Mean Score	46.2		48.7		50.3	
STD. DEV.	11.6		10.7		10.5	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			ILLINOIS		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.0	0.8
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.4	4.2	6.4	5.6	4.0	6.8
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.7	12.8	7.2	10.4	13.7	7.8
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	2.2	1.6	2.7
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.8	5.5	0.6	3.0	5.7	0.7
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	4.1	1.5	6.3	3.9	1.3	5.9
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.9	21.1	4.4	12.8	22.1	5.2
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.0	2.0	0.2	1.0	2.0	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.2	0.6	1.7
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	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	21.7	11.7	29.8	20.6	10.9	28.4
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.4
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.8
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.1
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.8	2.4	1.3
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	3.9	1.8	5.6	4.1	1.9	5.9
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.9
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	2.9	3.3	2.6	3.3	3.7	2.9
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.6
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.1	5.8	8.2	6.7	5.5	7.6
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.4
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	10.3	11.0	9.8	9.9	10.7	9.4
NUMBER RESPONDING	2,458,790			210,035			37,496		

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