

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## MINNESOTA

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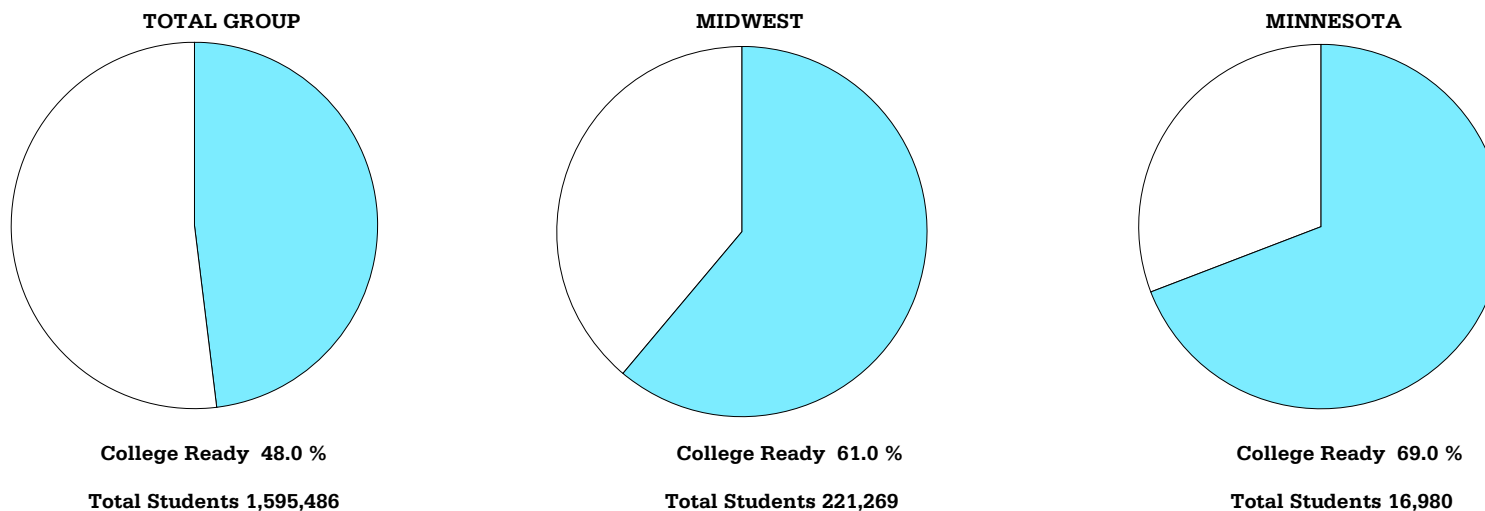


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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.



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	99,828	45.2	7,665	45.2
Female	839,350	52.8	120,882	54.8	9,275	54.8
No Response	5,207		559		40	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>221,269</b>		<b>16,980</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,070	0.5	96	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	12,886	6.0	1,395	8.5
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	21,085	9.8	749	4.6
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	13,068	6.1	554	3.4
White	811,645	53.5	161,067	74.9	13,331	81.1
Other	56,542	3.7	5,776	2.7	310	1.9
No Response	77,439		6,317		545	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	195,327	88.3	14,294	84.2
No	220,802	13.8	25,942	11.7	2,686	15.8

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	13,944	6.6	1,217	7.4
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	62,700	29.5	5,348	32.7
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	48,277	22.7	3,895	23.8
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	32,014	15.0	2,410	14.7
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	28,440	13.4	1,993	12.2
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	11,879	5.6	745	4.6
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	8,182	3.8	425	2.6
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	5,148	2.4	252	1.5
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,457	0.7	50	0.3
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	441	0.2	19	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	251	0.1	12	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	3	0.0
No Response	109,554		8,462		611	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	674	0.3	18	0.1
2016	1,529,666	97.6	216,815	98.7	16,788	99.2
2017	13,401	0.9	1,130	0.5	63	0.4
After 2017	4,382	0.3	366	0.2	24	0.1
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	709	0.3	32	0.2
No Response	28,720		1,575		55	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,912	0.9	192	1.1
70-74	40,435	2.5	6,944	3.1	687	4.0
65-69	50,059	3.1	8,968	4.1	857	5.0
60-64	132,960	8.3	24,710	11.2	2,332	13.7
55-59	151,282	9.5	27,229	12.3	2,310	13.6
50-54	262,519	16.5	45,608	20.6	3,701	21.8
45-49	241,246	15.1	36,146	16.3	2,620	15.4
40-44	277,848	17.4	34,123	15.4	2,330	13.7
35-39	205,506	12.9	19,363	8.8	1,197	7.0
30-34	123,731	7.8	9,662	4.4	483	2.8
25-29	65,274	4.1	4,329	2.0	195	1.1
20-24	32,357	2.0	2,275	1.0	76	0.4
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		16,980	
Mean Score	46.9		49.9		51.8	
STD. DEV.	11.3		10.6		10.2	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	4,166	1.9	411	2.4
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,677	3.0	589	3.5
65-69	99,827	6.3	19,399	8.8	2,020	11.9
60-64	117,266	7.3	22,598	10.2	2,181	12.8
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,390	15.5	3,113	18.3
50-54	238,624	15.0	38,368	17.3	2,988	17.6
45-49	300,608	18.8	41,136	18.6	2,965	17.5
40-44	206,440	12.9	23,354	10.6	1,404	8.3
35-39	205,350	12.9	18,645	8.4	918	5.4
30-34	92,785	5.8	7,166	3.2	255	1.5
25-29	52,906	3.3	3,611	1.6	94	0.6
20-24	24,696	1.5	1,759	0.8	42	0.2
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		16,980	
Mean Score	48.6		51.8		54.4	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.1		10.3	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,761	0.8	142	0.8
70-74	30,945	1.9	4,718	2.1	428	2.5
65-69	58,912	3.7	9,965	4.5	836	4.9
60-64	80,202	5.0	14,605	6.6	1,322	7.8
55-59	164,768	10.3	30,594	13.8	2,556	15.1
50-54	180,999	11.3	32,527	14.7	2,626	15.5
45-49	277,129	17.4	43,596	19.7	3,513	20.7
40-44	258,258	16.2	34,486	15.6	2,499	14.7
35-39	258,214	16.2	28,263	12.8	1,929	11.4
30-34	133,110	8.3	10,999	5.0	694	4.1
25-29	75,906	4.8	5,478	2.5	261	1.5
20-24	62,569	3.9	4,277	1.9	174	1.0
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		16,980	
Mean Score	45.3		48.1		49.4	
STD. DEV.	11.8		10.9		10.5	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,001	1.0	94	1.2
70-74	21,196	2.8	3,640	3.6	362	4.7
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,592	4.6	404	5.3
60-64	63,762	8.5	11,703	11.7	1,109	14.5
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,182	12.2	1,056	13.8
50-54	117,103	15.6	19,586	19.6	1,621	21.1
45-49	107,379	14.3	15,461	15.5	1,109	14.5
40-44	125,592	16.7	14,638	14.7	1,006	13.1
35-39	96,906	12.9	8,818	8.8	552	7.2
30-34	63,366	8.4	4,660	4.7	215	2.8
25-29	35,911	4.8	2,283	2.3	97	1.3
20-24	18,570	2.5	1,264	1.3	40	0.5
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		7,665	
Mean Score	46.7		50.1		52.1	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.0		10.5	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,876	2.9	299	3.9
70-74	24,544	3.3	4,317	4.3	381	5.0
65-69	58,730	7.8	11,294	11.3	1,162	15.2
60-64	63,734	8.5	11,884	11.9	1,125	14.7
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,265	16.3	1,461	19.1
50-54	110,359	14.7	16,215	16.2	1,208	15.8
45-49	129,882	17.3	16,106	16.1	1,077	14.1
40-44	85,201	11.3	8,615	8.6	504	6.6
35-39	85,862	11.4	6,921	6.9	303	4.0
30-34	41,404	5.5	2,977	3.0	94	1.2
25-29	25,099	3.3	1,570	1.6	35	0.5
20-24	12,583	1.7	788	0.8	16	0.2
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		7,665	
Mean Score	49.8		53.5		56.5	
STD. DEV.	12.4		11.6		10.5	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	761	0.8	67	0.9
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,041	2.0	180	2.3
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,181	4.2	347	4.5
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,112	6.1	532	6.9
55-59	71,197	9.5	12,938	13.0	1,113	14.5
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,034	14.1	1,162	15.2
45-49	125,954	16.8	19,559	19.6	1,634	21.3
40-44	120,231	16.0	15,792	15.8	1,127	14.7
35-39	125,467	16.7	13,451	13.5	920	12.0
30-34	69,329	9.2	5,568	5.6	340	4.4
25-29	42,639	5.7	2,935	2.9	143	1.9
20-24	37,288	5.0	2,456	2.5	100	1.3
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		7,665	
Mean Score	44.4		47.4		48.8	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.1		10.6	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	910	0.8	98	1.1
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,294	2.7	324	3.5
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,363	3.6	453	4.9
60-64	68,995	8.2	12,966	10.7	1,220	13.2
55-59	81,466	9.7	14,996	12.4	1,253	13.5
50-54	144,823	17.3	25,938	21.5	2,069	22.3
45-49	133,262	15.9	20,609	17.0	1,503	16.2
40-44	151,249	18.0	19,378	16.0	1,314	14.2
35-39	107,685	12.8	10,467	8.7	641	6.9
30-34	59,661	7.1	4,950	4.1	266	2.9
25-29	28,896	3.4	2,022	1.7	98	1.1
20-24	13,515	1.6	989	0.8	36	0.4
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		9,275	
Mean Score	47.2		49.8		51.5	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.1		10.0	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MINNESOTA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,287	1.1	112	1.2
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,354	1.9	208	2.2
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,080	6.7	854	9.2
60-64	53,359	6.4	10,681	8.8	1,054	11.4
55-59	94,379	11.2	18,060	14.9	1,644	17.7
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,078	18.3	1,773	19.1
45-49	169,815	20.2	24,913	20.6	1,878	20.2
40-44	120,438	14.3	14,665	12.1	897	9.7
35-39	118,531	14.1	11,657	9.6	613	6.6
30-34	50,749	6.0	4,142	3.4	158	1.7
25-29	27,391	3.3	2,013	1.7	58	0.6
20-24	11,894	1.4	952	0.8	26	0.3
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		9,275	
Mean Score	47.6		50.4		52.8	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.5		9.8	

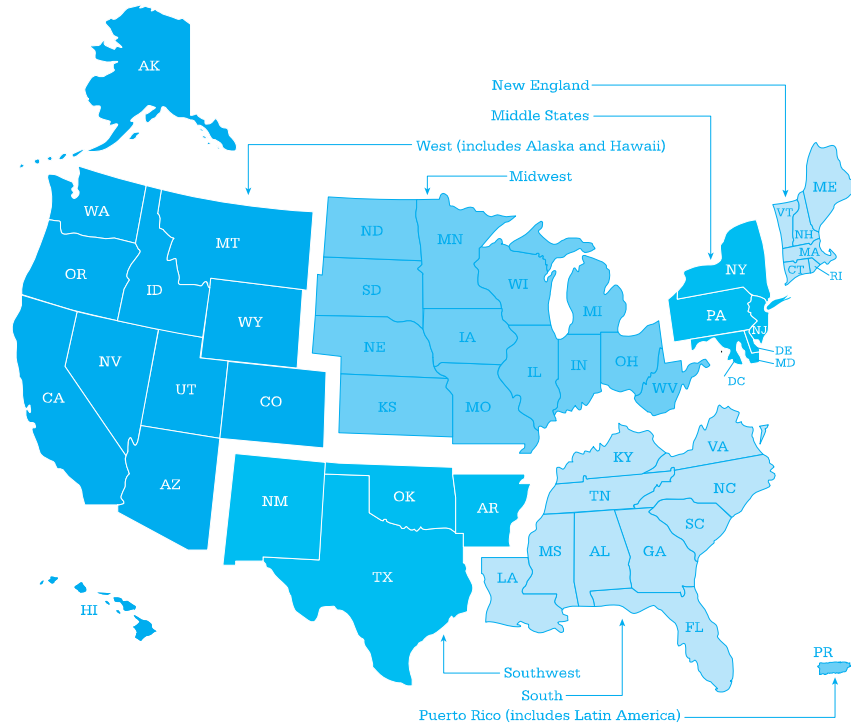
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>MIDWEST</b>		<b>MINNESOTA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	999	0.8	75	0.8
70-74	17,655	2.1	2,674	2.2	248	2.7
65-69	33,832	4.0	5,772	4.8	487	5.3
60-64	45,764	5.5	8,474	7.0	790	8.5
55-59	93,261	11.1	17,599	14.6	1,437	15.5
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,444	15.3	1,461	15.8
45-49	150,475	17.9	23,936	19.8	1,873	20.2
40-44	137,187	16.3	18,596	15.4	1,358	14.6
35-39	131,705	15.7	14,709	12.2	1,003	10.8
30-34	63,051	7.5	5,381	4.5	352	3.8
25-29	32,766	3.9	2,506	2.1	118	1.3
20-24	24,778	3.0	1,792	1.5	73	0.8
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		9,275	
Mean Score	46.2		48.7		49.9	
STD. DEV.	11.6		10.7		10.4	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			MINNESOTA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.2	1.8	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	5.4	4.2	6.4	6.4	4.9	7.7
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.7	12.8	7.2	9.5	12.4	7.1
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.5	1.0	2.0
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.8	5.5	0.6	2.6	4.9	0.7
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	4.1	1.5	6.3	3.5	1.3	5.4
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.9	21.1	4.4	13.0	23.2	4.8
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.0	2.0	0.2	1.0	1.9	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.3	0.7	1.8
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	0.6	0.3	0.8
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	21.7	11.7	29.8	19.5	10.1	27.1
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.5	1.3	1.5
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.7	0.8
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.0
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.5	1.1
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.0	1.3	0.7
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.1
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
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	3.4	1.7	4.8
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.6	0.0	1.0
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	2.9	3.3	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.0
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.9
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.1	5.8	8.2	6.3	4.7	7.5
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	10.3	11.0	9.8	13.0	13.3	12.8
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			210,035			16,205		

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