

# PSAT/NMSQT®

## 2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

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### MISSOURI

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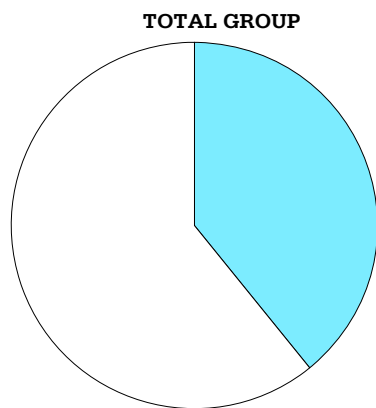


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

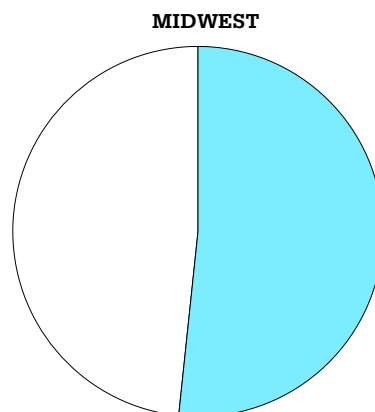
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage 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.



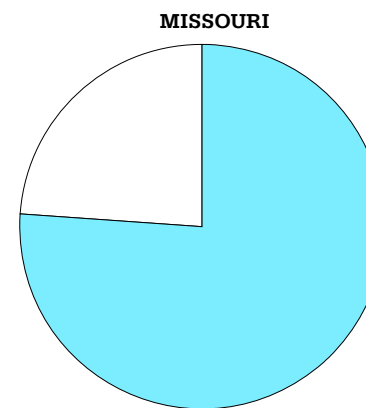
**College Ready 39.3 %**

**Total Students 1,812,143**



**College Ready 51.7 %**

**Total Students 176,468**



**College Ready 76.1 %**

**Total Students 7,714**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	83,877	47.8	3,591	46.6
Female	922,187	51.1	91,696	52.2	4,109	53.4
No Response	9,146		895		14	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>176,468</b>		<b>7,714</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	1,075	0.6	41	0.5
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	8,442	5.0	531	7.0
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	19,689	11.6	585	7.8
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	12,778	7.5	229	3.0
White	812,556	48.0	122,520	72.3	5,970	79.1
Other	66,728	3.9	5,025	3.0	187	2.5
No Response	119,013		6,939		171	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	153,379	86.9	6,981	90.5
No	311,711	17.2	23,089	13.1	733	9.5

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	8,857	5.3	663	8.9
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	42,989	25.9	2,655	35.5
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	31,898	19.2	1,848	24.7
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	23,933	14.4	1,014	13.6
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	23,617	14.2	738	9.9
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	11,419	6.9	248	3.3
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	10,085	6.1	150	2.0
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	7,978	4.8	107	1.4
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	2,891	1.7	27	0.4
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	1,113	0.7	8	0.1
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	949	0.6	9	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	383	0.2	3	0.0
No Response	188,880		10,356		244	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	92	0.1	3	0.0
2016	36,486	2.1	1,556	0.9	23	0.3
2017	1,628,214	94.0	166,386	96.2	7,578	98.8
After 2017	48,794	2.8	3,378	2.0	51	0.7
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	1,466	0.8	14	0.2
No Response	79,900		3,590		45	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	405	0.2	31	0.4
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,880	1.1	153	2.0
65-69	22,611	1.2	3,220	1.8	281	3.6
60-64	75,582	4.2	10,827	6.1	914	11.8
55-59	104,347	5.8	14,174	8.0	1,013	13.1
50-54	222,376	12.3	28,382	16.1	1,882	24.4
45-49	245,015	13.5	28,827	16.3	1,369	17.7
40-44	347,511	19.2	32,906	18.6	1,158	15.0
35-39	321,251	17.7	24,656	14.0	538	7.0
30-34	236,884	13.1	16,627	9.4	238	3.1
25-29	143,005	7.9	8,478	4.8	94	1.2
20-24	76,227	4.2	6,086	3.4	43	0.6
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		7,714	
Mean Score	42.1		44.8		50.4	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.7		9.4	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,053	0.6	64	0.8
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,095	1.2	129	1.7
65-69	49,192	2.7	7,290	4.1	499	6.5
60-64	71,822	4.0	10,458	5.9	736	9.5
55-59	141,770	7.8	19,458	11.0	1,363	17.7
50-54	214,315	11.8	26,186	14.8	1,559	20.2
45-49	323,711	17.9	33,483	19.0	1,647	21.4
40-44	271,903	15.0	24,978	14.2	848	11.0
35-39	341,545	18.8	25,554	14.5	563	7.3
30-34	191,547	10.6	13,592	7.7	196	2.5
25-29	121,254	6.7	8,022	4.5	83	1.1
20-24	61,726	3.4	4,299	2.4	27	0.4
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		7,714	
Mean Score	43.4		46.2		51.3	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.3		9.7	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	305	0.2	19	0.2
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,240	0.7	120	1.6
65-69	24,949	1.4	3,320	1.9	277	3.6
60-64	42,832	2.4	5,962	3.4	540	7.0
55-59	108,401	6.0	15,088	8.5	1,196	15.5
50-54	144,708	8.0	19,645	11.1	1,220	15.8
45-49	258,971	14.3	31,115	17.6	1,644	21.3
40-44	291,803	16.1	30,160	17.1	1,237	16.0
35-39	373,535	20.6	33,035	18.7	902	11.7
30-34	243,627	13.4	16,700	9.5	327	4.2
25-29	161,462	8.9	10,365	5.9	130	1.7
20-24	149,483	8.2	9,533	5.4	102	1.3
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		7,714	
Mean Score	40.1		42.9		48.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		10.0	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	206	0.2	19	0.5
70-74	7,312	0.8	995	1.2	76	2.1
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,569	1.9	132	3.7
60-64	36,710	4.2	5,232	6.2	440	12.3
55-59	48,178	5.5	6,554	7.8	482	13.4
50-54	99,907	11.3	12,749	15.2	846	23.6
45-49	109,558	12.4	12,738	15.2	590	16.4
40-44	159,674	18.1	15,011	17.9	503	14.0
35-39	156,430	17.8	11,923	14.2	278	7.7
30-34	125,386	14.2	8,709	10.4	136	3.8
25-29	80,229	9.1	4,644	5.5	58	1.6
20-24	44,695	5.1	3,547	4.2	31	0.9
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		3,591	
Mean Score	41.4		44.3		50.3	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		9.9	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	719	0.9	40	1.1
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,410	1.7	95	2.6
65-69	30,402	3.5	4,503	5.4	302	8.4
60-64	41,199	4.7	5,828	6.9	443	12.3
55-59	75,499	8.6	9,961	11.9	667	18.6
50-54	105,200	11.9	12,231	14.6	683	19.0
45-49	150,974	17.1	14,919	17.8	697	19.4
40-44	122,770	13.9	10,850	12.9	308	8.6
35-39	155,059	17.6	11,129	13.3	209	5.8
30-34	90,792	10.3	6,311	7.5	97	2.7
25-29	60,551	6.9	3,841	4.6	33	0.9
20-24	32,860	3.7	2,175	2.6	17	0.5
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		3,591	
Mean Score	44.0		47.1		52.8	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		10.1	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	117	0.1	10	0.3
70-74	3,739	0.4	494	0.6	47	1.3
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,345	1.6	110	3.1
60-64	17,417	2.0	2,475	3.0	230	6.4
55-59	44,825	5.1	6,298	7.5	509	14.2
50-54	62,243	7.1	8,502	10.1	555	15.5
45-49	114,963	13.1	13,951	16.6	774	21.6
40-44	134,229	15.2	13,966	16.7	586	16.3
35-39	181,434	20.6	16,212	19.3	444	12.4
30-34	128,702	14.6	8,862	10.6	170	4.7
25-29	92,100	10.5	5,875	7.0	85	2.4
20-24	90,143	10.2	5,780	6.9	71	2.0
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		3,591	
Mean Score	38.9		41.8		47.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		10.2	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	198	0.2	12	0.3
70-74	6,917	0.8	874	1.0	76	1.8
65-69	11,394	1.2	1,643	1.8	149	3.6
60-64	38,678	4.2	5,563	6.1	472	11.5
55-59	55,901	6.1	7,584	8.3	530	12.9
50-54	121,826	13.2	15,545	17.0	1,034	25.2
45-49	134,547	14.6	15,975	17.4	779	19.0
40-44	186,303	20.2	17,723	19.3	651	15.8
35-39	163,036	17.7	12,584	13.7	258	6.3
30-34	109,823	11.9	7,790	8.5	100	2.4
25-29	61,495	6.7	3,739	4.1	36	0.9
20-24	30,763	3.3	2,478	2.7	12	0.3
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		4,109	
Mean Score	42.8		45.2		50.6	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.3		8.9	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	332	0.4	24	0.6
70-74	5,279	0.6	681	0.7	33	0.8
65-69	18,673	2.0	2,772	3.0	196	4.8
60-64	30,451	3.3	4,605	5.0	292	7.1
55-59	65,935	7.1	9,443	10.3	694	16.9
50-54	108,425	11.8	13,865	15.1	873	21.2
45-49	171,513	18.6	18,425	20.1	949	23.1
40-44	147,879	16.0	13,977	15.2	537	13.1
35-39	184,475	20.0	14,242	15.5	353	8.6
30-34	99,247	10.8	7,175	7.8	99	2.4
25-29	59,568	6.5	4,097	4.5	49	1.2
20-24	28,206	3.1	2,082	2.3	10	0.2
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		4,109	
Mean Score	42.9		45.5		50.1	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.7		9.1	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		MISSOURI	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	187	0.2	9	0.2
70-74	5,822	0.6	745	0.8	73	1.8
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,966	2.1	167	4.1
60-64	25,333	2.7	3,477	3.8	310	7.5
55-59	63,308	6.9	8,746	9.5	683	16.6
50-54	82,052	8.9	11,076	12.1	662	16.1
45-49	143,184	15.5	17,057	18.6	870	21.2
40-44	156,325	17.0	16,037	17.5	650	15.8
35-39	190,234	20.6	16,621	18.1	454	11.0
30-34	113,254	12.3	7,708	8.4	157	3.8
25-29	68,039	7.4	4,414	4.8	44	1.1
20-24	57,962	6.3	3,662	4.0	30	0.7
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		4,109	
Mean Score	41.3		43.9		49.2	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		9.7	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			MISSOURI		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.5
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.4	0.8	1.6	2.4	1.0
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.1	3.9	6.2	6.2	4.9	7.3
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.5	9.7	5.5	8.8	11.9	6.0
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	2.1	1.4	2.8
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.1	0.6
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.6	1.1	5.8	3.3	1.0	5.4
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	11.5	20.7	3.4	12.5	21.7	4.4
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.5	2.8	0.3	1.2	2.3	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.7	1.4	0.5	2.2
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.3	28.4	19.0	10.8	26.2
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.5
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.4
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.7	2.4	1.2
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.3	1.3	5.1	3.2	1.4	4.8
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.6
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.3	1.9	2.0	1.8
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.5	2.0
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	7.9	5.9	9.7	7.1	4.9	9.1
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	1.6	1.9	1.4
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	12.7	13.6	11.8	14.8	14.2	15.2
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			162,075			7,338		

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