

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## NORTH CAROLINA

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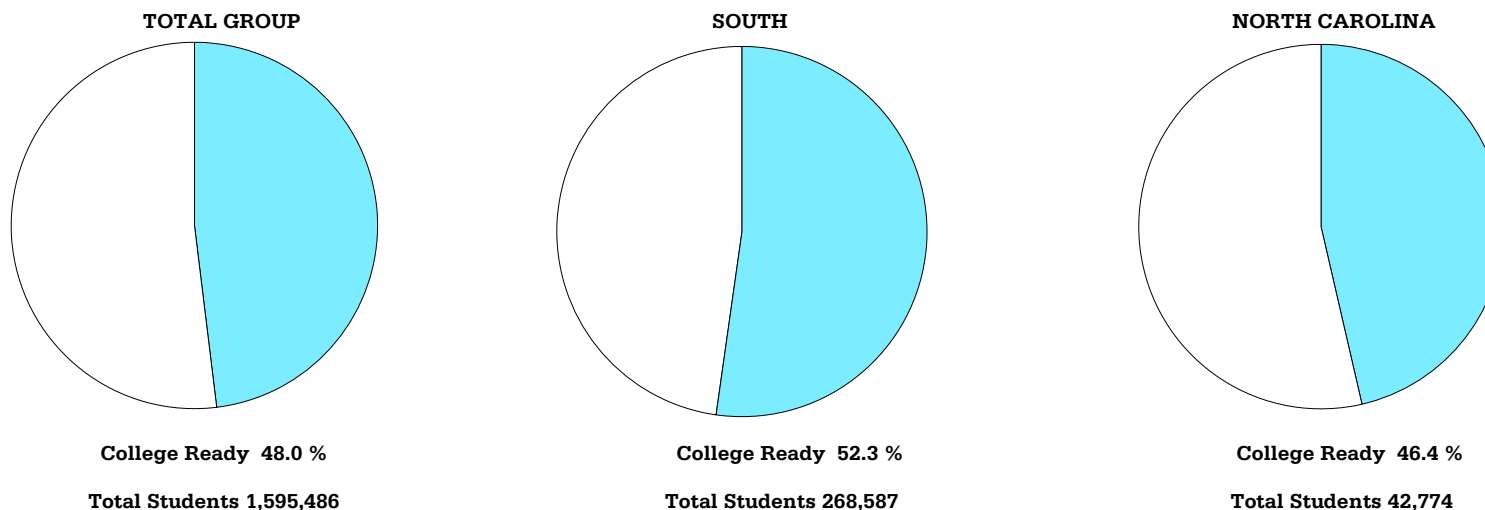


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	124,561	46.5	19,868	46.6
Female	839,350	52.8	143,228	53.5	22,789	53.4
No Response	5,207		798		117	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>268,587</b>		<b>42,774</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,522	0.6	434	1.1
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	16,833	6.5	2,239	5.4
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	49,563	19.1	8,953	21.8
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	32,678	12.6	3,860	9.4
White	811,645	53.5	149,006	57.5	23,978	58.3
Other	56,542	3.7	9,408	3.6	1,696	4.1
No Response	77,439		9,577		1,614	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	237,094	88.3	38,342	89.6
No	220,802	13.8	31,493	11.7	4,432	10.4

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	16,138	6.4	2,429	6.0
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	64,387	25.4	11,619	28.8
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	54,058	21.3	8,554	21.2
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	43,550	17.2	6,864	17.0
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	37,969	15.0	5,193	12.9
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	17,677	7.0	2,630	6.5
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	11,203	4.4	1,761	4.4
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	6,123	2.4	879	2.2
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,745	0.7	284	0.7
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	450	0.2	93	0.2
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	220	0.1	59	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	9	0.0
No Response	109,554		14,993		2,400	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	1,655	0.6	414	1.0
2016	1,529,666	97.6	259,675	97.9	40,789	96.6
2017	13,401	0.9	2,141	0.8	717	1.7
After 2017	4,382	0.3	508	0.2	71	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,286	0.5	217	0.5
No Response	28,720		3,322		566	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	2,175	0.8	291	0.7
70-74	40,435	2.5	7,617	2.8	1,028	2.4
65-69	50,059	3.1	9,735	3.6	1,297	3.0
60-64	132,960	8.3	26,902	10.0	3,604	8.4
55-59	151,282	9.5	28,442	10.6	4,038	9.4
50-54	262,519	16.5	48,372	18.0	7,057	16.5
45-49	241,246	15.1	40,755	15.2	6,389	14.9
40-44	277,848	17.4	45,037	16.8	7,672	17.9
35-39	205,506	12.9	30,143	11.2	5,692	13.3
30-34	123,731	7.8	16,808	6.3	3,261	7.6
25-29	65,274	4.1	8,586	3.2	1,626	3.8
20-24	32,357	2.0	4,015	1.5	819	1.9
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		42,774	
Mean Score	46.9		48.3		46.9	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.1		11.2	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	3,810	1.4	514	1.2
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,117	2.3	863	2.0
65-69	99,827	6.3	17,566	6.5	2,597	6.1
60-64	117,266	7.3	20,320	7.6	3,143	7.3
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,244	12.7	5,248	12.3
50-54	238,624	15.0	41,659	15.5	6,259	14.6
45-49	300,608	18.8	52,086	19.4	8,255	19.3
40-44	206,440	12.9	34,302	12.8	5,448	12.7
35-39	205,350	12.9	32,646	12.2	5,726	13.4
30-34	92,785	5.8	14,160	5.3	2,559	6.0
25-29	52,906	3.3	7,963	3.0	1,468	3.4
20-24	24,696	1.5	3,714	1.4	694	1.6
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		42,774	
Mean Score	48.6		49.0		48.2	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.6		11.7	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	2,389	0.9	262	0.6
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,621	2.5	793	1.9
65-69	58,912	3.7	11,274	4.2	1,354	3.2
60-64	80,202	5.0	16,323	6.1	2,028	4.7
55-59	164,768	10.3	31,721	11.8	4,172	9.8
50-54	180,999	11.3	33,025	12.3	4,562	10.7
45-49	277,129	17.4	47,745	17.8	7,178	16.8
40-44	258,258	16.2	41,704	15.5	6,972	16.3
35-39	258,214	16.2	39,723	14.8	7,431	17.4
30-34	133,110	8.3	19,114	7.1	3,971	9.3
25-29	75,906	4.8	10,333	3.8	2,231	5.2
20-24	62,569	3.9	8,615	3.2	1,820	4.3
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		42,774	
Mean Score	45.3		46.6		44.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.7	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,139	0.9	149	0.7
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,056	3.3	536	2.7
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,887	3.9	653	3.3
60-64	63,762	8.5	12,677	10.2	1,703	8.6
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,742	10.2	1,808	9.1
50-54	117,103	15.6	21,048	16.9	3,090	15.6
45-49	107,379	14.3	17,756	14.3	2,818	14.2
40-44	125,592	16.7	20,050	16.1	3,419	17.2
35-39	96,906	12.9	14,250	11.4	2,625	13.2
30-34	63,366	8.4	8,762	7.0	1,701	8.6
25-29	35,911	4.8	4,820	3.9	882	4.4
20-24	18,570	2.5	2,374	1.9	484	2.4
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		19,868	
Mean Score	46.7		48.1		46.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.7		11.7	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,598	2.1	345	1.7
70-74	24,544	3.3	3,866	3.1	545	2.7
65-69	58,730	7.8	10,419	8.4	1,500	7.5
60-64	63,734	8.5	10,947	8.8	1,702	8.6
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,827	13.5	2,534	12.8
50-54	110,359	14.7	18,739	15.0	2,855	14.4
45-49	129,882	17.3	21,836	17.5	3,507	17.7
40-44	85,201	11.3	13,855	11.1	2,317	11.7
35-39	85,862	11.4	13,425	10.8	2,338	11.8
30-34	41,404	5.5	6,322	5.1	1,162	5.8
25-29	25,099	3.3	3,782	3.0	698	3.5
20-24	12,583	1.7	1,945	1.6	365	1.8
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		19,868	
Mean Score	49.8		50.2		49.3	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.2		12.3	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,036	0.8	114	0.6
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,766	2.2	338	1.7
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,680	3.8	553	2.8
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,946	5.6	852	4.3
55-59	71,197	9.5	13,658	11.0	1,741	8.8
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,159	11.4	1,959	9.9
45-49	125,954	16.8	21,431	17.2	3,237	16.3
40-44	120,231	16.0	19,282	15.5	3,157	15.9
35-39	125,467	16.7	19,345	15.5	3,556	17.9
30-34	69,329	9.2	10,113	8.1	2,033	10.2
25-29	42,639	5.7	5,838	4.7	1,247	6.3
20-24	37,288	5.0	5,307	4.3	1,081	5.4
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		19,868	
Mean Score	44.4		45.6		43.5	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.0		11.8	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,034	0.7	142	0.6
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,547	2.5	489	2.1
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,833	3.4	642	2.8
60-64	68,995	8.2	14,199	9.9	1,898	8.3
55-59	81,466	9.7	15,635	10.9	2,224	9.8
50-54	144,823	17.3	27,223	19.0	3,958	17.4
45-49	133,262	15.9	22,892	16.0	3,559	15.6
40-44	151,249	18.0	24,831	17.3	4,226	18.5
35-39	107,685	12.8	15,754	11.0	3,039	13.3
30-34	59,661	7.1	7,953	5.6	1,547	6.8
25-29	28,896	3.4	3,712	2.6	736	3.2
20-24	13,515	1.6	1,615	1.1	329	1.4
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		22,789	
Mean Score	47.2		48.5		47.2	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		10.7	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,212	0.8	169	0.7
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,243	1.6	317	1.4
65-69	40,965	4.9	7,128	5.0	1,095	4.8
60-64	53,359	6.4	9,340	6.5	1,436	6.3
55-59	94,379	11.2	17,360	12.1	2,709	11.9
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,828	15.9	3,388	14.9
45-49	169,815	20.2	30,084	21.0	4,730	20.8
40-44	120,438	14.3	20,333	14.2	3,111	13.7
35-39	118,531	14.1	19,076	13.3	3,367	14.8
30-34	50,749	6.0	7,753	5.4	1,381	6.1
25-29	27,391	3.3	4,124	2.9	762	3.3
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,747	1.2	324	1.4
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		22,789	
Mean Score	47.6		47.9		47.4	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.9		11.0	

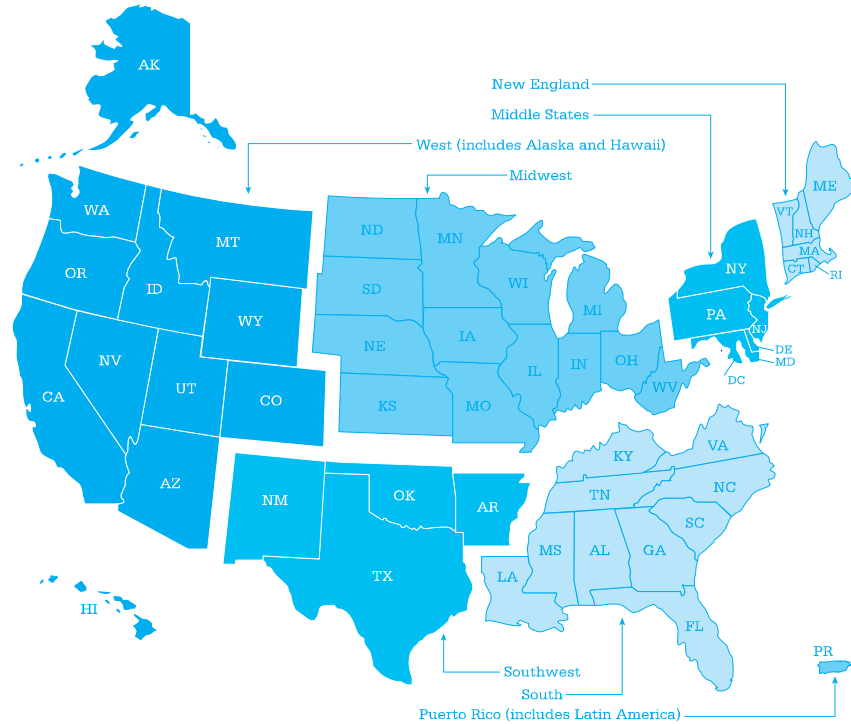
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	1,349	0.9	148	0.6
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,850	2.7	455	2.0
65-69	33,832	4.0	6,582	4.6	801	3.5
60-64	45,764	5.5	9,350	6.5	1,172	5.1
55-59	93,261	11.1	18,003	12.6	2,422	10.6
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,798	13.1	2,601	11.4
45-49	150,475	17.9	26,202	18.3	3,932	17.3
40-44	137,187	16.3	22,292	15.6	3,793	16.6
35-39	131,705	15.7	20,226	14.1	3,853	16.9
30-34	63,051	7.5	8,899	6.2	1,909	8.4
25-29	32,766	3.9	4,435	3.1	977	4.3
20-24	24,778	3.0	3,242	2.3	726	3.2
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		22,789	
Mean Score	46.2		47.6		45.5	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.5		11.5	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			NORTH CAROLINA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.3
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.2	2.0	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	5.7	4.5	6.7	6.0	4.7	7.0
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.2	11.6	7.2	8.6	11.2	6.4
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.5	1.8	1.4	2.2
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.9	5.4	0.8	2.7	5.1	0.7
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	2.9	0.8	4.7	2.7	0.7	4.5
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.4	20.4	3.8	10.5	19.3	2.9
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.4	2.7	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	1.4	0.9	0.5	1.3
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5
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	22.0	12.1	30.4	23.2	12.0	32.7
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.0	1.7	2.3
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.3	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.3	1.1	2.0	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.8
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.0	1.9	5.7	3.7	1.7	5.4
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.1	3.6
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.4	2.1	1.9	2.4
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	8.5	7.1	9.6	9.4	8.2	10.4
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.9	3.0	2.8
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	8.7	9.6	7.9	7.4	8.3	6.6
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			252,521			40,946		

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