

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

### NORTH CAROLINA

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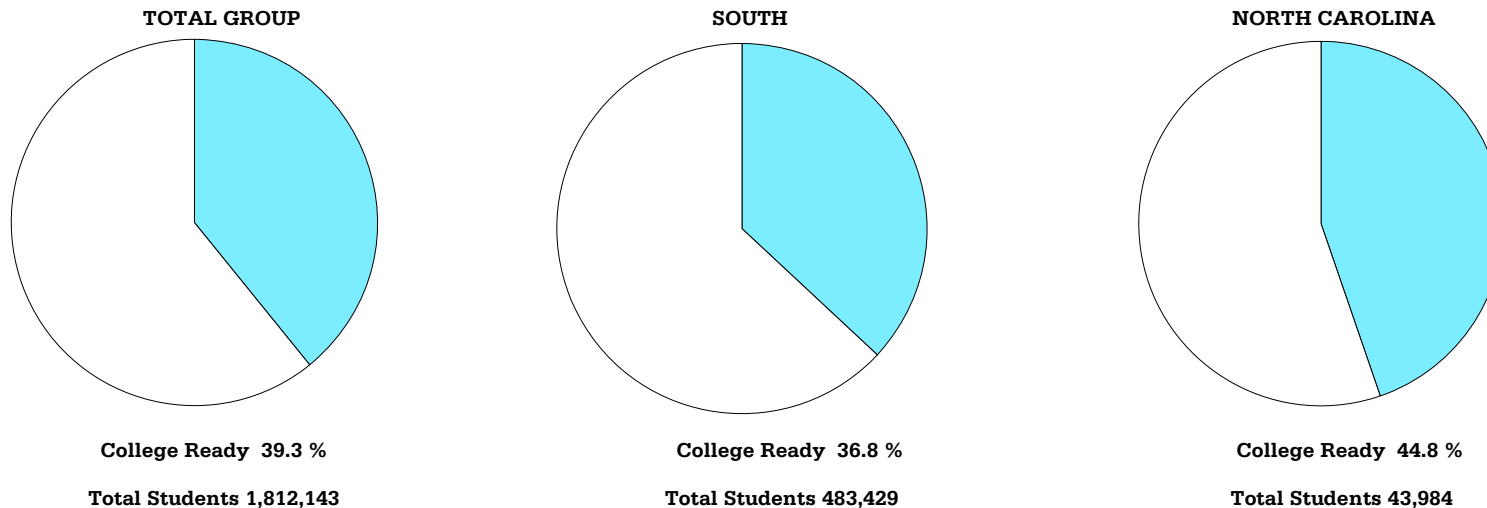


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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 SOPHOMORES TAKING THE PSAT/NMSQT®**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	235,674	49.0	20,655	47.1
Female	922,187	51.1	245,208	51.0	23,164	52.9
No Response	9,146		2,547		165	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>483,429</b>		<b>43,984</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	2,718	0.6	341	0.8
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	21,199	4.7	2,093	5.0
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	111,519	24.5	9,169	21.9
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	73,690	16.2	4,440	10.6
White	812,556	48.0	229,614	50.4	24,183	57.7
Other	66,728	3.9	16,472	3.6	1,653	3.9
No Response	119,013		28,217		2,105	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	404,899	83.8	38,505	87.5
No	311,711	17.2	78,530	16.2	5,479	12.5

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	18,443	4.3	2,843	6.9
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	84,696	19.5	12,010	29.1
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	75,809	17.5	7,840	19.0
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	76,884	17.7	6,591	16.0
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	75,978	17.5	5,083	12.3
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	40,244	9.3	2,828	6.9
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	31,126	7.2	2,040	4.9
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	19,487	4.5	1,239	3.0
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	6,688	1.5	434	1.1
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,133	0.5	190	0.5
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	1,342	0.3	113	0.3
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	750	0.2	53	0.1
No Response	188,880		49,849		2,720	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	724	0.2	100	0.2
2016	36,486	2.1	10,916	2.4	1,266	3.0
2017	1,628,214	94.0	436,666	94.1	39,137	93.7
After 2017	48,794	2.8	11,619	2.5	998	2.4
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	4,150	0.9	286	0.7
No Response	79,900		19,354		2,197	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	604	0.1	76	0.2
70-74	14,263	0.8	3,255	0.7	387	0.9
65-69	22,611	1.2	5,414	1.1	596	1.4
60-64	75,582	4.2	19,541	4.0	2,143	4.9
55-59	104,347	5.8	26,571	5.5	3,014	6.9
50-54	222,376	12.3	58,386	12.1	6,220	14.1
45-49	245,015	13.5	63,602	13.2	6,450	14.7
40-44	347,511	19.2	94,556	19.6	8,736	19.9
35-39	321,251	17.7	88,198	18.2	7,391	16.8
30-34	236,884	13.1	63,989	13.2	4,826	11.0
25-29	143,005	7.9	39,409	8.2	2,736	6.2
20-24	76,227	4.2	19,904	4.1	1,409	3.2
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		43,984	
Mean Score	42.1		41.9		43.4	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.5		10.5	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,376	0.3	160	0.4
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,705	0.6	339	0.8
65-69	49,192	2.7	10,325	2.1	1,362	3.1
60-64	71,822	4.0	15,869	3.3	2,053	4.7
55-59	141,770	7.8	34,267	7.1	4,363	9.9
50-54	214,315	11.8	53,582	11.1	6,252	14.2
45-49	323,711	17.9	85,337	17.7	8,722	19.8
40-44	271,903	15.0	73,340	15.2	6,512	14.8
35-39	341,545	18.8	97,299	20.1	7,301	16.6
30-34	191,547	10.6	55,519	11.5	3,535	8.0
25-29	121,254	6.7	35,442	7.3	2,240	5.1
20-24	61,726	3.4	18,368	3.8	1,145	2.6
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		43,984	
Mean Score	43.4		42.5		45.1	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.8		10.9	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	544	0.1	69	0.2
70-74	9,575	0.5	2,492	0.5	246	0.6
65-69	24,949	1.4	5,911	1.2	617	1.4
60-64	42,832	2.4	10,654	2.2	1,129	2.6
55-59	108,401	6.0	27,161	5.6	2,929	6.7
50-54	144,708	8.0	36,090	7.5	3,798	8.6
45-49	258,971	14.3	65,571	13.6	6,835	15.5
40-44	291,803	16.1	76,581	15.8	7,436	16.9
35-39	373,535	20.6	102,195	21.1	9,056	20.6
30-34	243,627	13.4	68,445	14.2	5,547	12.6
25-29	161,462	8.9	45,140	9.3	3,353	7.6
20-24	149,483	8.2	42,645	8.8	2,969	6.8
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		43,984	
Mean Score	40.1		39.6		41.0	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		10.7	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	302	0.1	35	0.2
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,665	0.7	185	0.9
65-69	11,170	1.3	2,719	1.2	268	1.3
60-64	36,710	4.2	9,446	4.0	1,018	4.9
55-59	48,178	5.5	12,260	5.2	1,365	6.6
50-54	99,907	11.3	25,717	10.9	2,716	13.1
45-49	109,558	12.4	28,432	12.1	2,793	13.5
40-44	159,674	18.1	43,421	18.4	3,836	18.6
35-39	156,430	17.8	43,298	18.4	3,580	17.3
30-34	125,386	14.2	34,270	14.5	2,514	12.2
25-29	80,229	9.1	22,280	9.5	1,493	7.2
20-24	44,695	5.1	11,864	5.0	852	4.1
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		20,655	
Mean Score	41.4		41.1		42.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		10.8	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	979	0.4	102	0.5
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,810	0.8	218	1.1
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,457	2.7	804	3.9
60-64	41,199	4.7	9,283	3.9	1,158	5.6
55-59	75,499	8.6	18,497	7.8	2,217	10.7
50-54	105,200	11.9	26,532	11.3	2,926	14.2
45-49	150,974	17.1	39,993	17.0	3,901	18.9
40-44	122,770	13.9	33,381	14.2	2,814	13.6
35-39	155,059	17.6	44,469	18.9	3,169	15.3
30-34	90,792	10.3	26,490	11.2	1,631	7.9
25-29	60,551	6.9	17,920	7.6	1,124	5.4
20-24	32,860	3.7	9,863	4.2	591	2.9
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		20,655	
Mean Score	44.0		42.9		45.6	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.4		11.4	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	226	0.1	30	0.1
70-74	3,739	0.4	952	0.4	90	0.4
65-69	9,851	1.1	2,265	1.0	227	1.1
60-64	17,417	2.0	4,224	1.8	451	2.2
55-59	44,825	5.1	11,143	4.7	1,165	5.6
50-54	62,243	7.1	15,397	6.5	1,580	7.6
45-49	114,963	13.1	28,662	12.2	2,969	14.4
40-44	134,229	15.2	34,836	14.8	3,317	16.1
35-39	181,434	20.6	49,573	21.0	4,311	20.9
30-34	128,702	14.6	36,308	15.4	2,824	13.7
25-29	92,100	10.5	26,077	11.1	1,912	9.3
20-24	90,143	10.2	26,011	11.0	1,779	8.6
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		20,655	
Mean Score	38.9		38.3		39.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		10.8	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	301	0.1	41	0.2
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,585	0.6	201	0.9
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,686	1.1	328	1.4
60-64	38,678	4.2	10,057	4.1	1,123	4.8
55-59	55,901	6.1	14,243	5.8	1,641	7.1
50-54	121,826	13.2	32,515	13.3	3,490	15.1
45-49	134,547	14.6	34,916	14.2	3,632	15.7
40-44	186,303	20.2	50,693	20.7	4,865	21.0
35-39	163,036	17.7	44,357	18.1	3,778	16.3
30-34	109,823	11.9	29,240	11.9	2,291	9.9
25-29	61,495	6.7	16,783	6.8	1,229	5.3
20-24	30,763	3.3	7,832	3.2	545	2.4
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		23,164	
Mean Score	42.8		42.6		44.0	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.1		10.1	

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**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	396	0.2	58	0.3
70-74	5,279	0.6	892	0.4	121	0.5
65-69	18,673	2.0	3,843	1.6	556	2.4
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,555	2.7	894	3.9
55-59	65,935	7.1	15,699	6.4	2,138	9.2
50-54	108,425	11.8	26,886	11.0	3,308	14.3
45-49	171,513	18.6	45,000	18.4	4,791	20.7
40-44	147,879	16.0	39,607	16.2	3,672	15.9
35-39	184,475	20.0	52,236	21.3	4,097	17.7
30-34	99,247	10.8	28,575	11.7	1,887	8.1
25-29	59,568	6.5	17,188	7.0	1,097	4.7
20-24	28,206	3.1	8,331	3.4	545	2.4
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		23,164	
Mean Score	42.9		42.1		44.6	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.2		10.3	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		NORTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	318	0.1	39	0.2
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,536	0.6	156	0.7
65-69	15,046	1.6	3,640	1.5	390	1.7
60-64	25,333	2.7	6,407	2.6	676	2.9
55-59	63,308	6.9	15,948	6.5	1,756	7.6
50-54	82,052	8.9	20,601	8.4	2,212	9.5
45-49	143,184	15.5	36,702	15.0	3,849	16.6
40-44	156,325	17.0	41,389	16.9	4,090	17.7
35-39	190,234	20.6	52,072	21.2	4,710	20.3
30-34	113,254	12.3	31,670	12.9	2,692	11.6
25-29	68,039	7.4	18,681	7.6	1,417	6.1
20-24	57,962	6.3	16,244	6.6	1,177	5.1
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		23,164	
Mean Score	41.3		40.9		42.1	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		10.6	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			NORTH CAROLINA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.4	2.3	0.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.0	3.9	5.9	5.9	4.6	7.1
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.3	8.7	6.0	7.1	9.0	5.4
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.9
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	4.9	0.6
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.6	2.4	0.6	4.0
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	10.4	19.0	2.6	10.8	20.2	2.7
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.4	1.8	3.3	0.5
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.5	1.4
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.1	28.9	21.9	11.1	31.3
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.3	1.9	2.7
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6	1.0	1.7	0.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4	1.4	2.4	0.4
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.4	1.8	1.0
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.5	1.5	5.3	3.2	1.3	4.7
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.8
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	10.1	8.0	12.0	10.7	8.1	12.8
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.0
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	10.3	11.6	9.0	8.4	9.6	7.2
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			429,411			41,722		

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