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HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## NEBRASKA

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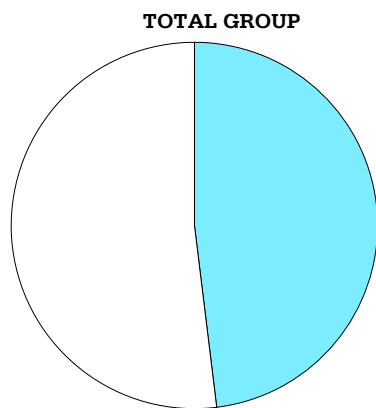


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

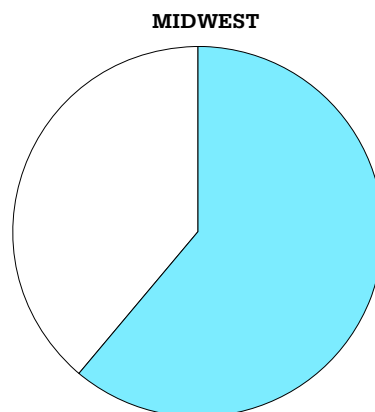
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage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



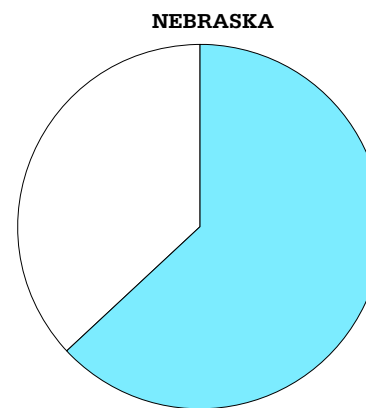
**College Ready 48.0 %**

**Total Students 1,595,486**



**College Ready 61.0 %**

**Total Students 221,269**



**College Ready 62.9 %**

**Total Students 5,319**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	99,828	45.2	2,403	45.2
Female	839,350	52.8	120,882	54.8	2,908	54.8
No Response	5,207		559		8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>221,269</b>		<b>5,319</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,070	0.5	31	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	12,886	6.0	240	4.6
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	21,085	9.8	159	3.0
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	13,068	6.1	333	6.4
White	811,645	53.5	161,067	74.9	4,394	84.0
Other	56,542	3.7	5,776	2.7	75	1.4
No Response	77,439		6,317		87	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	195,327	88.3	4,729	88.9
No	220,802	13.8	25,942	11.7	590	11.1

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	13,944	6.6	614	11.8
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	62,700	29.5	1,774	34.1
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	48,277	22.7	1,118	21.5
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	32,014	15.0	732	14.1
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	28,440	13.4	517	9.9
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	11,879	5.6	236	4.5
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	8,182	3.8	124	2.4
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	5,148	2.4	56	1.1
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,457	0.7	17	0.3
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	441	0.2	3	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	251	0.1	4	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	2	0.0
No Response	109,554		8,462		122	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	674	0.3	10	0.2
2016	1,529,666	97.6	216,815	98.7	5,266	99.2
2017	13,401	0.9	1,130	0.5	13	0.2
After 2017	4,382	0.3	366	0.2	8	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	709	0.3	12	0.2
No Response	28,720		1,575		10	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,912	0.9	35	0.7
70-74	40,435	2.5	6,944	3.1	149	2.8
65-69	50,059	3.1	8,968	4.1	215	4.0
60-64	132,960	8.3	24,710	11.2	588	11.1
55-59	151,282	9.5	27,229	12.3	685	12.9
50-54	262,519	16.5	45,608	20.6	1,154	21.7
45-49	241,246	15.1	36,146	16.3	956	18.0
40-44	277,848	17.4	34,123	15.4	836	15.7
35-39	205,506	12.9	19,363	8.8	415	7.8
30-34	123,731	7.8	9,662	4.4	184	3.5
25-29	65,274	4.1	4,329	2.0	72	1.4
20-24	32,357	2.0	2,275	1.0	30	0.6
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		5,319	
Mean Score	46.9		49.9		50.3	
STD. DEV.	11.3		10.6		9.9	

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**NEBRASKA**

**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	4,166	1.9	81	1.5
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,677	3.0	146	2.7
65-69	99,827	6.3	19,399	8.8	414	7.8
60-64	117,266	7.3	22,598	10.2	530	10.0
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,390	15.5	814	15.3
50-54	238,624	15.0	38,368	17.3	1,040	19.6
45-49	300,608	18.8	41,136	18.6	1,080	20.3
40-44	206,440	12.9	23,354	10.6	514	9.7
35-39	205,350	12.9	18,645	8.4	481	9.0
30-34	92,785	5.8	7,166	3.2	134	2.5
25-29	52,906	3.3	3,611	1.6	56	1.1
20-24	24,696	1.5	1,759	0.8	29	0.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		5,319	
Mean Score	48.6		51.8		51.7	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.1		10.5	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,761	0.8	38	0.7
70-74	30,945	1.9	4,718	2.1	93	1.7
65-69	58,912	3.7	9,965	4.5	242	4.5
60-64	80,202	5.0	14,605	6.6	318	6.0
55-59	164,768	10.3	30,594	13.8	768	14.4
50-54	180,999	11.3	32,527	14.7	863	16.2
45-49	277,129	17.4	43,596	19.7	1,111	20.9
40-44	258,258	16.2	34,486	15.6	884	16.6
35-39	258,214	16.2	28,263	12.8	629	11.8
30-34	133,110	8.3	10,999	5.0	244	4.6
25-29	75,906	4.8	5,478	2.5	81	1.5
20-24	62,569	3.9	4,277	1.9	48	0.9
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		5,319	
Mean Score	45.3		48.1		48.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		10.9		10.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,001	1.0	19	0.8
70-74	21,196	2.8	3,640	3.6	75	3.1
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,592	4.6	106	4.4
60-64	63,762	8.5	11,703	11.7	290	12.1
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,182	12.2	321	13.4
50-54	117,103	15.6	19,586	19.6	515	21.4
45-49	107,379	14.3	15,461	15.5	407	16.9
40-44	125,592	16.7	14,638	14.7	363	15.1
35-39	96,906	12.9	8,818	8.8	176	7.3
30-34	63,366	8.4	4,660	4.7	82	3.4
25-29	35,911	4.8	2,283	2.3	32	1.3
20-24	18,570	2.5	1,264	1.3	17	0.7
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		2,403	
Mean Score	46.7		50.1		50.7	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.0		10.1	

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**NEBRASKA**

**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,876	2.9	57	2.4
70-74	24,544	3.3	4,317	4.3	106	4.4
65-69	58,730	7.8	11,294	11.3	270	11.2
60-64	63,734	8.5	11,884	11.9	299	12.4
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,265	16.3	409	17.0
50-54	110,359	14.7	16,215	16.2	430	17.9
45-49	129,882	17.3	16,106	16.1	416	17.3
40-44	85,201	11.3	8,615	8.6	190	7.9
35-39	85,862	11.4	6,921	6.9	146	6.1
30-34	41,404	5.5	2,977	3.0	46	1.9
25-29	25,099	3.3	1,570	1.6	22	0.9
20-24	12,583	1.7	788	0.8	12	0.5
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		2,403	
Mean Score	49.8		53.5		54.0	
STD. DEV.	12.4		11.6		10.7	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	761	0.8	13	0.5
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,041	2.0	43	1.8
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,181	4.2	97	4.0
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,112	6.1	131	5.5
55-59	71,197	9.5	12,938	13.0	350	14.6
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,034	14.1	388	16.1
45-49	125,954	16.8	19,559	19.6	501	20.8
40-44	120,231	16.0	15,792	15.8	399	16.6
35-39	125,467	16.7	13,451	13.5	292	12.2
30-34	69,329	9.2	5,568	5.6	113	4.7
25-29	42,639	5.7	2,935	2.9	44	1.8
20-24	37,288	5.0	2,456	2.5	32	1.3
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		2,403	
Mean Score	44.4		47.4		48.2	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.1		10.2	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	910	0.8	16	0.6
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,294	2.7	74	2.5
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,363	3.6	109	3.7
60-64	68,995	8.2	12,966	10.7	297	10.2
55-59	81,466	9.7	14,996	12.4	364	12.5
50-54	144,823	17.3	25,938	21.5	637	21.9
45-49	133,262	15.9	20,609	17.0	546	18.8
40-44	151,249	18.0	19,378	16.0	472	16.2
35-39	107,685	12.8	10,467	8.7	238	8.2
30-34	59,661	7.1	4,950	4.1	102	3.5
25-29	28,896	3.4	2,022	1.7	40	1.4
20-24	13,515	1.6	989	0.8	13	0.4
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		2,908	
Mean Score	47.2		49.8		49.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.1		9.6	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,287	1.1	24	0.8
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,354	1.9	39	1.3
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,080	6.7	143	4.9
60-64	53,359	6.4	10,681	8.8	231	7.9
55-59	94,379	11.2	18,060	14.9	404	13.9
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,078	18.3	610	21.0
45-49	169,815	20.2	24,913	20.6	663	22.8
40-44	120,438	14.3	14,665	12.1	323	11.1
35-39	118,531	14.1	11,657	9.6	333	11.5
30-34	50,749	6.0	4,142	3.4	88	3.0
25-29	27,391	3.3	2,013	1.7	34	1.2
20-24	11,894	1.4	952	0.8	16	0.6
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		2,908	
Mean Score	47.6		50.4		49.8	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.5		9.8	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		NEBRASKA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	999	0.8	25	0.9
70-74	17,655	2.1	2,674	2.2	50	1.7
65-69	33,832	4.0	5,772	4.8	144	5.0
60-64	45,764	5.5	8,474	7.0	187	6.4
55-59	93,261	11.1	17,599	14.6	417	14.3
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,444	15.3	475	16.3
45-49	150,475	17.9	23,936	19.8	610	21.0
40-44	137,187	16.3	18,596	15.4	481	16.5
35-39	131,705	15.7	14,709	12.2	335	11.5
30-34	63,051	7.5	5,381	4.5	131	4.5
25-29	32,766	3.9	2,506	2.1	37	1.3
20-24	24,778	3.0	1,792	1.5	16	0.6
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		2,908	
Mean Score	46.2		48.7		49.0	
STD. DEV.	11.6		10.7		10.1	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			NEBRASKA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.1	4.2	2.2
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.6	2.5	0.8
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.4	4.2	6.4	4.9	4.2	5.5
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.7	12.8	7.2	7.9	10.3	5.9
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.6	1.2	1.9
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.8	5.5	0.6	2.7	5.3	0.6
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	4.1	1.5	6.3	6.0	2.1	9.2
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.9	21.1	4.4	10.5	20.0	2.7
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.0	2.0	0.2	0.9	1.7	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.3	0.6	1.9
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.4	1.1
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	21.7	11.7	29.8	23.1	11.3	32.7
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	1.7	2.3
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.4
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	0.4	0.3	0.5
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.9	3.1	0.9
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	3.9	1.8	5.6	3.2	1.4	4.7
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	2.9	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.6	2.6
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.3	1.6	1.2	1.9
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.1	5.8	8.2	7.1	5.4	8.4
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.5	1.8
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	10.3	11.0	9.8	9.7	11.1	8.5
NUMBER RESPONDING	2,145,790			210,035			5,207		

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