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2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

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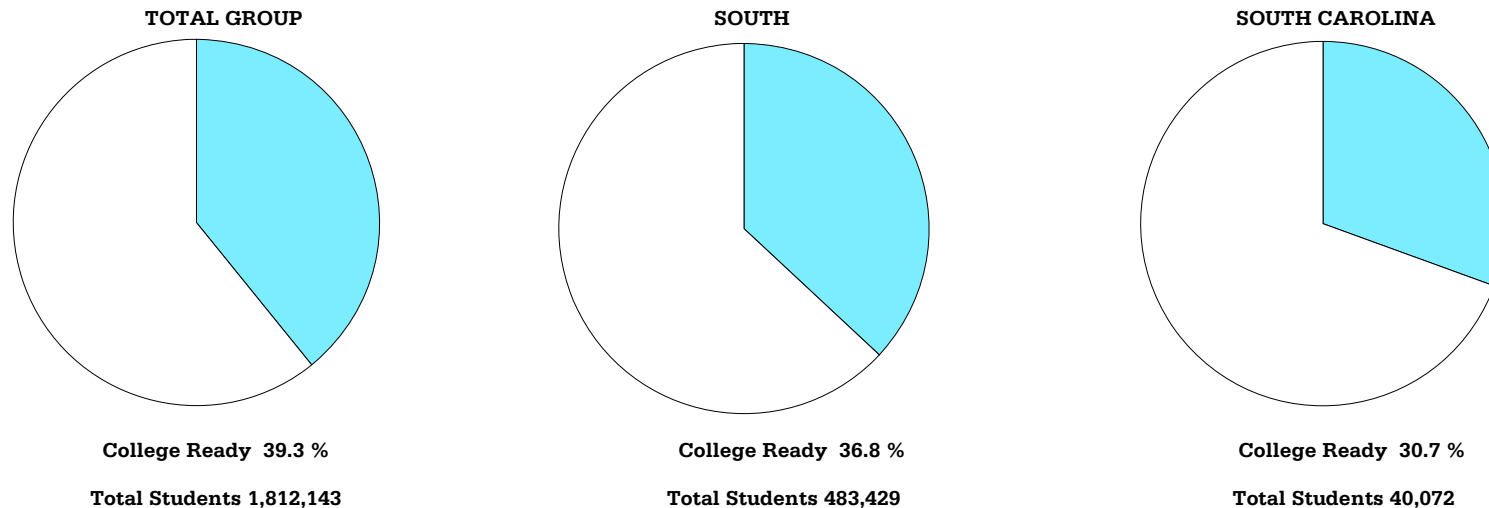


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FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

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). 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.



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		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	235,674	49.0	19,324	48.5
Female	922,187	51.1	245,208	51.0	20,484	51.5
No Response	9,146		2,547		264	
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		40,072	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	2,718	0.6	296	0.8
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	21,199	4.7	873	2.3
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	111,519	24.5	11,603	30.1
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	73,690	16.2	2,213	5.7
White	812,556	48.0	229,614	50.4	22,272	57.8
Other	66,728	3.9	16,472	3.6	1,257	3.3
No Response	119,013		28,217		1,558	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	404,899	83.8	34,521	86.1
No	311,711	17.2	78,530	16.2	5,551	13.9

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TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	18,443	4.3	1,548	4.1
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	84,696	19.5	7,818	20.9
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	75,809	17.5	7,131	19.1
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	76,884	17.7	7,065	18.9
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	75,978	17.5	6,005	16.1
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	40,244	9.3	3,484	9.3
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	31,126	7.2	2,381	6.4
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	19,487	4.5	1,193	3.2
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	6,688	1.5	511	1.4
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,133	0.5	144	0.4
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	1,342	0.3	91	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	750	0.2	38	0.1
No Response	188,880		49,849		2,663	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	724	0.2	57	0.1
2016	36,486	2.1	10,916	2.4	1,252	3.2
2017	1,628,214	94.0	436,666	94.1	36,208	93.5
After 2017	48,794	2.8	11,619	2.5	822	2.1
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	4,150	0.9	399	1.0
No Response	79,900		19,354		1,334	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	604	0.1	24	0.1
70-74	14,263	0.8	3,255	0.7	169	0.4
65-69	22,611	1.2	5,414	1.1	326	0.8
60-64	75,582	4.2	19,541	4.0	1,161	2.9
55-59	104,347	5.8	26,571	5.5	1,634	4.1
50-54	222,376	12.3	58,386	12.1	4,004	10.0
45-49	245,015	13.5	63,602	13.2	4,908	12.2
40-44	347,511	19.2	94,556	19.6	8,194	20.4
35-39	321,251	17.7	88,198	18.2	8,057	20.1
30-34	236,884	13.1	63,989	13.2	6,168	15.4
25-29	143,005	7.9	39,409	8.2	3,696	9.2
20-24	76,227	4.2	19,904	4.1	1,731	4.3
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		40,072	
Mean Score	42.1		41.9		40.5	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.5		9.9	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,376	0.3	49	0.1
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,705	0.6	104	0.3
65-69	49,192	2.7	10,325	2.1	485	1.2
60-64	71,822	4.0	15,869	3.3	848	2.1
55-59	141,770	7.8	34,267	7.1	2,215	5.5
50-54	214,315	11.8	53,582	11.1	3,823	9.5
45-49	323,711	17.9	85,337	17.7	6,953	17.4
40-44	271,903	15.0	73,340	15.2	6,343	15.8
35-39	341,545	18.8	97,299	20.1	8,984	22.4
30-34	191,547	10.6	55,519	11.5	5,341	13.3
25-29	121,254	6.7	35,442	7.3	3,376	8.4
20-24	61,726	3.4	18,368	3.8	1,551	3.9
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		40,072	
Mean Score	43.4		42.5		40.9	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.8		10.0	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	544	0.1	20	0.0
70-74	9,575	0.5	2,492	0.5	126	0.3
65-69	24,949	1.4	5,911	1.2	330	0.8
60-64	42,832	2.4	10,654	2.2	653	1.6
55-59	108,401	6.0	27,161	5.6	1,811	4.5
50-54	144,708	8.0	36,090	7.5	2,441	6.1
45-49	258,971	14.3	65,571	13.6	4,948	12.3
40-44	291,803	16.1	76,581	15.8	6,229	15.5
35-39	373,535	20.6	102,195	21.1	9,066	22.6
30-34	243,627	13.4	68,445	14.2	6,408	16.0
25-29	161,462	8.9	45,140	9.3	4,214	10.5
20-24	149,483	8.2	42,645	8.8	3,826	9.5
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		40,072	
Mean Score	40.1		39.6		38.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		10.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	302	0.1	12	0.1
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,665	0.7	88	0.5
65-69	11,170	1.3	2,719	1.2	166	0.9
60-64	36,710	4.2	9,446	4.0	552	2.9
55-59	48,178	5.5	12,260	5.2	749	3.9
50-54	99,907	11.3	25,717	10.9	1,820	9.4
45-49	109,558	12.4	28,432	12.1	2,206	11.4
40-44	159,674	18.1	43,421	18.4	3,721	19.3
35-39	156,430	17.8	43,298	18.4	3,830	19.8
30-34	125,386	14.2	34,270	14.5	3,191	16.5
25-29	80,229	9.1	22,280	9.5	1,992	10.3
20-24	44,695	5.1	11,864	5.0	997	5.2
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		19,324	
Mean Score	41.4		41.1		39.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		10.1	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	979	0.4	40	0.2
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,810	0.8	63	0.3
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,457	2.7	323	1.7
60-64	41,199	4.7	9,283	3.9	515	2.7
55-59	75,499	8.6	18,497	7.8	1,234	6.4
50-54	105,200	11.9	26,532	11.3	1,952	10.1
45-49	150,974	17.1	39,993	17.0	3,354	17.4
40-44	122,770	13.9	33,381	14.2	2,859	14.8
35-39	155,059	17.6	44,469	18.9	4,105	21.2
30-34	90,792	10.3	26,490	11.2	2,477	12.8
25-29	60,551	6.9	17,920	7.6	1,607	8.3
20-24	32,860	3.7	9,863	4.2	795	4.1
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		19,324	
Mean Score	44.0		42.9		41.5	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.4		10.5	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	226	0.1	7	0.0
70-74	3,739	0.4	952	0.4	40	0.2
65-69	9,851	1.1	2,265	1.0	119	0.6
60-64	17,417	2.0	4,224	1.8	256	1.3
55-59	44,825	5.1	11,143	4.7	724	3.7
50-54	62,243	7.1	15,397	6.5	1,018	5.3
45-49	114,963	13.1	28,662	12.2	2,159	11.2
40-44	134,229	15.2	34,836	14.8	2,785	14.4
35-39	181,434	20.6	49,573	21.0	4,286	22.2
30-34	128,702	14.6	36,308	15.4	3,303	17.1
25-29	92,100	10.5	26,077	11.1	2,372	12.3
20-24	90,143	10.2	26,011	11.0	2,255	11.7
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		19,324	
Mean Score	38.9		38.3		37.2	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		10.1	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	301	0.1	12	0.1
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,585	0.6	81	0.4
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,686	1.1	160	0.8
60-64	38,678	4.2	10,057	4.1	606	3.0
55-59	55,901	6.1	14,243	5.8	882	4.3
50-54	121,826	13.2	32,515	13.3	2,174	10.6
45-49	134,547	14.6	34,916	14.2	2,683	13.1
40-44	186,303	20.2	50,693	20.7	4,438	21.7
35-39	163,036	17.7	44,357	18.1	4,164	20.3
30-34	109,823	11.9	29,240	11.9	2,917	14.2
25-29	61,495	6.7	16,783	6.8	1,659	8.1
20-24	30,763	3.3	7,832	3.2	708	3.5
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		20,484	
Mean Score	42.8		42.6		41.1	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.1		9.6	

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FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	396	0.2	9	0.0
70-74	5,279	0.6	892	0.4	41	0.2
65-69	18,673	2.0	3,843	1.6	161	0.8
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,555	2.7	333	1.6
55-59	65,935	7.1	15,699	6.4	973	4.8
50-54	108,425	11.8	26,886	11.0	1,859	9.1
45-49	171,513	18.6	45,000	18.4	3,574	17.4
40-44	147,879	16.0	39,607	16.2	3,448	16.8
35-39	184,475	20.0	52,236	21.3	4,815	23.5
30-34	99,247	10.8	28,575	11.7	2,814	13.7
25-29	59,568	6.5	17,188	7.0	1,724	8.4
20-24	28,206	3.1	8,331	3.4	733	3.6
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		20,484	
Mean Score	42.9		42.1		40.5	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.2		9.5	

FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	318	0.1	13	0.1
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,536	0.6	86	0.4
65-69	15,046	1.6	3,640	1.5	211	1.0
60-64	25,333	2.7	6,407	2.6	395	1.9
55-59	63,308	6.9	15,948	6.5	1,084	5.3
50-54	82,052	8.9	20,601	8.4	1,418	6.9
45-49	143,184	15.5	36,702	15.0	2,776	13.6
40-44	156,325	17.0	41,389	16.9	3,414	16.7
35-39	190,234	20.6	52,072	21.2	4,722	23.1
30-34	113,254	12.3	31,670	12.9	3,057	14.9
25-29	68,039	7.4	18,681	7.6	1,795	8.8
20-24	57,962	6.3	16,244	6.6	1,513	7.4
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		20,484	
Mean Score	41.3		40.9		39.6	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		10.3	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			SOUTH CAROLINA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.4	2.7	2.1
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.6	2.8	0.5
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.0	3.9	5.9	4.1	3.3	4.8
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.3	8.7	6.0	6.6	7.8	5.6
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.3	1.0	1.6
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.3	4.3	0.4
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.6	3.6	0.9	6.0
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	10.4	19.0	2.6	11.7	21.9	2.5
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.5
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.3	1.3
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.8
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.1	28.9	22.2	9.9	33.3
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.0	1.6	2.4
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	0.5	0.7	0.3
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6	1.5	2.4	0.7
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	1.1	1.9	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.6
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.5	1.5	5.3	3.0	1.1	4.7
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.9
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.1
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.2
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	10.0	7.9	11.8
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.0
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	10.3	11.6	9.0	7.7	9.1	6.4
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			429,411			36,715		

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