

# PSAT/NMSQT®

## 2010-2011 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

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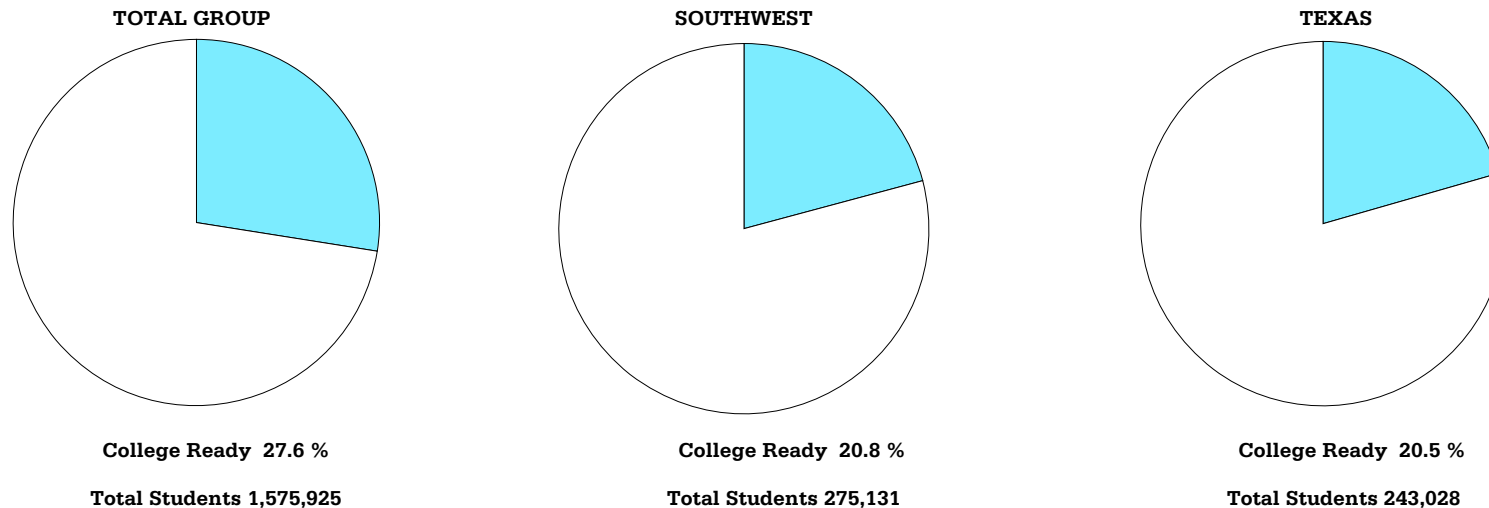
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**FIGURE 1: COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARK RESULTS**

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.com/results](http://www.collegeboard.com/results)). You can also download a research report titled PSAT/NMSQT Indicators of College Readiness from [www.collegeboard.com/research](http://www.collegeboard.com/research) that describes how the benchmarks were established\*.

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 (152 for juniors and 145 for sophomores). Use this information in combination with the optional Student Data File CD or Roster of Student Scores & Plans 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

\*Proctor, T. P., Wyatt, J. & Wiley, A. (2010). PSAT/NMSQT indicators of college readiness (College Board Research Rep. 2010-4). New York: College Board.

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	754,568	48.3	134,966	49.4	119,737	49.7
Female	808,363	51.7	138,023	50.6	121,370	50.3
No Response	12,994		2,142		1,921	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,575,925</b>		<b>275,131</b>		<b>243,028</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,122	0.8	3,303	1.3	1,652	0.7
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	115,491	8.0	12,714	4.9	11,750	5.1
Black or African American	231,612	16.0	33,603	13.0	30,981	13.5
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	309,629	21.4	103,098	39.8	94,644	41.3
White	720,526	49.8	100,561	38.8	85,142	37.1
Other	58,857	4.1	5,871	2.3	5,100	2.2
No Response	127,688		15,981		13,759	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,239,175	78.6	224,767	81.7	198,757	81.8
No	336,750	21.4	50,364	18.3	44,271	18.2

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		TEXAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	51,896	3.8	8,003	3.3	6,927	3.2
A (93-96)	266,102	19.7	40,227	16.6	34,222	16.1
A- (90-92)	247,592	18.3	43,726	18.1	39,073	18.3
B+ (87-89)	235,606	17.4	47,819	19.8	43,697	20.5
B (83-86)	230,389	17.0	43,850	18.1	39,263	18.4
B- (80-82)	122,400	9.0	27,193	11.2	24,660	11.6
C+ (77-79)	97,209	7.2	17,296	7.2	14,893	7.0
C (73-76)	62,918	4.6	8,375	3.5	6,523	3.1
C- (70-72)	22,835	1.7	3,470	1.4	2,733	1.3
D+ (67-69)	8,521	0.6	842	0.3	526	0.2
D (65-66)	5,767	0.4	547	0.2	330	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	2,872	0.2	379	0.2	293	0.1
No Response	221,818		33,404		29,888	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		TEXAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2011	2,676	0.2	786	0.3	762	0.3
2012	45,968	3.0	11,466	4.2	10,616	4.4
2013	1,421,165	93.1	245,910	91.0	216,890	90.8
After 2013	44,619	2.9	9,491	3.5	8,317	3.5
Not Planning College	11,297	0.7	2,580	1.0	2,228	0.9
No Response	50,200		4,898		4,215	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,521	0.2	364	0.1	319	0.1
70-74	9,447	0.6	878	0.3	758	0.3
65-69	26,749	1.7	2,991	1.1	2,592	1.1
60-64	63,230	4.0	7,234	2.6	6,245	2.6
55-59	129,490	8.2	17,056	6.2	14,575	6.0
50-54	174,006	11.0	24,209	8.8	20,971	8.6
45-49	268,411	17.0	44,579	16.2	39,306	16.2
40-44	271,637	17.2	51,306	18.6	45,864	18.9
35-39	219,937	14.0	45,537	16.6	40,821	16.8
30-34	202,892	12.9	42,291	15.4	37,769	15.5
25-29	132,965	8.4	25,640	9.3	22,493	9.3
20-24	73,640	4.7	13,046	4.7	11,315	4.7
TOTAL	1,575,925		275,131		243,028	
Mean Score	42.5		40.8		40.8	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.4		10.3	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,726	0.4	739	0.3	685	0.3
70-74	11,776	0.7	1,301	0.5	1,200	0.5
65-69	39,626	2.5	4,805	1.7	4,376	1.8
60-64	83,629	5.3	11,116	4.0	9,858	4.1
55-59	134,901	8.6	19,543	7.1	17,208	7.1
50-54	182,313	11.6	29,664	10.8	26,231	10.8
45-49	279,090	17.7	52,771	19.2	47,117	19.4
40-44	256,825	16.3	51,178	18.6	45,720	18.8
35-39	274,234	17.4	54,365	19.8	48,081	19.8
30-34	174,644	11.1	29,926	10.9	25,850	10.6
25-29	82,498	5.2	12,571	4.6	10,655	4.4
20-24	49,663	3.2	7,152	2.6	6,047	2.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,575,925</b>		<b>275,131</b>		<b>243,028</b>	
Mean Score	44.0		43.3		43.4	
STD. DEV.	11.0		10.0		10.0	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,068	0.3	457	0.2	405	0.2
70-74	5,784	0.4	539	0.2	470	0.2
65-69	19,283	1.2	1,681	0.6	1,451	0.6
60-64	44,388	2.8	5,037	1.8	4,349	1.8
55-59	87,625	5.6	9,928	3.6	8,516	3.5
50-54	154,793	9.8	21,585	7.8	18,670	7.7
45-49	222,264	14.1	34,719	12.6	30,403	12.5
40-44	282,165	17.9	50,489	18.4	44,942	18.5
35-39	257,406	16.3	51,277	18.6	45,753	18.8
30-34	235,012	14.9	47,877	17.4	42,501	17.5
25-29	154,170	9.8	31,956	11.6	28,596	11.8
20-24	108,967	6.9	19,586	7.1	16,972	7.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,575,925</b>		<b>275,131</b>		<b>243,028</b>	
Mean Score	40.4		38.7		38.7	
STD. DEV.	10.8		9.9		9.8	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,800	0.2	197	0.1	175	0.1
70-74	4,645	0.6	442	0.3	387	0.3
65-69	13,210	1.8	1,526	1.1	1,337	1.1
60-64	30,149	4.0	3,579	2.7	3,129	2.6
55-59	59,281	7.9	8,031	6.0	6,881	5.7
50-54	77,853	10.3	11,263	8.3	9,777	8.2
45-49	120,523	16.0	20,558	15.2	18,219	15.2
40-44	123,854	16.4	23,842	17.7	21,450	17.9
35-39	104,773	13.9	21,992	16.3	19,796	16.5
30-34	103,517	13.7	21,721	16.1	19,503	16.3
25-29	72,526	9.6	14,201	10.5	12,467	10.4
20-24	42,437	5.6	7,614	5.6	6,616	5.5
TOTAL	754,568		134,966		119,737	
Mean Score	41.8		40.3		40.2	
STD. DEV.	11.4		10.6		10.5	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,844	0.6	544	0.4	508	0.4
70-74	7,991	1.1	898	0.7	822	0.7
65-69	24,952	3.3	3,031	2.2	2,745	2.3
60-64	47,337	6.3	6,472	4.8	5,732	4.8
55-59	69,291	9.2	10,302	7.6	9,074	7.6
50-54	87,943	11.7	15,238	11.3	13,487	11.3
45-49	130,992	17.4	25,864	19.2	23,211	19.4
40-44	116,711	15.5	23,989	17.8	21,517	18.0
35-39	122,462	16.2	24,742	18.3	21,980	18.4
30-34	78,176	10.4	13,830	10.2	12,013	10.0
25-29	38,500	5.1	6,161	4.6	5,320	4.4
20-24	25,369	3.4	3,895	2.9	3,328	2.8
TOTAL	754,568		134,966		119,737	
Mean Score	44.7		43.9		43.9	
STD. DEV.	11.5		10.5		10.5	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,593	0.2	182	0.1	162	0.1
70-74	2,275	0.3	234	0.2	212	0.2
65-69	7,861	1.0	680	0.5	599	0.5
60-64	18,523	2.5	2,144	1.6	1,874	1.6
55-59	37,120	4.9	4,424	3.3	3,789	3.2
50-54	66,733	8.8	9,398	7.0	8,155	6.8
45-49	97,751	13.0	15,526	11.5	13,655	11.4
40-44	127,120	16.8	23,003	17.0	20,540	17.2
35-39	122,351	16.2	24,546	18.2	22,016	18.4
30-34	121,216	16.1	24,924	18.5	22,240	18.6
25-29	86,813	11.5	18,094	13.4	16,265	13.6
20-24	65,212	8.6	11,811	8.8	10,230	8.5
TOTAL	754,568		134,966		119,737	
Mean Score	39.3		37.8		37.8	
STD. DEV.	10.8		9.9		9.8	



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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,707	0.2	165	0.1	142	0.1
70-74	4,769	0.6	431	0.3	368	0.3
65-69	13,418	1.7	1,450	1.1	1,243	1.0
60-64	32,787	4.1	3,631	2.6	3,093	2.5
55-59	69,530	8.6	8,960	6.5	7,637	6.3
50-54	95,095	11.8	12,820	9.3	11,084	9.1
45-49	146,171	18.1	23,775	17.2	20,866	17.2
40-44	145,620	18.0	27,098	19.6	24,087	19.8
35-39	113,123	14.0	23,172	16.8	20,684	17.0
30-34	97,182	12.0	20,156	14.6	17,885	14.7
25-29	58,787	7.3	11,112	8.1	9,737	8.0
20-24	30,174	3.7	5,253	3.8	4,544	3.7
TOTAL	808,363		138,023		121,370	
Mean Score	43.1		41.4		41.3	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.1		10.0	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,867	0.2	193	0.1	175	0.1
70-74	3,751	0.5	399	0.3	374	0.3
65-69	14,508	1.8	1,755	1.3	1,613	1.3
60-64	35,909	4.4	4,604	3.3	4,091	3.4
55-59	64,923	8.0	9,151	6.6	8,053	6.6
50-54	93,272	11.5	14,274	10.3	12,610	10.4
45-49	146,177	18.1	26,588	19.3	23,611	19.5
40-44	137,936	17.1	26,787	19.4	23,847	19.6
35-39	149,117	18.4	29,131	21.1	25,661	21.1
30-34	94,519	11.7	15,770	11.4	13,549	11.2
25-29	42,873	5.3	6,236	4.5	5,180	4.3
20-24	23,511	2.9	3,135	2.3	2,606	2.1
TOTAL	808,363		138,023		121,370	
Mean Score	43.3		42.7		42.9	
STD. DEV.	10.4		9.5		9.5	

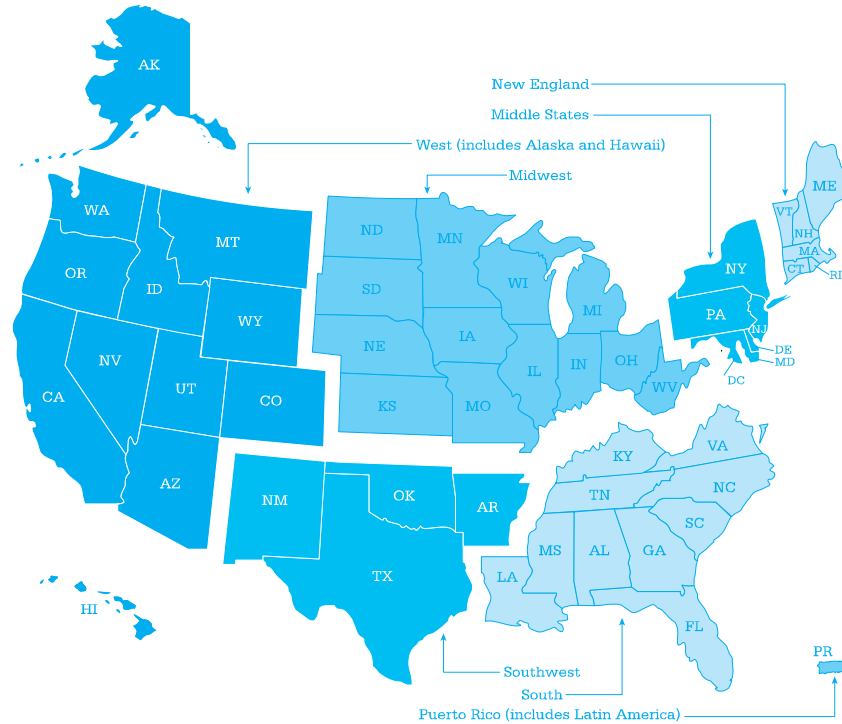
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,461	0.3	273	0.2	241	0.2
70-74	3,492	0.4	305	0.2	258	0.2
65-69	11,346	1.4	993	0.7	846	0.7
60-64	25,662	3.2	2,868	2.1	2,451	2.0
55-59	50,066	6.2	5,465	4.0	4,691	3.9
50-54	87,227	10.8	12,103	8.8	10,445	8.6
45-49	123,191	15.2	19,033	13.8	16,613	13.7
40-44	152,970	18.9	27,167	19.7	24,112	19.9
35-39	132,791	16.4	26,311	19.1	23,351	19.2
30-34	111,371	13.8	22,471	16.3	19,818	16.3
25-29	65,454	8.1	13,479	9.8	11,988	9.9
20-24	42,332	5.2	7,555	5.5	6,556	5.4
TOTAL	808,363		138,023		121,370	
Mean Score	41.5		39.7		39.6	
STD. DEV.	10.6		9.8		9.7	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTHWEST			TEXAS		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.3	1.2	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.3
Architecture	2.0	3.0	1.1	2.4	3.7	1.1	2.4	3.8	1.1
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Biological Sciences	4.9	4.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	4.6	3.8	3.0	4.5
Business Management	6.7	8.0	5.5	6.5	7.2	5.7	6.7	7.4	5.9
Communication & Journalism	1.7	1.2	2.2	1.5	1.0	2.0	1.6	1.0	2.1
Computer/Information Science	1.9	3.5	0.4	1.9	3.4	0.5	1.9	3.4	0.5
Education	3.4	1.0	5.6	3.4	1.0	5.7	3.5	1.0	5.8
Engineering	8.9	16.7	2.0	10.4	19.2	2.2	10.5	19.3	2.2
Engineering Technologies	1.5	2.8	0.3	1.6	3.0	0.3	1.7	3.0	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.7	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.4	1.2
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Health Professions/Sciences	17.6	9.6	24.8	18.8	9.7	27.3	18.6	9.5	27.2
History	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.3	1.9	2.7	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	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6
Military Technologies	1.1	2.1	0.3	1.1	2.0	0.3	1.1	2.0	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.3	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.2	2.0	0.4
Personal & Culinary Services	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.8
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Physical Sciences	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.7
Psychology	3.4	1.5	5.1	3.1	1.4	4.7	3.1	1.4	4.7
Social Service Professions	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.6
Security/Protective Services	4.3	4.8	3.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	5.3	5.9	4.7
Social Sciences	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.3
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	10.2	8.1	12.0	10.9	9.0	12.7	10.9	9.0	12.7
Other	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
Undecided	14.3	15.5	13.2	11.6	13.0	10.3	11.4	12.9	10.1
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,340,337			245,164			216,928		

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