

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

### SOUTH CAROLINA

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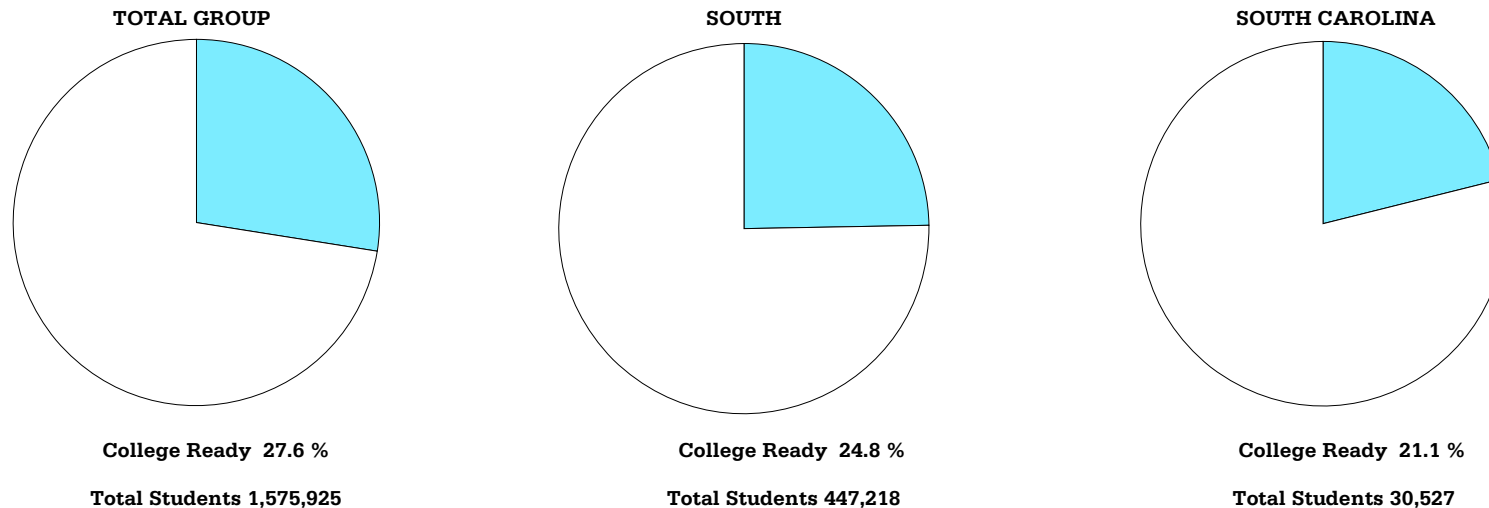
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**FIGURE 1: COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARK RESULTS**

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®**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	754,568	48.3	216,518	48.9	14,677	48.8
Female	808,363	51.7	226,632	51.1	15,387	51.2
No Response	12,994		4,068		463	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,575,925</b>		<b>447,218</b>		<b>30,527</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,122	0.8	2,567	0.6	161	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	115,491	8.0	18,174	4.4	620	2.2
Black or African American	231,612	16.0	100,171	24.2	8,275	29.0
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	309,629	21.4	61,498	14.9	1,348	4.7
White	720,526	49.8	214,568	51.8	17,203	60.3
Other	58,857	4.1	16,873	4.1	924	3.2
No Response	127,688		33,367		1,996	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,239,175	78.6	356,699	79.8	24,754	81.1
No	336,750	21.4	90,519	20.2	5,773	18.9

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	51,896	3.8	15,231	4.0	1,022	3.8
A (93-96)	266,102	19.7	73,858	19.3	5,281	19.6
A- (90-92)	247,592	18.3	65,577	17.1	5,141	19.1
B+ (87-89)	235,606	17.4	68,517	17.9	5,171	19.2
B (83-86)	230,389	17.0	68,371	17.8	4,433	16.4
B- (80-82)	122,400	9.0	35,698	9.3	2,587	9.6
C+ (77-79)	97,209	7.2	28,858	7.5	1,858	6.9
C (73-76)	62,918	4.6	18,187	4.7	938	3.5
C- (70-72)	22,835	1.7	5,702	1.5	356	1.3
D+ (67-69)	8,521	0.6	1,753	0.5	87	0.3
D (65-66)	5,767	0.4	1,118	0.3	55	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	2,872	0.2	578	0.2	23	0.1
No Response	221,818		63,770		3,575	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2011	2,676	0.2	731	0.2	37	0.1
2012	45,968	3.0	14,269	3.3	1,093	3.7
2013	1,421,165	93.1	403,989	93.1	27,791	93.1
After 2013	44,619	2.9	11,585	2.7	714	2.4
Not Planning College	11,297	0.7	3,260	0.8	228	0.8
No Response	50,200		13,384		664	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,521	0.2	790	0.2	37	0.1
70-74	9,447	0.6	2,152	0.5	98	0.3
65-69	26,749	1.7	6,503	1.5	313	1.0
60-64	63,230	4.0	16,115	3.6	794	2.6
55-59	129,490	8.2	35,263	7.9	1,986	6.5
50-54	174,006	11.0	46,401	10.4	2,717	8.9
45-49	268,411	17.0	77,587	17.3	5,020	16.4
40-44	271,637	17.2	78,161	17.5	5,506	18.0
35-39	219,937	14.0	64,571	14.4	4,829	15.8
30-34	202,892	12.9	60,137	13.4	4,730	15.5
25-29	132,965	8.4	38,895	8.7	2,972	9.7
20-24	73,640	4.7	20,643	4.6	1,525	5.0
TOTAL	1,575,925		447,218		30,527	
Mean Score	42.5		42.0		40.8	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.9		10.5	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,726	0.4	1,271	0.3	35	0.1
70-74	11,776	0.7	2,326	0.5	110	0.4
65-69	39,626	2.5	8,608	1.9	431	1.4
60-64	83,629	5.3	19,797	4.4	1,115	3.7
55-59	134,901	8.6	34,338	7.7	2,193	7.2
50-54	182,313	11.6	49,089	11.0	3,183	10.4
45-49	279,090	17.7	80,146	17.9	5,537	18.1
40-44	256,825	16.3	74,121	16.6	5,220	17.1
35-39	274,234	17.4	84,741	18.9	6,246	20.5
30-34	174,644	11.1	53,838	12.0	3,889	12.7
25-29	82,498	5.2	24,362	5.4	1,627	5.3
20-24	49,663	3.2	14,581	3.3	941	3.1
TOTAL	1,575,925		447,218		30,527	
Mean Score	44.0		43.1		42.5	
STD. DEV.	11.0		10.6		10.0	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,068	0.3	1,027	0.2	40	0.1
70-74	5,784	0.4	1,144	0.3	74	0.2
65-69	19,283	1.2	3,784	0.8	181	0.6
60-64	44,388	2.8	11,241	2.5	610	2.0
55-59	87,625	5.6	20,437	4.6	1,162	3.8
50-54	154,793	9.8	42,357	9.5	2,580	8.5
45-49	222,264	14.1	62,141	13.9	4,138	13.6
40-44	282,165	17.9	82,722	18.5	5,769	18.9
35-39	257,406	16.3	76,883	17.2	5,462	17.9
30-34	235,012	14.9	70,029	15.7	5,084	16.7
25-29	154,170	9.8	44,075	9.9	3,256	10.7
20-24	108,967	6.9	31,378	7.0	2,171	7.1
TOTAL	1,575,925		447,218		30,527	
Mean Score	40.4		39.9		39.2	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.4		10.0	

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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	1,800	0.2	423	0.2	15	0.1
70-74	4,645	0.6	1,064	0.5	50	0.3
65-69	13,210	1.8	3,351	1.5	163	1.1
60-64	30,149	4.0	7,865	3.6	389	2.7
55-59	59,281	7.9	16,285	7.5	948	6.5
50-54	77,853	10.3	20,698	9.6	1,247	8.5
45-49	120,523	16.0	34,961	16.1	2,217	15.1
40-44	123,854	16.4	35,828	16.5	2,443	16.6
35-39	104,773	13.9	31,096	14.4	2,268	15.5
30-34	103,517	13.7	31,344	14.5	2,423	16.5
25-29	72,526	9.6	21,494	9.9	1,604	10.9
20-24	42,437	5.6	12,109	5.6	910	6.2
TOTAL	754,568		216,518		14,677	
Mean Score	41.8		41.4		40.2	
STD. DEV.	11.4		11.2		10.8	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,844	0.6	952	0.4	31	0.2
70-74	7,991	1.1	1,630	0.8	79	0.5
65-69	24,952	3.3	5,652	2.6	294	2.0
60-64	47,337	6.3	11,404	5.3	659	4.5
55-59	69,291	9.2	17,957	8.3	1,154	7.9
50-54	87,943	11.7	24,061	11.1	1,555	10.6
45-49	130,992	17.4	38,316	17.7	2,588	17.6
40-44	116,711	15.5	34,570	16.0	2,494	17.0
35-39	122,462	16.2	38,520	17.8	2,863	19.5
30-34	78,176	10.4	24,428	11.3	1,718	11.7
25-29	38,500	5.1	11,479	5.3	758	5.2
20-24	25,369	3.4	7,549	3.5	484	3.3
TOTAL	754,568		216,518		14,677	
Mean Score	44.7		43.8		43.1	
STD. DEV.	11.5		11.0		10.5	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,593	0.2	426	0.2	13	0.1
70-74	2,275	0.3	466	0.2	33	0.2
65-69	7,861	1.0	1,575	0.7	75	0.5
60-64	18,523	2.5	4,737	2.2	260	1.8
55-59	37,120	4.9	8,739	4.0	490	3.3
50-54	66,733	8.8	18,213	8.4	1,128	7.7
45-49	97,751	13.0	26,977	12.5	1,733	11.8
40-44	127,120	16.8	36,915	17.0	2,556	17.4
35-39	122,351	16.2	36,845	17.0	2,548	17.4
30-34	121,216	16.1	36,755	17.0	2,611	17.8
25-29	86,813	11.5	25,521	11.8	1,888	12.9
20-24	65,212	8.6	19,349	8.9	1,342	9.1
TOTAL	754,568		216,518		14,677	
Mean Score	39.3		38.7		38.1	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.4		10.0	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,707	0.2	363	0.2	21	0.1
70-74	4,769	0.6	1,080	0.5	48	0.3
65-69	13,418	1.7	3,117	1.4	149	1.0
60-64	32,787	4.1	8,172	3.6	399	2.6
55-59	69,530	8.6	18,786	8.3	1,026	6.7
50-54	95,095	11.8	25,383	11.2	1,445	9.4
45-49	146,171	18.1	42,096	18.6	2,746	17.8
40-44	145,620	18.0	41,595	18.4	2,981	19.4
35-39	113,123	14.0	32,828	14.5	2,492	16.2
30-34	97,182	12.0	28,077	12.4	2,198	14.3
25-29	58,787	7.3	16,884	7.4	1,297	8.4
20-24	30,174	3.7	8,251	3.6	585	3.8
TOTAL	808,363		226,632		15,387	
Mean Score	43.1		42.7		41.5	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.5		10.1	

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**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,867	0.2	314	0.1	4	0.0
70-74	3,751	0.5	689	0.3	31	0.2
65-69	14,508	1.8	2,920	1.3	136	0.9
60-64	35,909	4.4	8,300	3.7	453	2.9
55-59	64,923	8.0	16,196	7.1	1,026	6.7
50-54	93,272	11.5	24,704	10.9	1,599	10.4
45-49	146,177	18.1	41,211	18.2	2,879	18.7
40-44	137,936	17.1	38,880	17.2	2,636	17.1
35-39	149,117	18.4	45,300	20.0	3,270	21.3
30-34	94,519	11.7	28,773	12.7	2,079	13.5
25-29	42,873	5.3	12,529	5.5	836	5.4
20-24	23,511	2.9	6,816	3.0	438	2.8
TOTAL	808,363		226,632		15,387	
Mean Score	43.3		42.5		42.0	
STD. DEV.	10.4		10.0		9.6	

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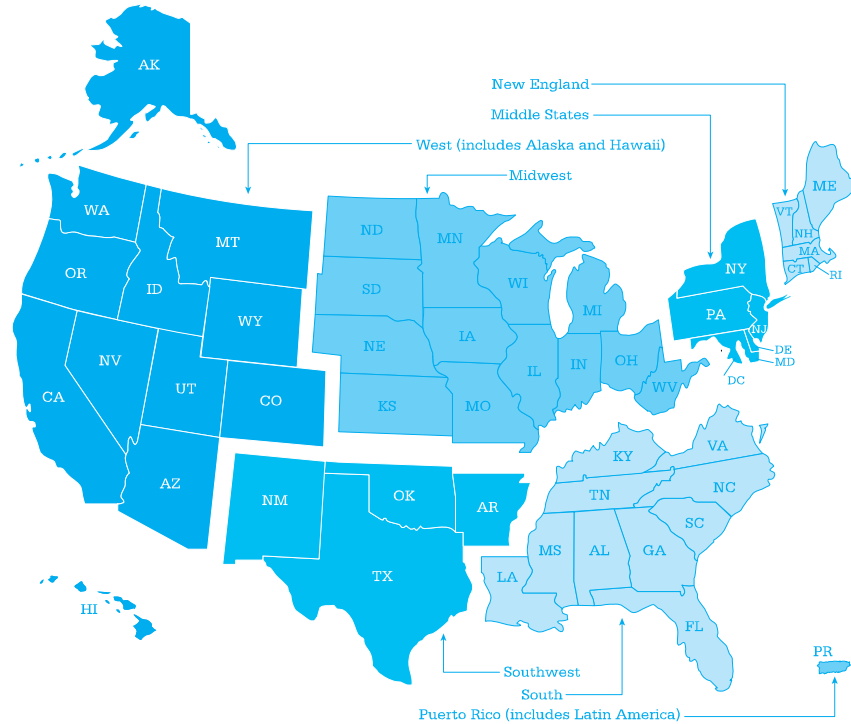
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,461	0.3	595	0.3	27	0.2
70-74	3,492	0.4	674	0.3	41	0.3
65-69	11,346	1.4	2,193	1.0	106	0.7
60-64	25,662	3.2	6,452	2.8	342	2.2
55-59	50,066	6.2	11,601	5.1	662	4.3
50-54	87,227	10.8	23,901	10.5	1,431	9.3
45-49	123,191	15.2	34,748	15.3	2,366	15.4
40-44	152,970	18.9	45,110	19.9	3,139	20.4
35-39	132,791	16.4	39,312	17.3	2,837	18.4
30-34	111,371	13.8	32,488	14.3	2,380	15.5
25-29	65,454	8.1	17,943	7.9	1,284	8.3
20-24	42,332	5.2	11,615	5.1	772	5.0
TOTAL	808,363		226,632		15,387	
Mean Score	41.5		41.1		40.4	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.2		9.8	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			SOUTH CAROLINA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.2	2.6	1.8
Architecture	2.0	3.0	1.1	1.8	2.8	0.9	2.2	3.8	0.8
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Biological Sciences	4.9	4.0	5.7	4.7	3.8	5.4	3.8	3.3	4.3
Business Management	6.7	8.0	5.5	6.7	8.0	5.5	7.3	8.8	6.0
Communication & Journalism	1.7	1.2	2.2	1.7	1.3	2.2	1.5	1.0	1.9
Computer/Information Science	1.9	3.5	0.4	2.0	3.6	0.5	1.9	3.6	0.5
Education	3.4	1.0	5.6	3.2	0.8	5.3	3.9	0.9	6.7
Engineering	8.9	16.7	2.0	8.8	16.7	1.7	10.3	19.9	1.6
Engineering Technologies	1.5	2.8	0.3	1.6	3.0	0.3	1.5	2.7	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.7	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.4	1.3
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.7
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4
Health Professions/Sciences	17.6	9.6	24.8	19.7	10.4	28.1	22.6	9.8	34.3
History	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.8	2.4	3.2	2.5	2.3	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	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5
Military Technologies	1.1	2.1	0.3	1.4	2.5	0.5	1.3	2.3	0.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	1.1	2.1	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.3	1.4	2.6	0.3	1.2	2.2	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.5
Psychology	3.4	1.5	5.1	3.5	1.5	5.2	3.0	1.1	4.6
Social Service Professions	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	1.0
Security/Protective Services	4.3	4.8	3.8	4.3	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.8	3.3
Social Sciences	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.9	1.1
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	10.8	8.9	12.5	10.0	8.3	11.5
Other	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.7	3.8
Undecided	14.3	15.5	13.2	11.4	12.7	10.1	8.4	9.6	7.4
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,340,337			390,778			28,045		

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