

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

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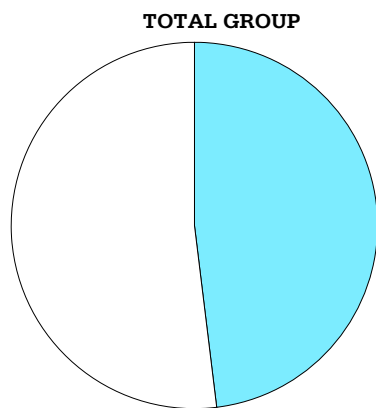


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

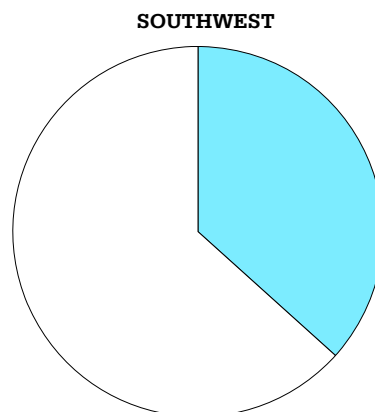
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage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



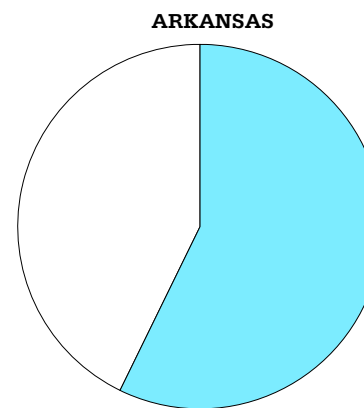
**College Ready 48.0 %**

**Total Students 1,595,486**



**College Ready 36.7 %**

**Total Students 249,523**



**College Ready 57.3 %**

**Total Students 6,577**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	120,305	48.3	2,884	44.0
Female	839,350	52.8	128,524	51.7	3,672	56.0
No Response	5,207		694		21	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>249,523</b>		<b>6,577</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	3,593	1.5	64	1.0
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	14,683	6.1	299	4.7
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	29,039	12.0	874	13.6
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	98,663	40.9	472	7.4
White	811,645	53.5	90,152	37.3	4,598	71.7
Other	56,542	3.7	5,294	2.2	109	1.7
No Response	77,439		8,099		161	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	220,776	88.5	6,038	91.8
No	220,802	13.8	28,747	11.5	539	8.2

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	11,033	4.7	441	7.0
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	43,700	18.7	1,826	28.8
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	47,319	20.3	1,448	22.8
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	46,591	19.9	956	15.1
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	41,087	17.6	779	12.3
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	23,246	10.0	387	6.1
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	12,698	5.4	270	4.3
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	5,357	2.3	162	2.6
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,918	0.8	49	0.8
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	316	0.1	9	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	160	0.1	8	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	132	0.1	4	0.1
No Response	109,554		15,966		238	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	3,081	1.3	28	0.4
2016	1,529,666	97.6	236,090	96.4	6,448	98.4
2017	13,401	0.9	2,792	1.1	40	0.6
After 2017	4,382	0.3	892	0.4	13	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,980	0.8	26	0.4
No Response	28,720		4,688		22	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,237	0.5	38	0.6
70-74	40,435	2.5	3,970	1.6	145	2.2
65-69	50,059	3.1	5,275	2.1	259	3.9
60-64	132,960	8.3	14,866	6.0	683	10.4
55-59	151,282	9.5	17,113	6.9	789	12.0
50-54	262,519	16.5	33,035	13.2	1,280	19.5
45-49	241,246	15.1	33,595	13.5	1,046	15.9
40-44	277,848	17.4	47,980	19.2	1,093	16.6
35-39	205,506	12.9	41,877	16.8	699	10.6
30-34	123,731	7.8	28,139	11.3	316	4.8
25-29	65,274	4.1	14,949	6.0	164	2.5
20-24	32,357	2.0	7,487	3.0	65	1.0
TOTAL	1,595,486		249,523		6,577	
Mean Score	46.9		44.0		49.0	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.1		10.5	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	2,529	1.0	56	0.9
70-74	39,427	2.5	3,585	1.4	113	1.7
65-69	99,827	6.3	10,475	4.2	428	6.5
60-64	117,266	7.3	12,295	4.9	571	8.7
55-59	190,357	11.9	23,678	9.5	1,018	15.5
50-54	238,624	15.0	33,525	13.4	1,143	17.4
45-49	300,608	18.8	49,546	19.9	1,395	21.2
40-44	206,440	12.9	39,273	15.7	784	11.9
35-39	205,350	12.9	41,573	16.7	680	10.3
30-34	92,785	5.8	18,338	7.3	246	3.7
25-29	52,906	3.3	10,320	4.1	100	1.5
20-24	24,696	1.5	4,386	1.8	43	0.7
TOTAL	1,595,486		249,523		6,577	
Mean Score	48.6		46.1		50.2	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.2		10.4	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,471	0.6	39	0.6
70-74	30,945	1.9	3,753	1.5	139	2.1
65-69	58,912	3.7	5,976	2.4	317	4.8
60-64	80,202	5.0	9,053	3.6	468	7.1
55-59	164,768	10.3	19,402	7.8	895	13.6
50-54	180,999	11.3	22,520	9.0	911	13.9
45-49	277,129	17.4	38,806	15.6	1,241	18.9
40-44	258,258	16.2	41,338	16.6	1,020	15.5
35-39	258,214	16.2	48,740	19.5	865	13.2
30-34	133,110	8.3	28,233	11.3	355	5.4
25-29	75,906	4.8	17,019	6.8	168	2.6
20-24	62,569	3.9	13,212	5.3	159	2.4
TOTAL	1,595,486		249,523		6,577	
Mean Score	45.3		42.7		47.9	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.6		11.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	665	0.6	19	0.7
70-74	21,196	2.8	2,201	1.8	76	2.6
65-69	25,304	3.4	2,785	2.3	155	5.4
60-64	63,762	8.5	7,453	6.2	320	11.1
55-59	69,523	9.3	8,097	6.7	354	12.3
50-54	117,103	15.6	15,080	12.5	525	18.2
45-49	107,379	14.3	15,343	12.8	438	15.2
40-44	125,592	16.7	22,089	18.4	454	15.7
35-39	96,906	12.9	19,761	16.4	287	10.0
30-34	63,366	8.4	14,401	12.0	142	4.9
25-29	35,911	4.8	8,129	6.8	73	2.5
20-24	18,570	2.5	4,301	3.6	41	1.4
TOTAL	750,929		120,305		2,884	
Mean Score	46.7		43.8		49.4	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.6		11.0	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	1,684	1.4	39	1.4
70-74	24,544	3.3	2,339	1.9	83	2.9
65-69	58,730	7.8	6,328	5.3	263	9.1
60-64	63,734	8.5	6,969	5.8	308	10.7
55-59	95,622	12.7	12,796	10.6	484	16.8
50-54	110,359	14.7	16,583	13.8	480	16.6
45-49	129,882	17.3	22,627	18.8	557	19.3
40-44	85,201	11.3	17,018	14.1	291	10.1
35-39	85,862	11.4	18,072	15.0	231	8.0
30-34	41,404	5.5	8,426	7.0	87	3.0
25-29	25,099	3.3	5,096	4.2	45	1.6
20-24	12,583	1.7	2,367	2.0	16	0.6
TOTAL	750,929		120,305		2,884	
Mean Score	49.8		47.0		52.0	
STD. DEV.	12.4		11.8		10.9	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	692	0.6	17	0.6
70-74	13,265	1.8	1,643	1.4	55	1.9
65-69	25,009	3.3	2,632	2.2	113	3.9
60-64	34,324	4.6	3,871	3.2	190	6.6
55-59	71,197	9.5	8,594	7.1	404	14.0
50-54	79,747	10.6	10,084	8.4	403	14.0
45-49	125,954	16.8	17,851	14.8	540	18.7
40-44	120,231	16.0	19,246	16.0	448	15.5
35-39	125,467	16.7	23,686	19.7	370	12.8
30-34	69,329	9.2	14,644	12.2	155	5.4
25-29	42,639	5.7	9,600	8.0	105	3.6
20-24	37,288	5.0	7,762	6.5	84	2.9
TOTAL	750,929		120,305		2,884	
Mean Score	44.4		41.9		47.4	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.7		11.3	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	570	0.4	18	0.5
70-74	19,179	2.3	1,765	1.4	69	1.9
65-69	24,680	2.9	2,484	1.9	103	2.8
60-64	68,995	8.2	7,398	5.8	361	9.8
55-59	81,466	9.7	8,991	7.0	435	11.8
50-54	144,823	17.3	17,908	13.9	754	20.5
45-49	133,262	15.9	18,190	14.2	601	16.4
40-44	151,249	18.0	25,759	20.0	635	17.3
35-39	107,685	12.8	21,981	17.1	410	11.2
30-34	59,661	7.1	13,615	10.6	172	4.7
25-29	28,896	3.4	6,727	5.2	90	2.5
20-24	13,515	1.6	3,136	2.4	24	0.7
TOTAL	839,350		128,524		3,672	
Mean Score	47.2		44.3		48.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		10.0	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	842	0.7	16	0.4
70-74	14,848	1.8	1,243	1.0	30	0.8
65-69	40,965	4.9	4,138	3.2	164	4.5
60-64	53,359	6.4	5,312	4.1	262	7.1
55-59	94,379	11.2	10,858	8.4	532	14.5
50-54	127,719	15.2	16,898	13.1	661	18.0
45-49	169,815	20.2	26,812	20.9	834	22.7
40-44	120,438	14.3	22,128	17.2	487	13.3
35-39	118,531	14.1	23,346	18.2	448	12.2
30-34	50,749	6.0	9,795	7.6	156	4.2
25-29	27,391	3.3	5,166	4.0	55	1.5
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,986	1.5	27	0.7
TOTAL	839,350		128,524		3,672	
Mean Score	47.6		45.2		48.8	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.5		9.8	

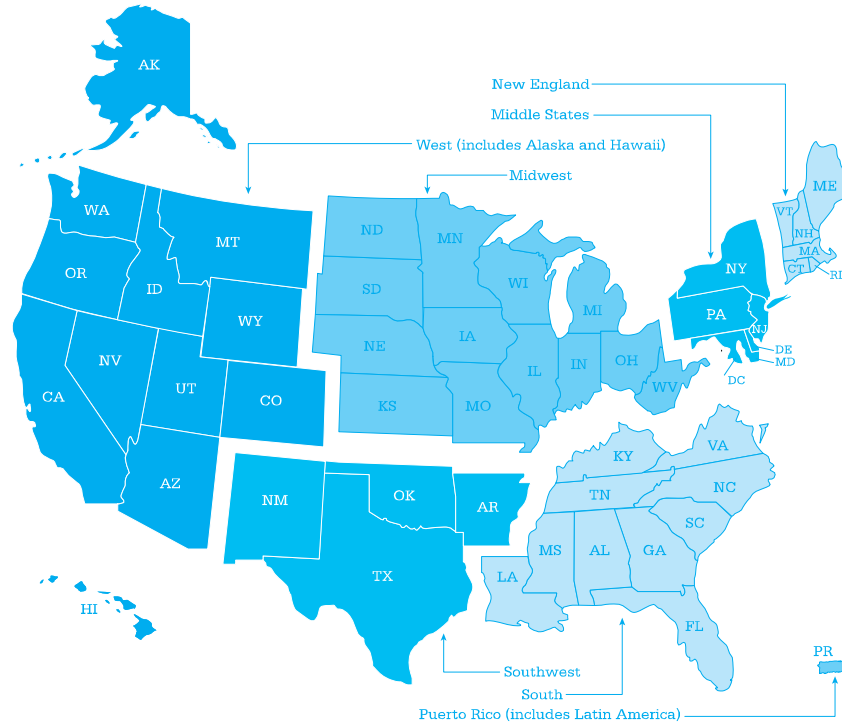
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		ARKANSAS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	778	0.6	22	0.6
70-74	17,655	2.1	2,107	1.6	83	2.3
65-69	33,832	4.0	3,337	2.6	204	5.6
60-64	45,764	5.5	5,174	4.0	277	7.5
55-59	93,261	11.1	10,786	8.4	489	13.3
50-54	100,894	12.0	12,406	9.7	507	13.8
45-49	150,475	17.9	20,890	16.3	697	19.0
40-44	137,187	16.3	21,993	17.1	567	15.4
35-39	131,705	15.7	24,892	19.4	493	13.4
30-34	63,051	7.5	13,467	10.5	197	5.4
25-29	32,766	3.9	7,331	5.7	62	1.7
20-24	24,778	3.0	5,363	4.2	74	2.0
TOTAL	839,350		128,524		3,672	
Mean Score	46.2		43.6		48.4	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.4		11.0	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTHWEST			ARKANSAS		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.3
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.7	2.6	0.8	1.1	1.9	0.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	4.3	3.3	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.7
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	8.8	10.1	7.5	7.3	9.4	5.6
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.8	1.3	2.3
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.5	4.7	0.6	2.8	5.3	0.8
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	3.3	1.0	5.3	3.9	1.3	5.8
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	13.5	23.8	4.1	10.0	19.2	2.9
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.5	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.4	1.3
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	21.5	10.8	31.2	26.2	15.4	34.5
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.3	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.8	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.3
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.1
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.9	0.1
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.1	1.5	0.8	1.4	2.1	0.9
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	3.7	1.7	5.5	3.9	1.3	5.8
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.9
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	5.2	5.5	4.9	2.1	2.2	1.9
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.0	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.3
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.3
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	9.0	8.1	9.8	8.6	7.6	9.4
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.1	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.4
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	7.8	8.8	6.9	8.5	9.7	7.6
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			233,619			6,364		

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