

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

**DIST OF COLUMBIA**

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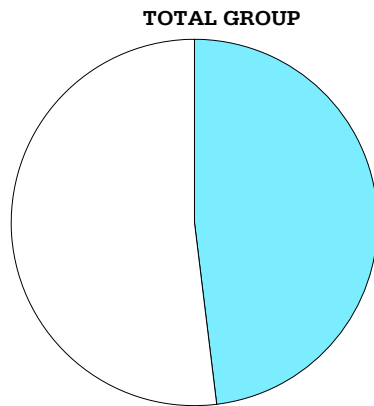


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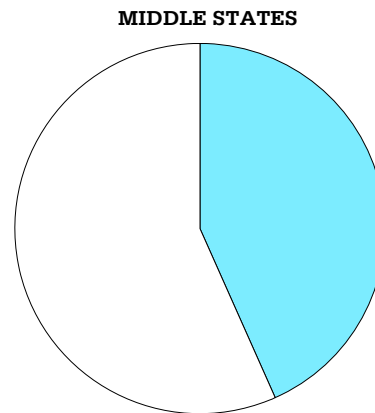
**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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).

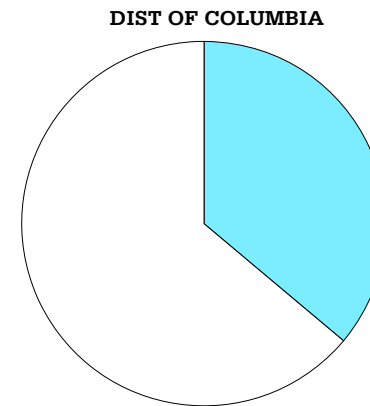
Use this information in combination with the optional Student Data File CD to identify students who may need extra support or who may be ready for more rigorous course work. In addition, PSAT/NMSQT Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS) reports can help you target skills to improve with aggregate skills feedback.



**College Ready 48.0 %**  
**Total Students 1,595,486**



**College Ready 43.3 %**  
**Total Students 364,764**



**College Ready 36.1 %**  
**Total Students 4,438**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	176,407	48.5	2,200	49.8
Female	839,350	52.8	187,159	51.5	2,222	50.2
No Response	5,207		1,198		16	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>364,764</b>		<b>4,438</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,742	0.5	35	0.9
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	31,008	9.1	131	3.3
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	55,262	16.1	2,179	55.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	49,708	14.5	425	10.8
White	811,645	53.5	189,536	55.4	988	25.1
Other	56,542	3.7	14,971	4.4	186	4.7
No Response	77,439		22,537		494	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	304,538	83.5	3,348	75.4
No	220,802	13.8	60,226	16.5	1,090	24.6

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	15,917	4.8	93	2.6
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	65,665	19.7	499	13.7
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	69,040	20.7	603	16.6
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	62,442	18.7	658	18.1
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	54,628	16.4	646	17.8
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	28,749	8.6	444	12.2
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	19,531	5.9	363	10.0
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	10,718	3.2	211	5.8
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	4,235	1.3	82	2.3
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	1,626	0.5	17	0.5
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	704	0.2	9	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	286	0.1	7	0.2
No Response	109,554		31,223		806	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	2,223	0.6	75	1.8
2016	1,529,666	97.6	347,314	97.5	3,987	96.6
2017	13,401	0.9	3,098	0.9	24	0.6
After 2017	4,382	0.3	1,000	0.3	11	0.3
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	2,516	0.7	30	0.7
No Response	28,720		8,613		311	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	2,435	0.7	83	1.9
70-74	40,435	2.5	7,873	2.2	183	4.1
65-69	50,059	3.1	9,749	2.7	179	4.0
60-64	132,960	8.3	25,614	7.0	365	8.2
55-59	151,282	9.5	31,577	8.7	263	5.9
50-54	262,519	16.5	55,789	15.3	421	9.5
45-49	241,246	15.1	55,700	15.3	368	8.3
40-44	277,848	17.4	65,138	17.9	588	13.2
35-39	205,506	12.9	50,507	13.8	703	15.8
30-34	123,731	7.8	32,244	8.8	642	14.5
25-29	65,274	4.1	18,528	5.1	413	9.3
20-24	32,357	2.0	9,610	2.6	230	5.2
TOTAL	1,595,486		364,764		4,438	
Mean Score	46.9		45.7		44.2	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.4		14.1	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	5,902	1.6	123	2.8
70-74	39,427	2.5	8,726	2.4	124	2.8
65-69	99,827	6.3	20,742	5.7	268	6.0
60-64	117,266	7.3	24,380	6.7	239	5.4
55-59	190,357	11.9	39,461	10.8	343	7.7
50-54	238,624	15.0	51,130	14.0	367	8.3
45-49	300,608	18.8	66,496	18.2	525	11.8
40-44	206,440	12.9	47,885	13.1	504	11.4
35-39	205,350	12.9	51,458	14.1	735	16.6
30-34	92,785	5.8	25,244	6.9	547	12.3
25-29	52,906	3.3	15,589	4.3	432	9.7
20-24	24,696	1.5	7,751	2.1	231	5.2
TOTAL	1,595,486		364,764		4,438	
Mean Score	48.6		47.5		44.4	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.1		14.3	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	3,315	0.9	79	1.8
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,491	1.8	144	3.2
65-69	58,912	3.7	12,200	3.3	216	4.9
60-64	80,202	5.0	15,778	4.3	220	5.0
55-59	164,768	10.3	32,389	8.9	358	8.1
50-54	180,999	11.3	35,515	9.7	290	6.5
45-49	277,129	17.4	59,824	16.4	409	9.2
40-44	258,258	16.2	59,485	16.3	492	11.1
35-39	258,214	16.2	63,361	17.4	714	16.1
30-34	133,110	8.3	35,374	9.7	572	12.9
25-29	75,906	4.8	21,759	6.0	501	11.3
20-24	62,569	3.9	19,273	5.3	443	10.0
TOTAL	1,595,486		364,764		4,438	
Mean Score	45.3		44.0		42.4	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.1		14.6	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,243	0.7	46	2.1
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,099	2.3	100	4.5
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,893	2.8	100	4.5
60-64	63,762	8.5	12,387	7.0	214	9.7
55-59	69,523	9.3	14,886	8.4	139	6.3
50-54	117,103	15.6	25,588	14.5	220	10.0
45-49	107,379	14.3	25,329	14.4	161	7.3
40-44	125,592	16.7	30,415	17.2	269	12.2
35-39	96,906	12.9	24,560	13.9	305	13.9
30-34	63,366	8.4	17,016	9.6	306	13.9
25-29	35,911	4.8	10,450	5.9	218	9.9
20-24	18,570	2.5	5,541	3.1	122	5.5
TOTAL	750,929		176,407		2,200	
Mean Score	46.7		45.4		44.9	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		14.6	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	3,840	2.2	85	3.9
70-74	24,544	3.3	5,417	3.1	82	3.7
65-69	58,730	7.8	12,364	7.0	174	7.9
60-64	63,734	8.5	13,504	7.7	149	6.8
55-59	95,622	12.7	20,223	11.5	172	7.8
50-54	110,359	14.7	24,313	13.8	175	8.0
45-49	129,882	17.3	29,907	17.0	265	12.0
40-44	85,201	11.3	20,640	11.7	221	10.0
35-39	85,862	11.4	22,670	12.9	292	13.3
30-34	41,404	5.5	11,790	6.7	258	11.7
25-29	25,099	3.3	7,694	4.4	216	9.8
20-24	12,583	1.7	4,045	2.3	111	5.0
TOTAL	750,929		176,407		2,200	
Mean Score	49.8		48.5		46.1	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.8		15.3	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,470	0.8	39	1.8
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,759	1.6	72	3.3
65-69	25,009	3.3	5,149	2.9	113	5.1
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,906	3.9	116	5.3
55-59	71,197	9.5	14,173	8.0	208	9.5
50-54	79,747	10.6	16,027	9.1	146	6.6
45-49	125,954	16.8	27,493	15.6	203	9.2
40-44	120,231	16.0	28,230	16.0	215	9.8
35-39	125,467	16.7	31,439	17.8	295	13.4
30-34	69,329	9.2	18,665	10.6	262	11.9
25-29	42,639	5.7	12,501	7.1	288	13.1
20-24	37,288	5.0	11,595	6.6	243	11.0
TOTAL	750,929		176,407		2,200	
Mean Score	44.4		42.9		42.5	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.1		15.0	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,192	0.6	37	1.7
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,762	2.0	83	3.7
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,844	2.6	79	3.6
60-64	68,995	8.2	13,191	7.0	151	6.8
55-59	81,466	9.7	16,645	8.9	124	5.6
50-54	144,823	17.3	30,079	16.1	201	9.0
45-49	133,262	15.9	30,234	16.2	206	9.3
40-44	151,249	18.0	34,508	18.4	316	14.2
35-39	107,685	12.8	25,725	13.7	394	17.7
30-34	59,661	7.1	15,056	8.0	332	14.9
25-29	28,896	3.4	7,938	4.2	192	8.6
20-24	13,515	1.6	3,985	2.1	107	4.8
TOTAL	839,350		187,159		2,222	
Mean Score	47.2		46.1		43.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		13.5	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	2,055	1.1	38	1.7
70-74	14,848	1.8	3,304	1.8	42	1.9
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,353	4.5	94	4.2
60-64	53,359	6.4	10,840	5.8	90	4.1
55-59	94,379	11.2	19,166	10.2	171	7.7
50-54	127,719	15.2	26,708	14.3	192	8.6
45-49	169,815	20.2	36,411	19.5	259	11.7
40-44	120,438	14.3	27,075	14.5	282	12.7
35-39	118,531	14.1	28,569	15.3	440	19.8
30-34	50,749	6.0	13,279	7.1	284	12.8
25-29	27,391	3.3	7,769	4.2	212	9.5
20-24	11,894	1.4	3,630	1.9	118	5.3
TOTAL	839,350		187,159		2,222	
Mean Score	47.6		46.6		42.8	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.5		13.2	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		DIST OF COLUMBIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	1,842	1.0	40	1.8
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,727	2.0	72	3.2
65-69	33,832	4.0	7,040	3.8	103	4.6
60-64	45,764	5.5	8,859	4.7	104	4.7
55-59	93,261	11.1	18,155	9.7	150	6.8
50-54	100,894	12.0	19,432	10.4	144	6.5
45-49	150,475	17.9	32,192	17.2	206	9.3
40-44	137,187	16.3	31,085	16.6	276	12.4
35-39	131,705	15.7	31,702	16.9	415	18.7
30-34	63,051	7.5	16,505	8.8	306	13.8
25-29	32,766	3.9	9,100	4.9	209	9.4
20-24	24,778	3.0	7,520	4.0	197	8.9
TOTAL	839,350		187,159		2,222	
Mean Score	46.2		45.0		42.4	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.9		14.1	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDDLE STATES			DIST OF COLUMBIA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.9
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.6	2.4	0.9
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.5
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.3	4.1	6.3	5.3	3.7	6.9
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	10.5	13.1	8.2	11.7	14.2	9.3
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.1	1.6	2.5	2.6	1.6	3.6
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	3.1	5.7	0.8	2.9	4.9	1.1
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.1	5.5	1.9	0.6	3.1
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	9.8	17.1	3.3	9.3	15.4	3.6
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.5	0.3	2.0	3.2	0.7
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.3
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	16.8	8.9	23.8	10.4	5.3	15.1
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.2	3.1	2.5	3.6
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	1.0
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.6
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.8	1.5	0.2	1.2	2.1	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.2
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.1	1.8	6.3	4.0	2.4	5.5
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.1	1.2
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	5.1	4.4	5.8
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.4	3.4	2.7	4.1
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.8	6.3	9.2	10.1	7.7	12.6
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.3
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	12.8	13.9	11.8	12.3	14.6	10.3
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			318,844			3,392		

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