

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

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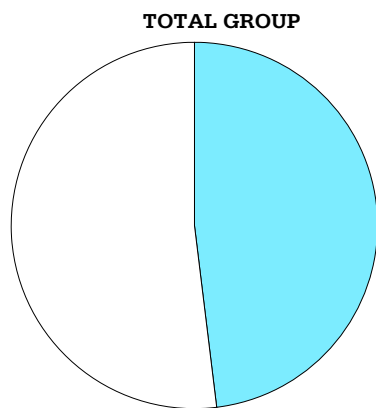


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

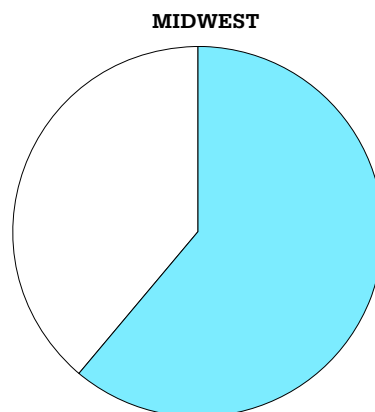
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage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



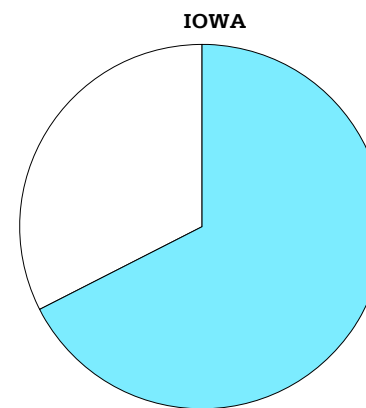
**College Ready 48.0 %**

**Total Students 1,595,486**



**College Ready 61.0 %**

**Total Students 221,269**



**College Ready 67.6 %**

**Total Students 7,549**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	99,828	45.2	3,257	43.3
Female	839,350	52.8	120,882	54.8	4,273	56.7
No Response	5,207		559		19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595,486</b>		<b>221,269</b>		<b>7,549</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,070	0.5	50	0.7
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	12,886	6.0	328	4.5
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	21,085	9.8	142	1.9
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	13,068	6.1	299	4.1
White	811,645	53.5	161,067	74.9	6,442	87.4
Other	56,542	3.7	5,776	2.7	107	1.5
No Response	77,439		6,317		181	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	195,327	88.3	6,879	91.1
No	220,802	13.8	25,942	11.7	670	8.9

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	13,944	6.6	666	9.2
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	62,700	29.5	2,829	38.9
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	48,277	22.7	1,771	24.3
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	32,014	15.0	846	11.6
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	28,440	13.4	692	9.5
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	11,879	5.6	249	3.4
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	8,182	3.8	129	1.8
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	5,148	2.4	60	0.8
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,457	0.7	27	0.4
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	441	0.2	5	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	251	0.1	2	0.0
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	0	0.0
No Response	109,554		8,462		273	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	674	0.3	18	0.2
2016	1,529,666	97.6	216,815	98.7	7,434	99.3
2017	13,401	0.9	1,130	0.5	22	0.3
After 2017	4,382	0.3	366	0.2	13	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	709	0.3	3	0.0
No Response	28,720		1,575		59	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,912	0.9	62	0.8
70-74	40,435	2.5	6,944	3.1	250	3.3
65-69	50,059	3.1	8,968	4.1	341	4.5
60-64	132,960	8.3	24,710	11.2	964	12.8
55-59	151,282	9.5	27,229	12.3	1,048	13.9
50-54	262,519	16.5	45,608	20.6	1,754	23.2
45-49	241,246	15.1	36,146	16.3	1,239	16.4
40-44	277,848	17.4	34,123	15.4	1,097	14.5
35-39	205,506	12.9	19,363	8.8	542	7.2
30-34	123,731	7.8	9,662	4.4	182	2.4
25-29	65,274	4.1	4,329	2.0	57	0.8
20-24	32,357	2.0	2,275	1.0	13	0.2
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		7,549	
Mean Score	46.9		49.9		51.5	
STD. DEV.	11.3		10.6		9.6	

**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	4,166	1.9	123	1.6
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,677	3.0	222	2.9
65-69	99,827	6.3	19,399	8.8	739	9.8
60-64	117,266	7.3	22,598	10.2	883	11.7
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,390	15.5	1,400	18.5
50-54	238,624	15.0	38,368	17.3	1,415	18.7
45-49	300,608	18.8	41,136	18.6	1,431	19.0
40-44	206,440	12.9	23,354	10.6	713	9.4
35-39	205,350	12.9	18,645	8.4	433	5.7
30-34	92,785	5.8	7,166	3.2	119	1.6
25-29	52,906	3.3	3,611	1.6	55	0.7
20-24	24,696	1.5	1,759	0.8	16	0.2
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		7,549	
Mean Score	48.6		51.8		53.4	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.1		10.0	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,761	0.8	40	0.5
70-74	30,945	1.9	4,718	2.1	145	1.9
65-69	58,912	3.7	9,965	4.5	319	4.2
60-64	80,202	5.0	14,605	6.6	495	6.6
55-59	164,768	10.3	30,594	13.8	1,152	15.3
50-54	180,999	11.3	32,527	14.7	1,261	16.7
45-49	277,129	17.4	43,596	19.7	1,634	21.6
40-44	258,258	16.2	34,486	15.6	1,213	16.1
35-39	258,214	16.2	28,263	12.8	894	11.8
30-34	133,110	8.3	10,999	5.0	244	3.2
25-29	75,906	4.8	5,478	2.5	86	1.1
20-24	62,569	3.9	4,277	1.9	66	0.9
TOTAL	1,595,486		221,269		7,549	
Mean Score	45.3		48.1		49.1	
STD. DEV.	11.8		10.9		9.8	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,001	1.0	37	1.1
70-74	21,196	2.8	3,640	3.6	129	4.0
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,592	4.6	178	5.5
60-64	63,762	8.5	11,703	11.7	477	14.6
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,182	12.2	489	15.0
50-54	117,103	15.6	19,586	19.6	681	20.9
45-49	107,379	14.3	15,461	15.5	509	15.6
40-44	125,592	16.7	14,638	14.7	433	13.3
35-39	96,906	12.9	8,818	8.8	204	6.3
30-34	63,366	8.4	4,660	4.7	79	2.4
25-29	35,911	4.8	2,283	2.3	36	1.1
20-24	18,570	2.5	1,264	1.3	5	0.2
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		3,257	
Mean Score	46.7		50.1		52.3	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.0		10.0	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,876	2.9	87	2.7
70-74	24,544	3.3	4,317	4.3	161	4.9
65-69	58,730	7.8	11,294	11.3	434	13.3
60-64	63,734	8.5	11,884	11.9	477	14.6
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,265	16.3	643	19.7
50-54	110,359	14.7	16,215	16.2	576	17.7
45-49	129,882	17.3	16,106	16.1	485	14.9
40-44	85,201	11.3	8,615	8.6	194	6.0
35-39	85,862	11.4	6,921	6.9	130	4.0
30-34	41,404	5.5	2,977	3.0	43	1.3
25-29	25,099	3.3	1,570	1.6	21	0.6
20-24	12,583	1.7	788	0.8	6	0.2
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		3,257	
Mean Score	49.8		53.5		55.8	
STD. DEV.	12.4		11.6		10.2	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	761	0.8	16	0.5
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,041	2.0	66	2.0
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,181	4.2	138	4.2
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,112	6.1	206	6.3
55-59	71,197	9.5	12,938	13.0	490	15.0
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,034	14.1	532	16.3
45-49	125,954	16.8	19,559	19.6	708	21.7
40-44	120,231	16.0	15,792	15.8	528	16.2
35-39	125,467	16.7	13,451	13.5	378	11.6
30-34	69,329	9.2	5,568	5.6	105	3.2
25-29	42,639	5.7	2,935	2.9	50	1.5
20-24	37,288	5.0	2,456	2.5	40	1.2
TOTAL	750,929		99,828		3,257	
Mean Score	44.4		47.4		48.9	
STD. DEV.	12.0		11.1		10.0	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	910	0.8	25	0.6
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,294	2.7	121	2.8
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,363	3.6	163	3.8
60-64	68,995	8.2	12,966	10.7	487	11.4
55-59	81,466	9.7	14,996	12.4	558	13.1
50-54	144,823	17.3	25,938	21.5	1,067	25.0
45-49	133,262	15.9	20,609	17.0	727	17.0
40-44	151,249	18.0	19,378	16.0	660	15.4
35-39	107,685	12.8	10,467	8.7	333	7.8
30-34	59,661	7.1	4,950	4.1	103	2.4
25-29	28,896	3.4	2,022	1.7	21	0.5
20-24	13,515	1.6	989	0.8	8	0.2
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		4,273	
Mean Score	47.2		49.8		50.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.1		9.2	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,287	1.1	36	0.8
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,354	1.9	61	1.4
65-69	40,965	4.9	8,080	6.7	304	7.1
60-64	53,359	6.4	10,681	8.8	406	9.5
55-59	94,379	11.2	18,060	14.9	756	17.7
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,078	18.3	834	19.5
45-49	169,815	20.2	24,913	20.6	941	22.0
40-44	120,438	14.3	14,665	12.1	519	12.1
35-39	118,531	14.1	11,657	9.6	299	7.0
30-34	50,749	6.0	4,142	3.4	75	1.8
25-29	27,391	3.3	2,013	1.7	33	0.8
20-24	11,894	1.4	952	0.8	9	0.2
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		4,273	
Mean Score	47.6		50.4		51.5	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.5		9.4	

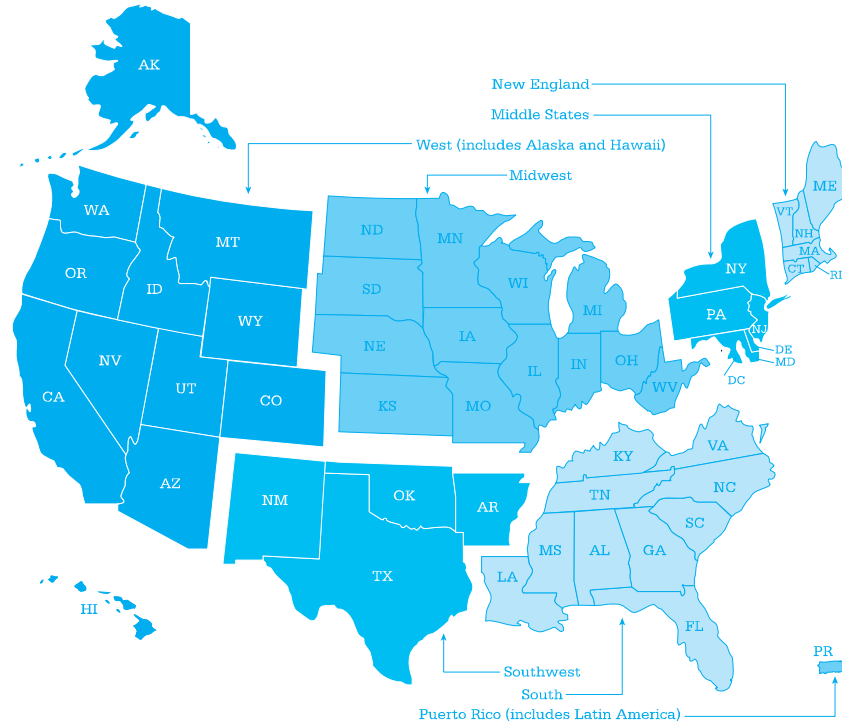
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	999	0.8	24	0.6
70-74	17,655	2.1	2,674	2.2	79	1.8
65-69	33,832	4.0	5,772	4.8	181	4.2
60-64	45,764	5.5	8,474	7.0	289	6.8
55-59	93,261	11.1	17,599	14.6	662	15.5
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,444	15.3	728	17.0
45-49	150,475	17.9	23,936	19.8	920	21.5
40-44	137,187	16.3	18,596	15.4	680	15.9
35-39	131,705	15.7	14,709	12.2	511	12.0
30-34	63,051	7.5	5,381	4.5	138	3.2
25-29	32,766	3.9	2,506	2.1	35	0.8
20-24	24,778	3.0	1,792	1.5	26	0.6
TOTAL	839,350		120,882		4,273	
Mean Score	46.2		48.7		49.3	
STD. DEV.	11.6		10.7		9.6	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			IOWA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.3	2.0	0.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.4	4.2	6.4	5.4	4.7	5.9
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.7	12.8	7.2	7.6	9.4	6.1
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.3	1.2	1.5
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.8	5.5	0.6	2.5	4.9	0.8
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	4.1	1.5	6.3	4.7	1.7	7.0
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.9	21.1	4.4	12.0	22.5	4.0
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.0	2.0	0.2	0.7	1.5	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.2	0.4	1.7
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.4	1.0
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	21.7	11.7	29.8	22.2	12.7	29.5
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.6
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.3	1.0	1.6
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.7
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.7
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.0
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.6	2.5	1.0
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	3.9	1.8	5.6	3.7	1.7	5.1
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.6	0.1	1.0
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	2.9	3.3	2.6	2.0	2.4	1.7
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.3	2.0	1.7	2.1
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.1	5.8	8.2	6.5	5.0	7.7
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.6
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	10.3	11.0	9.8	13.6	14.0	13.2
NUMBER RESPONDING	2,145,790			210,035			7,283		

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