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2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

MASSACHUSETTS

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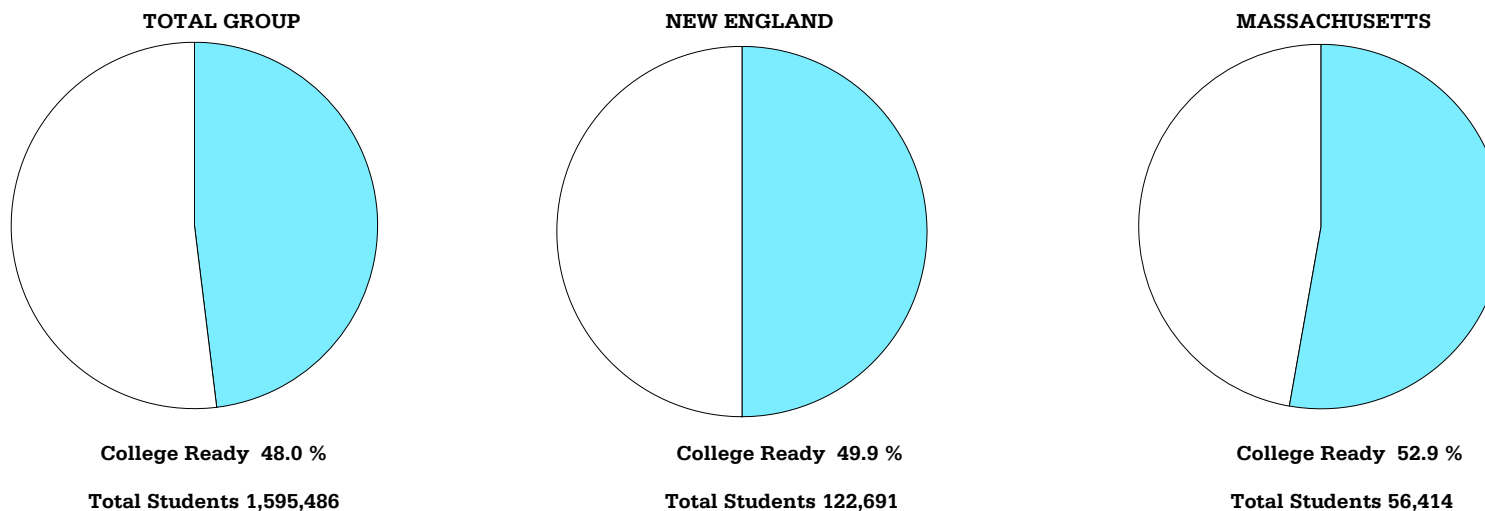


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FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

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). 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.



See last page of this report for the list of states included in your region.

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	59,305	48.5	26,963	48.0
Female	839,350	52.8	62,946	51.5	29,198	52.0
No Response	5,207		440		253	
TOTAL	1,595,486		122,691		56,414	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	633	0.5	225	0.4
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	8,198	7.1	4,499	8.4
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	9,117	7.9	4,333	8.1
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	13,064	11.3	6,078	11.4
White	811,645	53.5	81,004	69.8	36,065	67.5
Other	56,542	3.7	4,054	3.5	2,195	4.1
No Response	77,439		6,621		3,019	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	101,000	82.3	46,913	83.2
No	220,802	13.8	21,691	17.7	9,501	16.8

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	2,611	2.3	1,077	2.1
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	16,892	14.9	7,243	13.9
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	25,229	22.2	11,826	22.7
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	24,618	21.7	11,509	22.0
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	21,461	18.9	9,877	18.9
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	10,579	9.3	4,800	9.2
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	6,677	5.9	3,098	5.9
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	3,651	3.2	1,732	3.3
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,291	1.1	670	1.3
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	400	0.4	224	0.4
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	201	0.2	108	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	88	0.1	42	0.1
No Response	109,554		8,993		4,208	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	400	0.3	163	0.3
2016	1,529,666	97.6	117,794	97.8	54,613	98.3
2017	13,401	0.9	940	0.8	365	0.7
After 2017	4,382	0.3	336	0.3	125	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,018	0.8	318	0.6
No Response	28,720		2,203		830	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	1,048	0.9	622	1.1
70-74	40,435	2.5	3,395	2.8	1,835	3.3
65-69	50,059	3.1	4,145	3.4	2,083	3.7
60-64	132,960	8.3	10,110	8.2	4,772	8.5
55-59	151,282	9.5	12,066	9.8	5,846	10.4
50-54	262,519	16.5	20,431	16.7	9,380	16.6
45-49	241,246	15.1	19,113	15.6	8,828	15.6
40-44	277,848	17.4	20,855	17.0	9,075	16.1
35-39	205,506	12.9	14,969	12.2	6,596	11.7
30-34	123,731	7.8	9,006	7.3	4,080	7.2
25-29	65,274	4.1	5,035	4.1	2,190	3.9
20-24	32,357	2.0	2,518	2.1	1,107	2.0
TOTAL	1,595,486		122,691		56,414	
Mean Score	46.9		47.2		47.7	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.4		11.6	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	2,214	1.8	1,326	2.4
70-74	39,427	2.5	3,444	2.8	1,925	3.4
65-69	99,827	6.3	7,900	6.4	4,117	7.3
60-64	117,266	7.3	9,978	8.1	5,171	9.2
55-59	190,357	11.9	15,256	12.4	7,498	13.3
50-54	238,624	15.0	18,786	15.3	8,837	15.7
45-49	300,608	18.8	22,721	18.5	10,403	18.4
40-44	206,440	12.9	14,762	12.0	6,304	11.2
35-39	205,350	12.9	14,387	11.7	5,761	10.2
30-34	92,785	5.8	7,023	5.7	2,761	4.9
25-29	52,906	3.3	4,145	3.4	1,575	2.8
20-24	24,696	1.5	2,075	1.7	736	1.3
TOTAL	1,595,486		122,691		56,414	
Mean Score	48.6		49.1		50.3	
STD. DEV.	11.8		12.0		12.0	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	1,205	1.0	719	1.3
70-74	30,945	1.9	2,132	1.7	1,093	1.9
65-69	58,912	3.7	5,054	4.1	2,669	4.7
60-64	80,202	5.0	6,419	5.2	3,172	5.6
55-59	164,768	10.3	12,923	10.5	6,152	10.9
50-54	180,999	11.3	14,403	11.7	6,647	11.8
45-49	277,129	17.4	21,823	17.8	9,972	17.7
40-44	258,258	16.2	19,629	16.0	8,837	15.7
35-39	258,214	16.2	18,290	14.9	8,008	14.2
30-34	133,110	8.3	9,746	7.9	4,237	7.5
25-29	75,906	4.8	5,797	4.7	2,630	4.7
20-24	62,569	3.9	5,270	4.3	2,278	4.0
TOTAL	1,595,486		122,691		56,414	
Mean Score	45.3		45.6		46.2	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.9		12.1	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	566	1.0	341	1.3
70-74	21,196	2.8	1,786	3.0	949	3.5
65-69	25,304	3.4	2,082	3.5	1,035	3.8
60-64	63,762	8.5	4,944	8.3	2,419	9.0
55-59	69,523	9.3	5,678	9.6	2,727	10.1
50-54	117,103	15.6	9,357	15.8	4,208	15.6
45-49	107,379	14.3	8,772	14.8	3,999	14.8
40-44	125,592	16.7	9,741	16.4	4,171	15.5
35-39	96,906	12.9	7,274	12.3	3,156	11.7
30-34	63,366	8.4	4,787	8.1	2,124	7.9
25-29	35,911	4.8	2,833	4.8	1,182	4.4
20-24	18,570	2.5	1,485	2.5	652	2.4
TOTAL	750,929		59,305		26,963	
Mean Score	46.7		47.0		47.6	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		12.1	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	1,530	2.6	915	3.4
70-74	24,544	3.3	2,161	3.6	1,189	4.4
65-69	58,730	7.8	4,634	7.8	2,357	8.7
60-64	63,734	8.5	5,425	9.1	2,761	10.2
55-59	95,622	12.7	7,714	13.0	3,722	13.8
50-54	110,359	14.7	8,857	14.9	4,071	15.1
45-49	129,882	17.3	10,065	17.0	4,495	16.7
40-44	85,201	11.3	6,210	10.5	2,562	9.5
35-39	85,862	11.4	6,308	10.6	2,454	9.1
30-34	41,404	5.5	3,309	5.6	1,297	4.8
25-29	25,099	3.3	2,044	3.4	776	2.9
20-24	12,583	1.7	1,048	1.8	364	1.3
TOTAL	750,929		59,305		26,963	
Mean Score	49.8		50.2		51.6	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.6		12.5	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	546	0.9	332	1.2
70-74	13,265	1.8	916	1.5	477	1.8
65-69	25,009	3.3	2,181	3.7	1,175	4.4
60-64	34,324	4.6	2,802	4.7	1,411	5.2
55-59	71,197	9.5	5,671	9.6	2,685	10.0
50-54	79,747	10.6	6,467	10.9	3,002	11.1
45-49	125,954	16.8	10,265	17.3	4,642	17.2
40-44	120,231	16.0	9,474	16.0	4,218	15.6
35-39	125,467	16.7	9,180	15.5	3,935	14.6
30-34	69,329	9.2	5,293	8.9	2,267	8.4
25-29	42,639	5.7	3,320	5.6	1,467	5.4
20-24	37,288	5.0	3,190	5.4	1,352	5.0
TOTAL	750,929		59,305		26,963	
Mean Score	44.4		44.6		45.3	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.1		12.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	481	0.8	280	1.0
70-74	19,179	2.3	1,600	2.5	880	3.0
65-69	24,680	2.9	2,051	3.3	1,041	3.6
60-64	68,995	8.2	5,146	8.2	2,341	8.0
55-59	81,466	9.7	6,363	10.1	3,106	10.6
50-54	144,823	17.3	11,012	17.5	5,146	17.6
45-49	133,262	15.9	10,303	16.4	4,805	16.5
40-44	151,249	18.0	11,033	17.5	4,858	16.6
35-39	107,685	12.8	7,625	12.1	3,401	11.6
30-34	59,661	7.1	4,156	6.6	1,918	6.6
25-29	28,896	3.4	2,164	3.4	982	3.4
20-24	13,515	1.6	1,012	1.6	440	1.5
TOTAL	839,350		62,946		29,198	
Mean Score	47.2		47.5		47.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		11.2	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	679	1.1	409	1.4
70-74	14,848	1.8	1,280	2.0	733	2.5
65-69	40,965	4.9	3,258	5.2	1,755	6.0
60-64	53,359	6.4	4,544	7.2	2,404	8.2
55-59	94,379	11.2	7,508	11.9	3,760	12.9
50-54	127,719	15.2	9,869	15.7	4,730	16.2
45-49	169,815	20.2	12,582	20.0	5,865	20.1
40-44	120,438	14.3	8,493	13.5	3,704	12.7
35-39	118,531	14.1	7,993	12.7	3,263	11.2
30-34	50,749	6.0	3,670	5.8	1,437	4.9
25-29	27,391	3.3	2,063	3.3	780	2.7
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,007	1.6	358	1.2
TOTAL	839,350		62,946		29,198	
Mean Score	47.6		48.1		49.3	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.3		11.3	

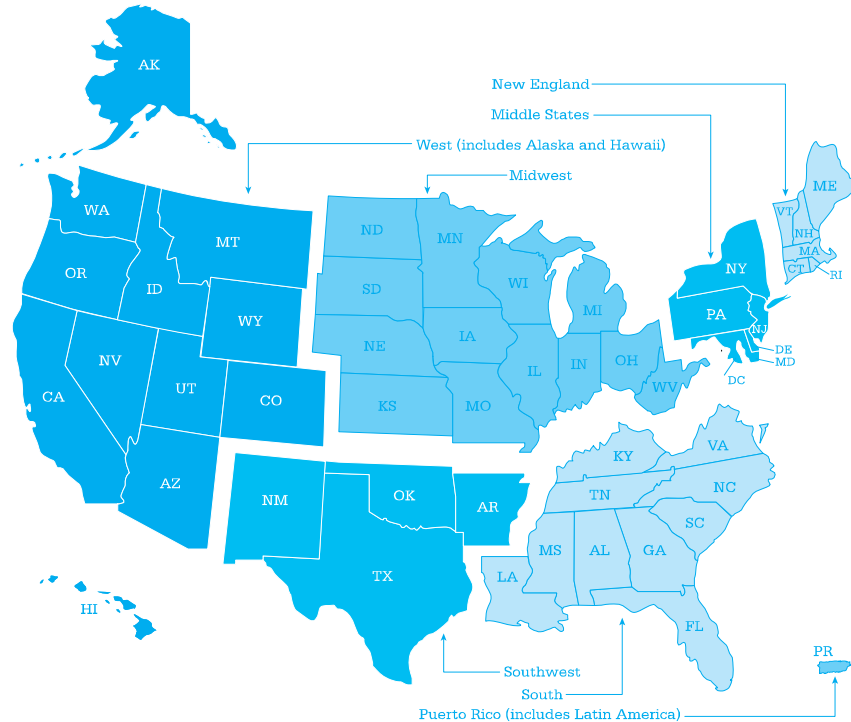
FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	656	1.0	385	1.3
70-74	17,655	2.1	1,214	1.9	615	2.1
65-69	33,832	4.0	2,864	4.5	1,490	5.1
60-64	45,764	5.5	3,607	5.7	1,758	6.0
55-59	93,261	11.1	7,227	11.5	3,453	11.8
50-54	100,894	12.0	7,904	12.6	3,624	12.4
45-49	150,475	17.9	11,502	18.3	5,299	18.1
40-44	137,187	16.3	10,080	16.0	4,583	15.7
35-39	131,705	15.7	9,040	14.4	4,036	13.8
30-34	63,051	7.5	4,396	7.0	1,934	6.6
25-29	32,766	3.9	2,428	3.9	1,130	3.9
20-24	24,778	3.0	2,028	3.2	891	3.1
TOTAL	839,350		62,946		29,198	
Mean Score	46.2		46.6		47.1	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.7		11.9	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			NEW ENGLAND			MASSACHUSETTS		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.8
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.1	1.7	0.6	1.1	1.6	0.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.5	4.2	6.6	5.9	4.7	7.1
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	10.6	13.7	7.8	11.1	14.2	8.4
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.2
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.2	0.6
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	3.7	1.1	6.1	3.8	1.1	6.1
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	9.6	17.0	3.0	9.5	17.0	2.9
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.2	2.2	0.3	1.2	2.3	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.3	0.7	1.9	1.3	0.8	1.8
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	15.6	7.2	23.2	15.4	6.8	23.1
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.9
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.9
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.6	0.2	0.8	1.5	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.8	1.3	1.8	0.8
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.1	1.8	6.3	4.0	1.7	6.0
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.7
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.7	5.5	4.0	4.8	5.8	4.0
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.7
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	7.4	6.0	8.7	7.1	5.7	8.4
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.1	3.5	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.3
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	14.3	15.4	13.3	14.8	15.8	13.8
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			110,570			51,007		

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