

# PSAT/NMSQT®

## 2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

### RHODE ISLAND

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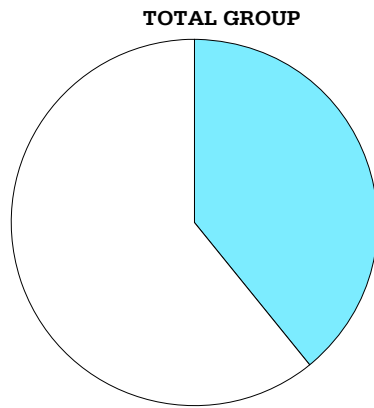


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

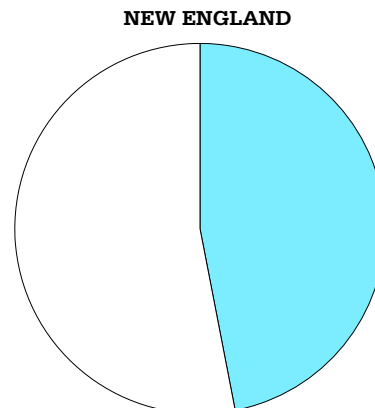
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out [www.collegeboard.org/results](http://www.collegeboard.org/results)). The pie charts below show the percentage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



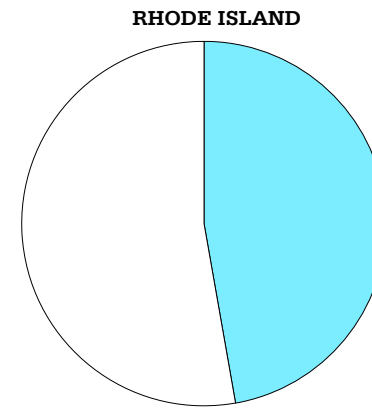
**College Ready 39.3 %**

**Total Students 1,812,143**



**College Ready 47.0 %**

**Total Students 100,967**



**College Ready 47.1 %**

**Total Students 5,385**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	48,943	48.7	2,578	48.1
Female	922,187	51.1	51,488	51.3	2,783	51.9
No Response	9,146		536		24	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>100,967</b>		<b>5,385</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	652	0.7	29	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	6,147	6.5	243	4.9
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	7,987	8.5	331	6.7
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	11,876	12.6	881	17.9
White	812,556	48.0	63,995	68.1	3,255	66.1
Other	66,728	3.9	3,375	3.6	185	3.8
No Response	119,013		6,935		461	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	81,361	80.6	4,404	81.8
No	311,711	17.2	19,606	19.4	981	18.2

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	2,276	2.5	127	2.6
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	15,723	17.1	896	18.5
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	20,044	21.9	1,125	23.2
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	18,525	20.2	1,037	21.4
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	15,768	17.2	775	16.0
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	8,173	8.9	388	8.0
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	5,497	6.0	255	5.3
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	3,422	3.7	151	3.1
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	1,338	1.5	61	1.3
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	485	0.5	16	0.3
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	318	0.3	11	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	157	0.2	10	0.2
No Response	188,880		9,241		533	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	67	0.1	5	0.1
2016	36,486	2.1	1,213	1.2	67	1.3
2017	1,628,214	94.0	92,968	95.4	4,946	95.7
After 2017	48,794	2.8	2,241	2.3	115	2.2
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	979	1.0	37	0.7
No Response	79,900		3,499		215	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	279	0.3	13	0.2
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,138	1.1	52	1.0
65-69	22,611	1.2	1,718	1.7	104	1.9
60-64	75,582	4.2	5,020	5.0	254	4.7
55-59	104,347	5.8	7,049	7.0	379	7.0
50-54	222,376	12.3	14,348	14.2	787	14.6
45-49	245,015	13.5	15,380	15.2	829	15.4
40-44	347,511	19.2	19,146	19.0	1,004	18.6
35-39	321,251	17.7	16,012	15.9	819	15.2
30-34	236,884	13.1	10,846	10.7	578	10.7
25-29	143,005	7.9	6,596	6.5	368	6.8
20-24	76,227	4.2	3,435	3.4	198	3.7
TOTAL	1,812,143		100,967		5,385	
Mean Score	42.1		43.6		43.6	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.8		10.8	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	630	0.6	21	0.4
70-74	15,111	0.8	1,116	1.1	45	0.8
65-69	49,192	2.7	3,475	3.4	156	2.9
60-64	71,822	4.0	5,269	5.2	262	4.9
55-59	141,770	7.8	9,714	9.6	491	9.1
50-54	214,315	11.8	14,000	13.9	746	13.9
45-49	323,711	17.9	19,057	18.9	1,079	20.0
40-44	271,903	15.0	14,354	14.2	818	15.2
35-39	341,545	18.8	16,010	15.9	829	15.4
30-34	191,547	10.6	8,758	8.7	458	8.5
25-29	121,254	6.7	5,652	5.6	313	5.8
20-24	61,726	3.4	2,932	2.9	167	3.1
TOTAL	1,812,143		100,967		5,385	
Mean Score	43.4		45.1		44.7	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.4		11.0	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	262	0.3	11	0.2
70-74	9,575	0.5	613	0.6	33	0.6
65-69	24,949	1.4	1,918	1.9	102	1.9
60-64	42,832	2.4	3,032	3.0	183	3.4
55-59	108,401	6.0	7,516	7.4	395	7.3
50-54	144,708	8.0	9,839	9.7	531	9.9
45-49	258,971	14.3	16,746	16.6	948	17.6
40-44	291,803	16.1	17,218	17.1	891	16.5
35-39	373,535	20.6	18,449	18.3	946	17.6
30-34	243,627	13.4	11,130	11.0	582	10.8
25-29	161,462	8.9	7,196	7.1	385	7.1
20-24	149,483	8.2	7,048	7.0	378	7.0
TOTAL	1,812,143		100,967		5,385	
Mean Score	40.1		41.9		42.0	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.1		11.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	134	0.3	5	0.2
70-74	7,312	0.8	538	1.1	24	0.9
65-69	11,170	1.3	865	1.8	51	2.0
60-64	36,710	4.2	2,413	4.9	113	4.4
55-59	48,178	5.5	3,238	6.6	173	6.7
50-54	99,907	11.3	6,466	13.2	337	13.1
45-49	109,558	12.4	6,874	14.0	376	14.6
40-44	159,674	18.1	8,805	18.0	429	16.6
35-39	156,430	17.8	7,908	16.2	403	15.6
30-34	125,386	14.2	5,942	12.1	334	13.0
25-29	80,229	9.1	3,712	7.6	220	8.5
20-24	44,695	5.1	2,048	4.2	113	4.4
TOTAL	880,810		48,943		2,578	
Mean Score	41.4		42.9		42.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.1		11.1	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	422	0.9	14	0.5
70-74	9,805	1.1	740	1.5	32	1.2
65-69	30,402	3.5	2,123	4.3	104	4.0
60-64	41,199	4.7	2,939	6.0	138	5.4
55-59	75,499	8.6	5,021	10.3	276	10.7
50-54	105,200	11.9	6,715	13.7	347	13.5
45-49	150,974	17.1	8,770	17.9	457	17.7
40-44	122,770	13.9	6,381	13.0	359	13.9
35-39	155,059	17.6	7,246	14.8	362	14.0
30-34	90,792	10.3	4,187	8.6	232	9.0
25-29	60,551	6.9	2,835	5.8	170	6.6
20-24	32,860	3.7	1,564	3.2	87	3.4
TOTAL	880,810		48,943		2,578	
Mean Score	44.0		45.7		45.2	
STD. DEV.	11.7		12.0		11.8	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	104	0.2	2	0.1
70-74	3,739	0.4	240	0.5	13	0.5
65-69	9,851	1.1	731	1.5	34	1.3
60-64	17,417	2.0	1,229	2.5	78	3.0
55-59	44,825	5.1	3,082	6.3	149	5.8
50-54	62,243	7.1	4,263	8.7	211	8.2
45-49	114,963	13.1	7,492	15.3	436	16.9
40-44	134,229	15.2	8,026	16.4	407	15.8
35-39	181,434	20.6	9,292	19.0	485	18.8
30-34	128,702	14.6	5,971	12.2	320	12.4
25-29	92,100	10.5	4,212	8.6	213	8.3
20-24	90,143	10.2	4,301	8.8	230	8.9
TOTAL	880,810		48,943		2,578	
Mean Score	38.9		40.5		40.5	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.1		11.1	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	143	0.3	7	0.3
70-74	6,917	0.8	599	1.2	28	1.0
65-69	11,394	1.2	853	1.7	53	1.9
60-64	38,678	4.2	2,597	5.0	139	5.0
55-59	55,901	6.1	3,789	7.4	205	7.4
50-54	121,826	13.2	7,829	15.2	450	16.2
45-49	134,547	14.6	8,456	16.4	451	16.2
40-44	186,303	20.2	10,262	19.9	568	20.4
35-39	163,036	17.7	8,007	15.6	411	14.8
30-34	109,823	11.9	4,807	9.3	241	8.7
25-29	61,495	6.7	2,804	5.4	147	5.3
20-24	30,763	3.3	1,342	2.6	83	3.0
TOTAL	922,187		51,488		2,783	
Mean Score	42.8		44.4		44.5	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.4		10.4	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	207	0.4	7	0.3
70-74	5,279	0.6	374	0.7	12	0.4
65-69	18,673	2.0	1,346	2.6	52	1.9
60-64	30,451	3.3	2,319	4.5	124	4.5
55-59	65,935	7.1	4,663	9.1	214	7.7
50-54	108,425	11.8	7,234	14.0	397	14.3
45-49	171,513	18.6	10,214	19.8	616	22.1
40-44	147,879	16.0	7,903	15.3	456	16.4
35-39	184,475	20.0	8,675	16.8	463	16.6
30-34	99,247	10.8	4,474	8.7	224	8.0
25-29	59,568	6.5	2,740	5.3	139	5.0
20-24	28,206	3.1	1,339	2.6	79	2.8
TOTAL	922,187		51,488		2,783	
Mean Score	42.9		44.6		44.3	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.8		10.3	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	157	0.3	8	0.3
70-74	5,822	0.6	372	0.7	20	0.7
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,184	2.3	68	2.4
60-64	25,333	2.7	1,800	3.5	105	3.8
55-59	63,308	6.9	4,415	8.6	244	8.8
50-54	82,052	8.9	5,549	10.8	320	11.5
45-49	143,184	15.5	9,187	17.8	508	18.3
40-44	156,325	17.0	9,131	17.7	483	17.4
35-39	190,234	20.6	9,050	17.6	454	16.3
30-34	113,254	12.3	5,072	9.9	259	9.3
25-29	68,039	7.4	2,892	5.6	169	6.1
20-24	57,962	6.3	2,679	5.2	145	5.2
TOTAL	922,187		51,488		2,783	
Mean Score	41.3		43.2		43.4	
STD. DEV.	10.8		11.0		11.1	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			NEW ENGLAND			RHODE ISLAND		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.5	1.1
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	1.9	0.8	1.6	2.5	0.8
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.5	4.1	6.8	5.1	3.5	6.6
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	8.2	10.7	5.9	8.7	12.4	5.5
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.9
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	4.9	0.6	2.4	4.5	0.6
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.3	1.0	5.4	3.5	1.2	5.6
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	9.2	16.5	2.5	9.9	16.9	3.4
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.6	3.0	0.3	2.2	4.3	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.4	0.6	2.2	1.3	0.8	1.7
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	14.3	6.6	21.4	15.2	7.9	21.9
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.6
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.4	2.2	1.8	2.5
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.6
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.9	1.5	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.1	2.0	0.3	1.1	2.1	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.7	1.9	1.5
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.6	1.4	5.6	3.8	1.5	6.0
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.4	4.3	5.1	5.1	5.2
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.5	0.8	2.2
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	7.6	5.6	9.5	7.1	5.0	9.0
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	17.9	19.3	16.7	15.9	16.5	15.3
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			87,739			4,577		

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