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HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

SUMMARY REPORT

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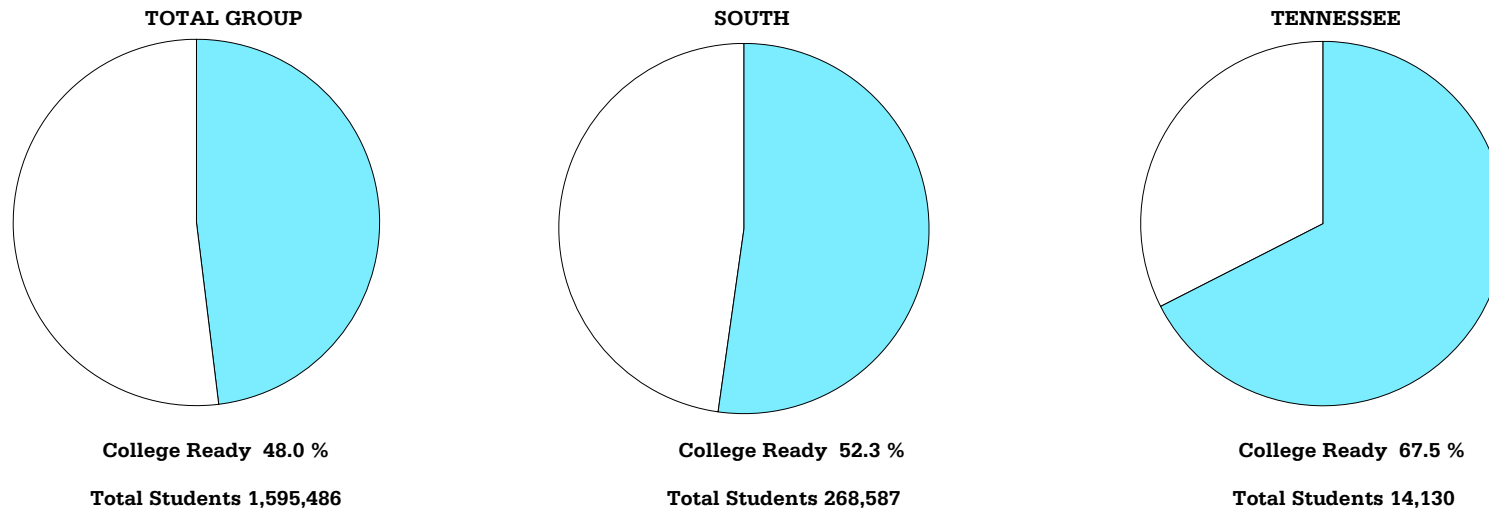


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FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

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). 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		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	124,561	46.5	6,481	45.9
Female	839,350	52.8	143,228	53.5	7,625	54.1
No Response	5,207		798		24	
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		14,130	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,522	0.6	53	0.4
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	16,833	6.5	780	5.6
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	49,563	19.1	1,991	14.4
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	32,678	12.6	541	3.9
White	811,645	53.5	149,006	57.5	10,257	74.1
Other	56,542	3.7	9,408	3.6	227	1.6
No Response	77,439		9,577		281	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	237,094	88.3	12,609	89.2
No	220,802	13.8	31,493	11.7	1,521	10.8

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	16,138	6.4	1,753	12.8
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	64,387	25.4	4,647	34.0
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	54,058	21.3	2,885	21.1
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	43,550	17.2	1,841	13.5
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	37,969	15.0	1,432	10.5
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	17,677	7.0	611	4.5
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	11,203	4.4	309	2.3
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	6,123	2.4	159	1.2
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,745	0.7	35	0.3
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	450	0.2	10	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	220	0.1	4	0.0
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	1	0.0
No Response	109,554		14,993		443	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	1,655	0.6	36	0.3
2016	1,529,666	97.6	259,675	97.9	13,928	99.2
2017	13,401	0.9	2,141	0.8	48	0.3
After 2017	4,382	0.3	508	0.2	10	0.1
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,286	0.5	20	0.1
No Response	28,720		3,322		88	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	2,175	0.8	178	1.3
70-74	40,435	2.5	7,617	2.8	625	4.4
65-69	50,059	3.1	9,735	3.6	727	5.1
60-64	132,960	8.3	26,902	10.0	1,940	13.7
55-59	151,282	9.5	28,442	10.6	1,996	14.1
50-54	262,519	16.5	48,372	18.0	2,898	20.5
45-49	241,246	15.1	40,755	15.2	2,174	15.4
40-44	277,848	17.4	45,037	16.8	1,876	13.3
35-39	205,506	12.9	30,143	11.2	963	6.8
30-34	123,731	7.8	16,808	6.3	458	3.2
25-29	65,274	4.1	8,586	3.2	210	1.5
20-24	32,357	2.0	4,015	1.5	85	0.6
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		14,130	
Mean Score	46.9		48.3		51.8	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.1		10.5	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	3,810	1.4	258	1.8
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,117	2.3	457	3.2
65-69	99,827	6.3	17,566	6.5	1,274	9.0
60-64	117,266	7.3	20,320	7.6	1,471	10.4
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,244	12.7	2,265	16.0
50-54	238,624	15.0	41,659	15.5	2,462	17.4
45-49	300,608	18.8	52,086	19.4	2,616	18.5
40-44	206,440	12.9	34,302	12.8	1,528	10.8
35-39	205,350	12.9	32,646	12.2	1,120	7.9
30-34	92,785	5.8	14,160	5.3	383	2.7
25-29	52,906	3.3	7,963	3.0	198	1.4
20-24	24,696	1.5	3,714	1.4	98	0.7
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		14,130	
Mean Score	48.6		49.0		52.1	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.6		11.0	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	2,389	0.9	182	1.3
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,621	2.5	545	3.9
65-69	58,912	3.7	11,274	4.2	999	7.1
60-64	80,202	5.0	16,323	6.1	1,334	9.4
55-59	164,768	10.3	31,721	11.8	2,351	16.6
50-54	180,999	11.3	33,025	12.3	2,151	15.2
45-49	277,129	17.4	47,745	17.8	2,552	18.1
40-44	258,258	16.2	41,704	15.5	1,857	13.1
35-39	258,214	16.2	39,723	14.8	1,314	9.3
30-34	133,110	8.3	19,114	7.1	457	3.2
25-29	75,906	4.8	10,333	3.8	233	1.6
20-24	62,569	3.9	8,615	3.2	155	1.1
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		14,130	
Mean Score	45.3		46.6		51.0	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.1	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,139	0.9	95	1.5
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,056	3.3	354	5.5
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,887	3.9	396	6.1
60-64	63,762	8.5	12,677	10.2	892	13.8
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,742	10.2	864	13.3
50-54	117,103	15.6	21,048	16.9	1,277	19.7
45-49	107,379	14.3	17,756	14.3	947	14.6
40-44	125,592	16.7	20,050	16.1	821	12.7
35-39	96,906	12.9	14,250	11.4	438	6.8
30-34	63,366	8.4	8,762	7.0	233	3.6
25-29	35,911	4.8	4,820	3.9	115	1.8
20-24	18,570	2.5	2,374	1.9	49	0.8
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		6,481	
Mean Score	46.7		48.1		52.0	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.7		11.1	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,598	2.1	184	2.8
70-74	24,544	3.3	3,866	3.1	299	4.6
65-69	58,730	7.8	10,419	8.4	786	12.1
60-64	63,734	8.5	10,947	8.8	764	11.8
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,827	13.5	1,110	17.1
50-54	110,359	14.7	18,739	15.0	1,026	15.8
45-49	129,882	17.3	21,836	17.5	1,056	16.3
40-44	85,201	11.3	13,855	11.1	537	8.3
35-39	85,862	11.4	13,425	10.8	439	6.8
30-34	41,404	5.5	6,322	5.1	144	2.2
25-29	25,099	3.3	3,782	3.0	79	1.2
20-24	12,583	1.7	1,945	1.6	57	0.9
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		6,481	
Mean Score	49.8		50.2		53.9	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.2		11.4	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,036	0.8	85	1.3
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,766	2.2	219	3.4
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,680	3.8	444	6.9
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,946	5.6	598	9.2
55-59	71,197	9.5	13,658	11.0	1,018	15.7
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,159	11.4	968	14.9
45-49	125,954	16.8	21,431	17.2	1,188	18.3
40-44	120,231	16.0	19,282	15.5	859	13.3
35-39	125,467	16.7	19,345	15.5	645	10.0
30-34	69,329	9.2	10,113	8.1	232	3.6
25-29	42,639	5.7	5,838	4.7	125	1.9
20-24	37,288	5.0	5,307	4.3	100	1.5
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		6,481	
Mean Score	44.4		45.6		50.5	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.0		11.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,034	0.7	83	1.1
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,547	2.5	271	3.6
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,833	3.4	329	4.3
60-64	68,995	8.2	14,199	9.9	1,048	13.7
55-59	81,466	9.7	15,635	10.9	1,127	14.8
50-54	144,823	17.3	27,223	19.0	1,617	21.2
45-49	133,262	15.9	22,892	16.0	1,226	16.1
40-44	151,249	18.0	24,831	17.3	1,050	13.8
35-39	107,685	12.8	15,754	11.0	521	6.8
30-34	59,661	7.1	7,953	5.6	224	2.9
25-29	28,896	3.4	3,712	2.6	94	1.2
20-24	13,515	1.6	1,615	1.1	35	0.5
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		7,625	
Mean Score	47.2		48.5		51.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		10.1	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,212	0.8	74	1.0
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,243	1.6	158	2.1
65-69	40,965	4.9	7,128	5.0	486	6.4
60-64	53,359	6.4	9,340	6.5	706	9.3
55-59	94,379	11.2	17,360	12.1	1,153	15.1
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,828	15.9	1,432	18.8
45-49	169,815	20.2	30,084	21.0	1,554	20.4
40-44	120,438	14.3	20,333	14.2	989	13.0
35-39	118,531	14.1	19,076	13.3	677	8.9
30-34	50,749	6.0	7,753	5.4	238	3.1
25-29	27,391	3.3	4,124	2.9	117	1.5
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,747	1.2	41	0.5
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		7,625	
Mean Score	47.6		47.9		50.6	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.9		10.3	

FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		TENNESSEE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	1,349	0.9	97	1.3
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,850	2.7	325	4.3
65-69	33,832	4.0	6,582	4.6	555	7.3
60-64	45,764	5.5	9,350	6.5	733	9.6
55-59	93,261	11.1	18,003	12.6	1,329	17.4
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,798	13.1	1,179	15.5
45-49	150,475	17.9	26,202	18.3	1,361	17.8
40-44	137,187	16.3	22,292	15.6	995	13.0
35-39	131,705	15.7	20,226	14.1	666	8.7
30-34	63,051	7.5	8,899	6.2	224	2.9
25-29	32,766	3.9	4,435	3.1	108	1.4
20-24	24,778	3.0	3,242	2.3	53	0.7
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		7,625	
Mean Score	46.2		47.6		51.6	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.5		10.8	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			TENNESSEE		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.2	1.9	0.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.7	4.5	6.7	5.5	4.7	6.2
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.2	11.6	7.2	9.7	12.6	7.2
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.5
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.9	5.4	0.8	2.3	4.4	0.6
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	2.9	0.8	4.7	3.0	0.8	4.8
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.4	20.4	3.8	12.4	21.8	4.5
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.2
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.9
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.0
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	22.0	12.1	30.4	23.9	13.9	32.2
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.1	2.2	2.0
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.7
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.4
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0
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	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.6	2.3	1.0
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.0	1.9	5.7	3.6	1.8	5.1
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.5
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	8.5	7.1	9.6	8.1	6.2	9.6
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.5
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	8.7	9.6	7.9	8.2	8.6	7.8
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			252,521			13,423		

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