

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

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### NEW JERSEY

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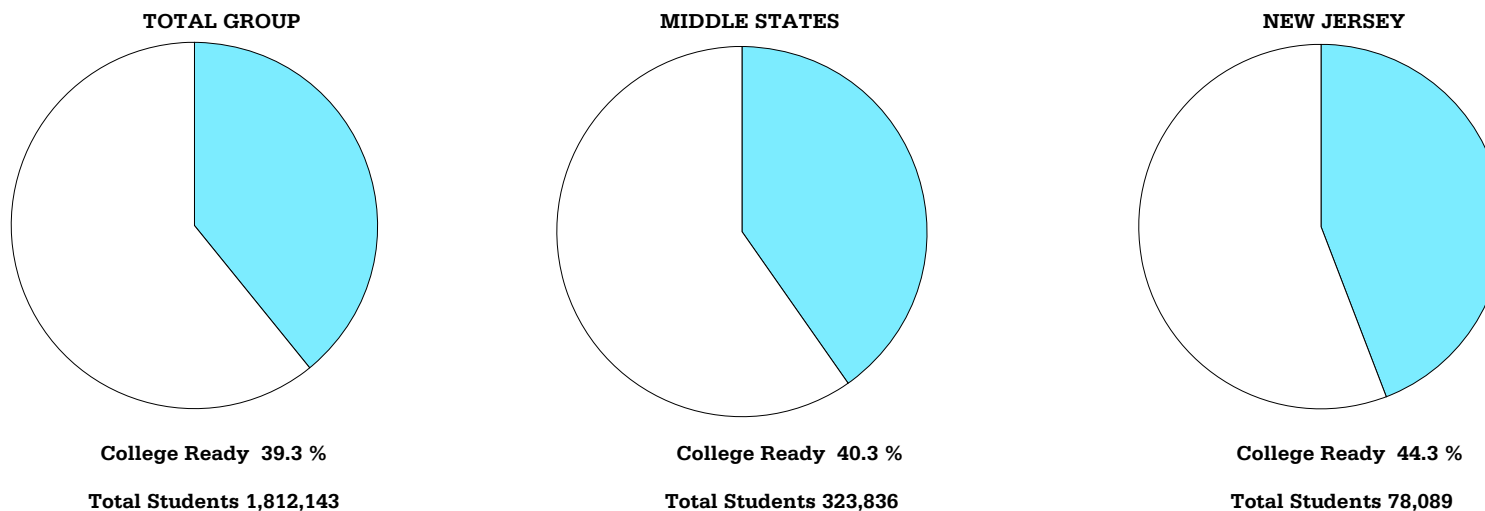


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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.



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

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	158,191	49.1	37,983	49.0
Female	922,187	51.1	163,885	50.9	39,516	51.0
No Response	9,146		1,760		590	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>323,836</b>		<b>78,089</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	1,850	0.6	368	0.5
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	25,993	8.7	7,161	9.9
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	56,638	19.0	9,354	12.9
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	48,118	16.2	13,071	18.0
White	812,556	48.0	150,725	50.7	39,559	54.5
Other	66,728	3.9	14,186	4.8	3,128	4.3
No Response	119,013		26,326		5,448	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	261,879	80.9	64,215	82.2
No	311,711	17.2	61,957	19.1	13,874	17.8

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	12,991	4.5	2,116	3.0
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	56,806	19.9	13,742	19.6
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	56,813	19.9	16,124	23.0
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	50,999	17.8	14,164	20.2
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	45,282	15.8	11,765	16.8
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	25,107	8.8	5,653	8.1
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	18,548	6.5	3,683	5.3
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	10,661	3.7	1,858	2.7
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	4,837	1.7	614	0.9
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,063	0.7	180	0.3
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	1,192	0.4	106	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	474	0.2	51	0.1
No Response	188,880		38,063		8,033	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	543	0.2	59	0.1
2016	36,486	2.1	7,571	2.5	1,066	1.4
2017	1,628,214	94.0	289,776	94.0	72,221	96.0
After 2017	48,794	2.8	7,894	2.6	1,490	2.0
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	2,573	0.8	430	0.6
No Response	79,900		15,479		2,823	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	543	0.2	129	0.2
70-74	14,263	0.8	2,594	0.8	661	0.8
65-69	22,611	1.2	3,965	1.2	1,007	1.3
60-64	75,582	4.2	12,841	4.0	3,254	4.2
55-59	104,347	5.8	19,159	5.9	4,999	6.4
50-54	222,376	12.3	40,727	12.6	10,650	13.6
45-49	245,015	13.5	45,215	14.0	11,748	15.0
40-44	347,511	19.2	61,753	19.1	15,422	19.7
35-39	321,251	17.7	55,629	17.2	13,155	16.8
30-34	236,884	13.1	41,233	12.7	8,783	11.2
25-29	143,005	7.9	25,978	8.0	5,422	6.9
20-24	76,227	4.2	14,199	4.4	2,859	3.7
TOTAL	1,812,143		323,836		78,089	
Mean Score	42.1		42.1		42.9	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.6		10.5	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,507	0.5	492	0.6
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,858	0.9	930	1.2
65-69	49,192	2.7	9,597	3.0	2,831	3.6
60-64	71,822	4.0	14,106	4.4	3,941	5.0
55-59	141,770	7.8	26,968	8.3	7,205	9.2
50-54	214,315	11.8	40,080	12.4	10,353	13.3
45-49	323,711	17.9	57,865	17.9	14,890	19.1
40-44	271,903	15.0	46,997	14.5	11,663	14.9
35-39	341,545	18.8	58,088	17.9	13,367	17.1
30-34	191,547	10.6	33,113	10.2	6,609	8.5
25-29	121,254	6.7	21,315	6.6	3,836	4.9
20-24	61,726	3.4	11,342	3.5	1,972	2.5
TOTAL	1,812,143		323,836		78,089	
Mean Score	43.4		43.8		45.2	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.3		11.2	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	546	0.2	152	0.2
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,653	0.5	458	0.6
65-69	24,949	1.4	4,640	1.4	1,279	1.6
60-64	42,832	2.4	7,597	2.3	2,048	2.6
55-59	108,401	6.0	19,136	5.9	5,038	6.5
50-54	144,708	8.0	25,679	7.9	6,811	8.7
45-49	258,971	14.3	47,020	14.5	12,539	16.1
40-44	291,803	16.1	52,760	16.3	13,548	17.3
35-39	373,535	20.6	64,904	20.0	15,613	20.0
30-34	243,627	13.4	42,646	13.2	9,189	11.8
25-29	161,462	8.9	29,234	9.0	5,699	7.3
20-24	149,483	8.2	28,021	8.7	5,715	7.3
TOTAL	1,812,143		323,836		78,089	
Mean Score	40.1		40.1		41.1	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		10.9	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	282	0.2	64	0.2
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,344	0.8	328	0.9
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,927	1.2	469	1.2
60-64	36,710	4.2	6,151	3.9	1,542	4.1
55-59	48,178	5.5	8,711	5.5	2,291	6.0
50-54	99,907	11.3	18,371	11.6	4,853	12.8
45-49	109,558	12.4	20,288	12.8	5,276	13.9
40-44	159,674	18.1	28,511	18.0	7,162	18.9
35-39	156,430	17.8	27,418	17.3	6,504	17.1
30-34	125,386	14.2	22,141	14.0	4,732	12.5
25-29	80,229	9.1	14,675	9.3	3,056	8.0
20-24	44,695	5.1	8,372	5.3	1,706	4.5
TOTAL	880,810		158,191		37,983	
Mean Score	41.4		41.4		42.2	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		10.7	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	1,038	0.7	340	0.9
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,864	1.2	594	1.6
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,020	3.8	1,736	4.6
60-64	41,199	4.7	8,067	5.1	2,202	5.8
55-59	75,499	8.6	14,276	9.0	3,766	9.9
50-54	105,200	11.9	19,413	12.3	4,975	13.1
45-49	150,974	17.1	26,830	17.0	6,934	18.3
40-44	122,770	13.9	21,095	13.3	5,240	13.8
35-39	155,059	17.6	26,737	16.9	6,100	16.1
30-34	90,792	10.3	15,967	10.1	3,088	8.1
25-29	60,551	6.9	10,804	6.8	1,951	5.1
20-24	32,860	3.7	6,080	3.8	1,057	2.8
TOTAL	880,810		158,191		37,983	
Mean Score	44.0		44.3		45.8	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		11.8	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	228	0.1	67	0.2
70-74	3,739	0.4	641	0.4	162	0.4
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,851	1.2	483	1.3
60-64	17,417	2.0	3,096	2.0	804	2.1
55-59	44,825	5.1	7,830	4.9	2,043	5.4
50-54	62,243	7.1	10,934	6.9	2,943	7.7
45-49	114,963	13.1	20,950	13.2	5,622	14.8
40-44	134,229	15.2	24,546	15.5	6,413	16.9
35-39	181,434	20.6	31,612	20.0	7,732	20.4
30-34	128,702	14.6	22,807	14.4	4,971	13.1
25-29	92,100	10.5	16,884	10.7	3,274	8.6
20-24	90,143	10.2	16,812	10.6	3,469	9.1
TOTAL	880,810		158,191		37,983	
Mean Score	38.9		38.8		39.8	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		10.8	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	260	0.2	65	0.2
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,241	0.8	330	0.8
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,030	1.2	537	1.4
60-64	38,678	4.2	6,645	4.1	1,693	4.3
55-59	55,901	6.1	10,386	6.3	2,674	6.8
50-54	121,826	13.2	22,227	13.6	5,748	14.5
45-49	134,547	14.6	24,743	15.1	6,384	16.2
40-44	186,303	20.2	32,945	20.1	8,141	20.6
35-39	163,036	17.7	27,901	17.0	6,551	16.6
30-34	109,823	11.9	18,801	11.5	3,966	10.0
25-29	61,495	6.7	11,042	6.7	2,307	5.8
20-24	30,763	3.3	5,664	3.5	1,120	2.8
TOTAL	922,187		163,885		39,516	
Mean Score	42.8		42.9		43.6	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.3		10.2	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	466	0.3	151	0.4
70-74	5,279	0.6	991	0.6	334	0.8
65-69	18,673	2.0	3,546	2.2	1,078	2.7
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,003	3.7	1,722	4.4
55-59	65,935	7.1	12,621	7.7	3,406	8.6
50-54	108,425	11.8	20,508	12.5	5,301	13.4
45-49	171,513	18.6	30,792	18.8	7,859	19.9
40-44	147,879	16.0	25,674	15.7	6,334	16.0
35-39	184,475	20.0	30,990	18.9	7,152	18.1
30-34	99,247	10.8	16,879	10.3	3,451	8.7
25-29	59,568	6.5	10,302	6.3	1,838	4.7
20-24	28,206	3.1	5,113	3.1	890	2.3
TOTAL	922,187		163,885		39,516	
Mean Score	42.9		43.3		44.6	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.7		10.6	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDDLE STATES		NEW JERSEY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	317	0.2	84	0.2
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,011	0.6	295	0.7
65-69	15,046	1.6	2,776	1.7	792	2.0
60-64	25,333	2.7	4,479	2.7	1,235	3.1
55-59	63,308	6.9	11,248	6.9	2,967	7.5
50-54	82,052	8.9	14,663	8.9	3,831	9.7
45-49	143,184	15.5	25,900	15.8	6,840	17.3
40-44	156,325	17.0	27,977	17.1	7,037	17.8
35-39	190,234	20.6	32,982	20.1	7,768	19.7
30-34	113,254	12.3	19,528	11.9	4,132	10.5
25-29	68,039	7.4	12,079	7.4	2,367	6.0
20-24	57,962	6.3	10,925	6.7	2,168	5.5
TOTAL	922,187		163,885		39,516	
Mean Score	41.3		41.3		42.4	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.9		10.8	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDDLE STATES			NEW JERSEY		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.7
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.2	0.8	1.5	2.2	0.8
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.3	4.2	6.4	5.2	4.1	6.2
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	8.2	9.9	6.7	9.2	11.1	7.4
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.7	1.3	2.1	2.0	1.5	2.4
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	3.0	5.6	0.7	3.0	5.4	0.8
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.1	0.9	5.1	3.4	1.0	5.6
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	9.7	17.2	2.9	9.4	16.5	2.8
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.5	1.7	3.1	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.5	1.7	1.2	0.5	1.8
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	14.8	7.6	21.4	13.9	7.6	19.8
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.7	2.0	1.6	2.4
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.8
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.1	2.0	0.3	1.1	1.9	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	1.9	0.9	1.3	1.8	0.9
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.6	1.3	5.6	3.7	1.3	5.9
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.9	4.9
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.7
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	8.9	6.4	11.2	9.1	6.4	11.6
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	15.3	16.4	14.3	15.8	16.7	15.0
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			268,633			66,595		

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