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2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

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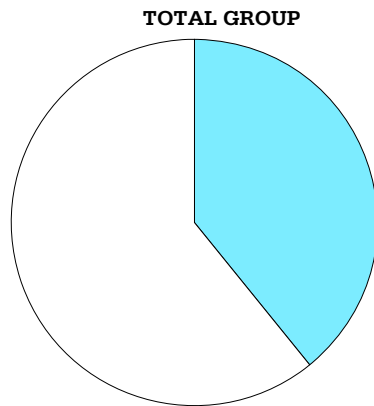


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FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

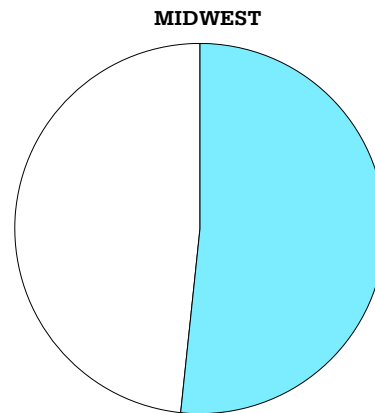
The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out www.collegeboard.org/results). The pie charts below show the percentage of students in the nation, your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



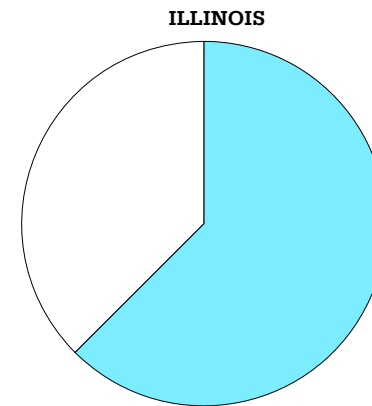
College Ready 39.3 %

Total Students 1,812,143



College Ready 51.7 %

Total Students 176,468



College Ready 62.5 %

Total Students 20,595

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	83,877	47.8	9,428	46.1
Female	922,187	51.1	91,696	52.2	11,027	53.9
No Response	9,146		895		140	
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		20,595	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	1,075	0.6	91	0.5
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	8,442	5.0	2,069	10.5
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	19,689	11.6	2,504	12.7
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	12,778	7.5	3,967	20.2
White	812,556	48.0	122,520	72.3	10,400	52.9
Other	66,728	3.9	5,025	3.0	641	3.3
No Response	119,013		6,939		923	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	153,379	86.9	18,160	88.2
No	311,711	17.2	23,089	13.1	2,435	11.8

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	8,857	5.3	935	4.8
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	42,989	25.9	5,620	28.7
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	31,898	19.2	4,412	22.5
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	23,933	14.4	2,841	14.5
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	23,617	14.2	2,792	14.3
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	11,419	6.9	1,107	5.7
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	10,085	6.1	847	4.3
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	7,978	4.8	665	3.4
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	2,891	1.7	206	1.1
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	1,113	0.7	80	0.4
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	949	0.6	54	0.3
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	383	0.2	20	0.1
No Response	188,880		10,356		1,016	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	92	0.1	10	0.0
2016	36,486	2.1	1,556	0.9	236	1.2
2017	1,628,214	94.0	166,386	96.2	19,530	96.8
After 2017	48,794	2.8	3,378	2.0	320	1.6
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	1,466	0.8	81	0.4
No Response	79,900		3,590		418	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	405	0.2	68	0.3
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,880	1.1	313	1.5
65-69	22,611	1.2	3,220	1.8	532	2.6
60-64	75,582	4.2	10,827	6.1	1,662	8.1
55-59	104,347	5.8	14,174	8.0	2,213	10.7
50-54	222,376	12.3	28,382	16.1	3,829	18.6
45-49	245,015	13.5	28,827	16.3	3,496	17.0
40-44	347,511	19.2	32,906	18.6	3,360	16.3
35-39	321,251	17.7	24,656	14.0	2,306	11.2
30-34	236,884	13.1	16,627	9.4	1,450	7.0
25-29	143,005	7.9	8,478	4.8	890	4.3
20-24	76,227	4.2	6,086	3.4	476	2.3
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		20,595	
Mean Score	42.1		44.8		46.8	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.7		10.8	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,053	0.6	279	1.4
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,095	1.2	480	2.3
65-69	49,192	2.7	7,290	4.1	1,459	7.1
60-64	71,822	4.0	10,458	5.9	1,778	8.6
55-59	141,770	7.8	19,458	11.0	2,824	13.7
50-54	214,315	11.8	26,186	14.8	3,372	16.4
45-49	323,711	17.9	33,483	19.0	3,674	17.8
40-44	271,903	15.0	24,978	14.2	2,340	11.4
35-39	341,545	18.8	25,554	14.5	2,349	11.4
30-34	191,547	10.6	13,592	7.7	1,116	5.4
25-29	121,254	6.7	8,022	4.5	618	3.0
20-24	61,726	3.4	4,299	2.4	306	1.5
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		20,595	
Mean Score	43.4		46.2		49.5	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.3		11.7	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	305	0.2	62	0.3
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,240	0.7	180	0.9
65-69	24,949	1.4	3,320	1.9	593	2.9
60-64	42,832	2.4	5,962	3.4	966	4.7
55-59	108,401	6.0	15,088	8.5	2,285	11.1
50-54	144,708	8.0	19,645	11.1	2,844	13.8
45-49	258,971	14.3	31,115	17.6	3,894	18.9
40-44	291,803	16.1	30,160	17.1	3,320	16.1
35-39	373,535	20.6	33,035	18.7	2,963	14.4
30-34	243,627	13.4	16,700	9.5	1,559	7.6
25-29	161,462	8.9	10,365	5.9	982	4.8
20-24	149,483	8.2	9,533	5.4	947	4.6
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		20,595	
Mean Score	40.1		42.9		45.0	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		11.2	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	206	0.2	37	0.4
70-74	7,312	0.8	995	1.2	159	1.7
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,569	1.9	250	2.7
60-64	36,710	4.2	5,232	6.2	824	8.7
55-59	48,178	5.5	6,554	7.8	983	10.4
50-54	99,907	11.3	12,749	15.2	1,662	17.6
45-49	109,558	12.4	12,738	15.2	1,508	16.0
40-44	159,674	18.1	15,011	17.9	1,476	15.7
35-39	156,430	17.8	11,923	14.2	1,087	11.5
30-34	125,386	14.2	8,709	10.4	731	7.8
25-29	80,229	9.1	4,644	5.5	451	4.8
20-24	44,695	5.1	3,547	4.2	260	2.8
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		9,428	
Mean Score	41.4		44.3		46.6	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		11.2	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	719	0.9	192	2.0
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,410	1.7	317	3.4
65-69	30,402	3.5	4,503	5.4	843	8.9
60-64	41,199	4.7	5,828	6.9	937	9.9
55-59	75,499	8.6	9,961	11.9	1,337	14.2
50-54	105,200	11.9	12,231	14.6	1,477	15.7
45-49	150,974	17.1	14,919	17.8	1,503	15.9
40-44	122,770	13.9	10,850	12.9	928	9.8
35-39	155,059	17.6	11,129	13.3	965	10.2
30-34	90,792	10.3	6,311	7.5	489	5.2
25-29	60,551	6.9	3,841	4.6	293	3.1
20-24	32,860	3.7	2,175	2.6	147	1.6
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		9,428	
Mean Score	44.0		47.1		50.7	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		12.3	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	117	0.1	23	0.2
70-74	3,739	0.4	494	0.6	70	0.7
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,345	1.6	246	2.6
60-64	17,417	2.0	2,475	3.0	392	4.2
55-59	44,825	5.1	6,298	7.5	933	9.9
50-54	62,243	7.1	8,502	10.1	1,234	13.1
45-49	114,963	13.1	13,951	16.6	1,754	18.6
40-44	134,229	15.2	13,966	16.7	1,523	16.2
35-39	181,434	20.6	16,212	19.3	1,434	15.2
30-34	128,702	14.6	8,862	10.6	771	8.2
25-29	92,100	10.5	5,875	7.0	511	5.4
20-24	90,143	10.2	5,780	6.9	537	5.7
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		9,428	
Mean Score	38.9		41.8		44.1	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		11.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	198	0.2	30	0.3
70-74	6,917	0.8	874	1.0	151	1.4
65-69	11,394	1.2	1,643	1.8	281	2.5
60-64	38,678	4.2	5,563	6.1	829	7.5
55-59	55,901	6.1	7,584	8.3	1,222	11.1
50-54	121,826	13.2	15,545	17.0	2,145	19.5
45-49	134,547	14.6	15,975	17.4	1,962	17.8
40-44	186,303	20.2	17,723	19.3	1,861	16.9
35-39	163,036	17.7	12,584	13.7	1,202	10.9
30-34	109,823	11.9	7,790	8.5	707	6.4
25-29	61,495	6.7	3,739	4.1	427	3.9
20-24	30,763	3.3	2,478	2.7	210	1.9
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		11,027	
Mean Score	42.8		45.2		47.1	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.3		10.4	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	332	0.4	85	0.8
70-74	5,279	0.6	681	0.7	162	1.5
65-69	18,673	2.0	2,772	3.0	611	5.5
60-64	30,451	3.3	4,605	5.0	834	7.6
55-59	65,935	7.1	9,443	10.3	1,474	13.4
50-54	108,425	11.8	13,865	15.1	1,872	17.0
45-49	171,513	18.6	18,425	20.1	2,142	19.4
40-44	147,879	16.0	13,977	15.2	1,398	12.7
35-39	184,475	20.0	14,242	15.5	1,362	12.4
30-34	99,247	10.8	7,175	7.8	614	5.6
25-29	59,568	6.5	4,097	4.5	321	2.9
20-24	28,206	3.1	2,082	2.3	152	1.4
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		11,027	
Mean Score	42.9		45.5		48.5	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.7		11.0	

FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		ILLINOIS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	187	0.2	38	0.3
70-74	5,822	0.6	745	0.8	110	1.0
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,966	2.1	345	3.1
60-64	25,333	2.7	3,477	3.8	571	5.2
55-59	63,308	6.9	8,746	9.5	1,341	12.2
50-54	82,052	8.9	11,076	12.1	1,602	14.5
45-49	143,184	15.5	17,057	18.6	2,113	19.2
40-44	156,325	17.0	16,037	17.5	1,766	16.0
35-39	190,234	20.6	16,621	18.1	1,504	13.6
30-34	113,254	12.3	7,708	8.4	777	7.0
25-29	68,039	7.4	4,414	4.8	460	4.2
20-24	57,962	6.3	3,662	4.0	400	3.6
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		11,027	
Mean Score	41.3		43.9		45.8	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		11.0	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			ILLINOIS		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.3	0.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.1	3.9	6.2	5.4	4.1	6.4
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.5	9.7	5.5	8.4	10.9	6.4
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.2	2.1
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	5.0	0.6	3.1	5.9	0.7
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.6	1.1	5.8	3.7	1.1	5.8
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	11.5	20.7	3.4	12.5	21.8	4.7
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.5	2.8	0.3	1.7	3.4	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.7	1.2	0.6	1.8
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6
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	19.9	10.3	28.4	18.0	9.7	25.0
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.7	2.1	3.1
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.7
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.5	2.2	0.9
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.3	1.3	5.1	3.6	1.5	5.4
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.3	3.8	4.0	3.6
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.9	1.5	2.2
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	7.9	5.9	9.7	8.1	5.8	9.9
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.1
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	12.7	13.6	11.8	12.7	13.1	12.4
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			162,075			19,264		

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