

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

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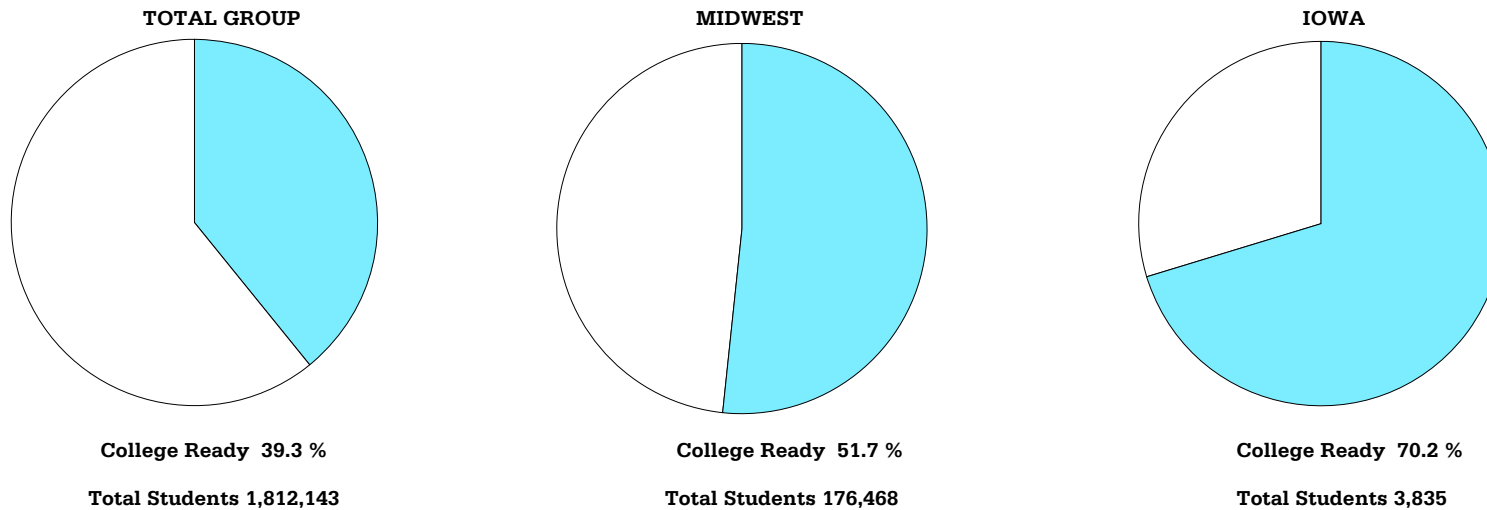


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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](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		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	83,877	47.8	1,629	42.6
Female	922,187	51.1	91,696	52.2	2,194	57.4
No Response	9,146		895		12	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>176,468</b>		<b>3,835</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	1,075	0.6	26	0.7
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	8,442	5.0	199	5.3
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	19,689	11.6	133	3.6
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	12,778	7.5	117	3.1
White	812,556	48.0	122,520	72.3	3,188	85.6
Other	66,728	3.9	5,025	3.0	61	1.6
No Response	119,013		6,939		111	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	153,379	86.9	3,499	91.2
No	311,711	17.2	23,089	13.1	336	8.8

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	8,857	5.3	301	8.1
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	42,989	25.9	1,578	42.6
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	31,898	19.2	790	21.3
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	23,933	14.4	358	9.7
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	23,617	14.2	344	9.3
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	11,419	6.9	138	3.7
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	10,085	6.1	98	2.6
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	7,978	4.8	55	1.5
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	2,891	1.7	20	0.5
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	1,113	0.7	9	0.2
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	949	0.6	10	0.3
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	383	0.2	3	0.1
No Response	188,880		10,356		131	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	92	0.1	0	0.0
2016	36,486	2.1	1,556	0.9	16	0.4
2017	1,628,214	94.0	166,386	96.2	3,743	98.4
After 2017	48,794	2.8	3,378	2.0	36	0.9
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	1,466	0.8	7	0.2
No Response	79,900		3,590		33	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	405	0.2	13	0.3
70-74	14,263	0.8	1,880	1.1	59	1.5
65-69	22,611	1.2	3,220	1.8	114	3.0
60-64	75,582	4.2	10,827	6.1	385	10.0
55-59	104,347	5.8	14,174	8.0	473	12.3
50-54	222,376	12.3	28,382	16.1	834	21.7
45-49	245,015	13.5	28,827	16.3	695	18.1
40-44	347,511	19.2	32,906	18.6	600	15.6
35-39	321,251	17.7	24,656	14.0	369	9.6
30-34	236,884	13.1	16,627	9.4	170	4.4
25-29	143,005	7.9	8,478	4.8	82	2.1
20-24	76,227	4.2	6,086	3.4	41	1.1
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		3,835	
Mean Score	42.1		44.8		48.9	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.7		9.9	

**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,053	0.6	39	1.0
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,095	1.2	72	1.9
65-69	49,192	2.7	7,290	4.1	250	6.5
60-64	71,822	4.0	10,458	5.9	395	10.3
55-59	141,770	7.8	19,458	11.0	621	16.2
50-54	214,315	11.8	26,186	14.8	709	18.5
45-49	323,711	17.9	33,483	19.0	772	20.1
40-44	271,903	15.0	24,978	14.2	387	10.1
35-39	341,545	18.8	25,554	14.5	325	8.5
30-34	191,547	10.6	13,592	7.7	143	3.7
25-29	121,254	6.7	8,022	4.5	84	2.2
20-24	61,726	3.4	4,299	2.4	38	1.0
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		3,835	
Mean Score	43.4		46.2		50.7	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.3		10.7	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	305	0.2	8	0.2
70-74	9,575	0.5	1,240	0.7	27	0.7
65-69	24,949	1.4	3,320	1.9	114	3.0
60-64	42,832	2.4	5,962	3.4	194	5.1
55-59	108,401	6.0	15,088	8.5	471	12.3
50-54	144,708	8.0	19,645	11.1	575	15.0
45-49	258,971	14.3	31,115	17.6	844	22.0
40-44	291,803	16.1	30,160	17.1	656	17.1
35-39	373,535	20.6	33,035	18.7	540	14.1
30-34	243,627	13.4	16,700	9.5	224	5.8
25-29	161,462	8.9	10,365	5.9	100	2.6
20-24	149,483	8.2	9,533	5.4	82	2.1
TOTAL	1,812,143		176,468		3,835	
Mean Score	40.1		42.9		46.5	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.9		10.1	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	206	0.2	3	0.2
70-74	7,312	0.8	995	1.2	26	1.6
65-69	11,170	1.3	1,569	1.9	47	2.9
60-64	36,710	4.2	5,232	6.2	171	10.5
55-59	48,178	5.5	6,554	7.8	225	13.8
50-54	99,907	11.3	12,749	15.2	343	21.1
45-49	109,558	12.4	12,738	15.2	266	16.3
40-44	159,674	18.1	15,011	17.9	248	15.2
35-39	156,430	17.8	11,923	14.2	158	9.7
30-34	125,386	14.2	8,709	10.4	80	4.9
25-29	80,229	9.1	4,644	5.5	45	2.8
20-24	44,695	5.1	3,547	4.2	17	1.0
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		1,629	
Mean Score	41.4		44.3		48.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		10.1	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	719	0.9	29	1.8
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,410	1.7	51	3.1
65-69	30,402	3.5	4,503	5.4	162	9.9
60-64	41,199	4.7	5,828	6.9	185	11.4
55-59	75,499	8.6	9,961	11.9	281	17.2
50-54	105,200	11.9	12,231	14.6	284	17.4
45-49	150,974	17.1	14,919	17.8	280	17.2
40-44	122,770	13.9	10,850	12.9	131	8.0
35-39	155,059	17.6	11,129	13.3	120	7.4
30-34	90,792	10.3	6,311	7.5	53	3.3
25-29	60,551	6.9	3,841	4.6	39	2.4
20-24	32,860	3.7	2,175	2.6	14	0.9
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		1,629	
Mean Score	44.0		47.1		52.3	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		11.3	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	117	0.1	3	0.2
70-74	3,739	0.4	494	0.6	12	0.7
65-69	9,851	1.1	1,345	1.6	36	2.2
60-64	17,417	2.0	2,475	3.0	68	4.2
55-59	44,825	5.1	6,298	7.5	191	11.7
50-54	62,243	7.1	8,502	10.1	233	14.3
45-49	114,963	13.1	13,951	16.6	362	22.2
40-44	134,229	15.2	13,966	16.7	279	17.1
35-39	181,434	20.6	16,212	19.3	244	15.0
30-34	128,702	14.6	8,862	10.6	106	6.5
25-29	92,100	10.5	5,875	7.0	57	3.5
20-24	90,143	10.2	5,780	6.9	38	2.3
TOTAL	880,810		83,877		1,629	
Mean Score	38.9		41.8		45.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.0		10.1	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	198	0.2	10	0.5
70-74	6,917	0.8	874	1.0	32	1.5
65-69	11,394	1.2	1,643	1.8	66	3.0
60-64	38,678	4.2	5,563	6.1	213	9.7
55-59	55,901	6.1	7,584	8.3	248	11.3
50-54	121,826	13.2	15,545	17.0	490	22.3
45-49	134,547	14.6	15,975	17.4	426	19.4
40-44	186,303	20.2	17,723	19.3	349	15.9
35-39	163,036	17.7	12,584	13.7	210	9.6
30-34	109,823	11.9	7,790	8.5	90	4.1
25-29	61,495	6.7	3,739	4.1	36	1.6
20-24	30,763	3.3	2,478	2.7	24	1.1
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		2,194	
Mean Score	42.8		45.2		48.9	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.3		9.7	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	332	0.4	10	0.5
70-74	5,279	0.6	681	0.7	21	1.0
65-69	18,673	2.0	2,772	3.0	88	4.0
60-64	30,451	3.3	4,605	5.0	209	9.5
55-59	65,935	7.1	9,443	10.3	337	15.4
50-54	108,425	11.8	13,865	15.1	423	19.3
45-49	171,513	18.6	18,425	20.1	491	22.4
40-44	147,879	16.0	13,977	15.2	255	11.6
35-39	184,475	20.0	14,242	15.5	201	9.2
30-34	99,247	10.8	7,175	7.8	90	4.1
25-29	59,568	6.5	4,097	4.5	45	2.1
20-24	28,206	3.1	2,082	2.3	24	1.1
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		2,194	
Mean Score	42.9		45.5		49.4	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.7		10.1	

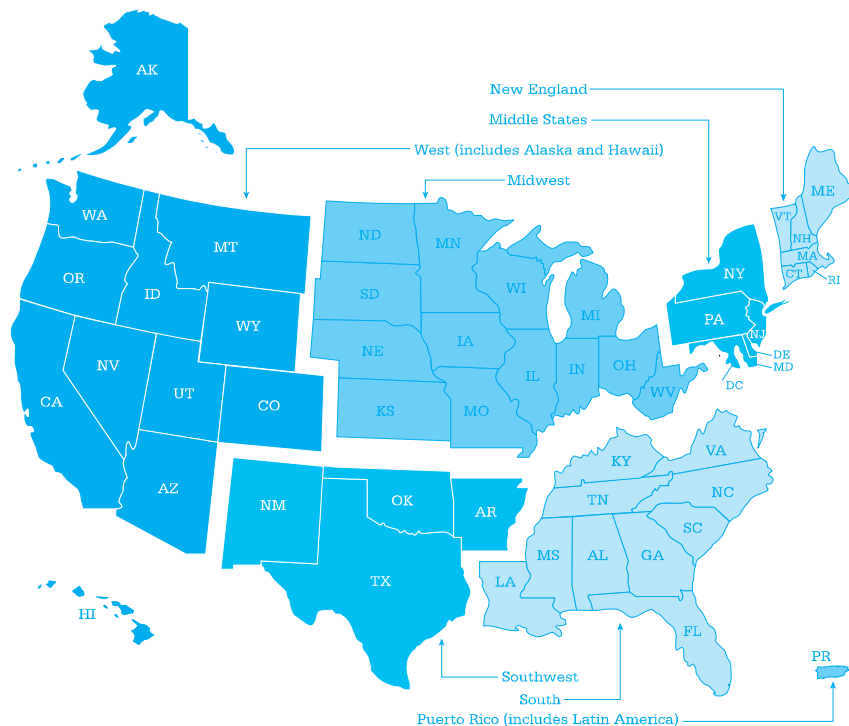
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		MIDWEST		IOWA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	187	0.2	5	0.2
70-74	5,822	0.6	745	0.8	15	0.7
65-69	15,046	1.6	1,966	2.1	78	3.6
60-64	25,333	2.7	3,477	3.8	125	5.7
55-59	63,308	6.9	8,746	9.5	278	12.7
50-54	82,052	8.9	11,076	12.1	342	15.6
45-49	143,184	15.5	17,057	18.6	479	21.8
40-44	156,325	17.0	16,037	17.5	373	17.0
35-39	190,234	20.6	16,621	18.1	295	13.4
30-34	113,254	12.3	7,708	8.4	118	5.4
25-29	68,039	7.4	4,414	4.8	42	1.9
20-24	57,962	6.3	3,662	4.0	44	2.0
TOTAL	922,187		91,696		2,194	
Mean Score	41.3		43.9		47.1	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		10.0	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			MIDWEST			IOWA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.0	2.8
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.4	0.8	1.8	2.6	1.2
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.1	3.9	6.2	5.7	4.8	6.5
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.5	9.7	5.5	6.1	8.3	4.4
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.7	0.6	2.5
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.6	5.0	0.6	1.9	3.9	0.4
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	3.6	1.1	5.8	4.2	1.7	6.0
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	11.5	20.7	3.4	11.3	21.0	4.1
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.5	2.8	0.3	1.0	1.8	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.7	1.6	0.2	2.6
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.3	28.4	20.1	11.2	26.8
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.5
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5	1.0	1.5	0.7
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.1
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	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.7	2.8	0.9
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.3	1.3	5.1	3.3	1.6	4.6
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.6
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.3	2.2	2.7	1.8
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.8
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	7.9	5.9	9.7	6.5	5.2	7.5
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	2.3	2.2	2.3
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	12.7	13.6	11.8	16.5	17.5	15.8
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			162,075			3,671		

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