

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

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### LOUISIANA

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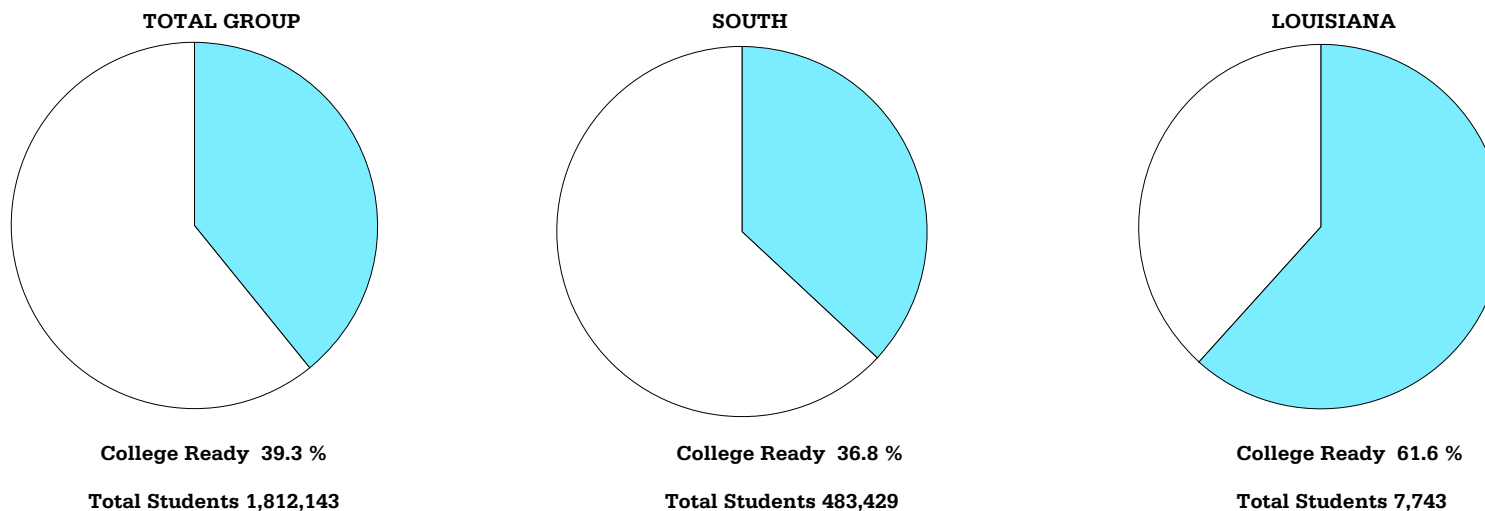


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	235,674	49.0	3,376	43.8
Female	922,187	51.1	245,208	51.0	4,332	56.2
No Response	9,146		2,547		35	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>483,429</b>		<b>7,743</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	2,718	0.6	47	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	21,199	4.7	367	4.9
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	111,519	24.5	1,399	18.8
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	73,690	16.2	494	6.6
White	812,556	48.0	229,614	50.4	4,972	66.9
Other	66,728	3.9	16,472	3.6	152	2.0
No Response	119,013		28,217		312	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	404,899	83.8	6,902	89.1
No	311,711	17.2	78,530	16.2	841	10.9

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	18,443	4.3	712	9.7
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	84,696	19.5	2,308	31.6
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	75,809	17.5	1,403	19.2
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	76,884	17.7	1,052	14.4
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	75,978	17.5	896	12.2
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	40,244	9.3	422	5.8
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	31,126	7.2	287	3.9
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	19,487	4.5	173	2.4
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	6,688	1.5	34	0.5
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,133	0.5	20	0.3
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	1,342	0.3	6	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	750	0.2	2	0.0
No Response	188,880		49,849		428	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	724	0.2	2	0.0
2016	36,486	2.1	10,916	2.4	86	1.1
2017	1,628,214	94.0	436,666	94.1	7,436	97.5
After 2017	48,794	2.8	11,619	2.5	83	1.1
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	4,150	0.9	21	0.3
No Response	79,900		19,354		115	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	604	0.1	21	0.3
70-74	14,263	0.8	3,255	0.7	101	1.3
65-69	22,611	1.2	5,414	1.1	148	1.9
60-64	75,582	4.2	19,541	4.0	582	7.5
55-59	104,347	5.8	26,571	5.5	770	9.9
50-54	222,376	12.3	58,386	12.1	1,493	19.3
45-49	245,015	13.5	63,602	13.2	1,397	18.0
40-44	347,511	19.2	94,556	19.6	1,370	17.7
35-39	321,251	17.7	88,198	18.2	892	11.5
30-34	236,884	13.1	63,989	13.2	509	6.6
25-29	143,005	7.9	39,409	8.2	316	4.1
20-24	76,227	4.2	19,904	4.1	144	1.9
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		7,743	
Mean Score	42.1		41.9		46.7	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.5		10.3	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,376	0.3	27	0.3
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,705	0.6	52	0.7
65-69	49,192	2.7	10,325	2.1	259	3.3
60-64	71,822	4.0	15,869	3.3	470	6.1
55-59	141,770	7.8	34,267	7.1	901	11.6
50-54	214,315	11.8	53,582	11.1	1,311	16.9
45-49	323,711	17.9	85,337	17.7	1,726	22.3
40-44	271,903	15.0	73,340	15.2	1,094	14.1
35-39	341,545	18.8	97,299	20.1	1,086	14.0
30-34	191,547	10.6	55,519	11.5	464	6.0
25-29	121,254	6.7	35,442	7.3	242	3.1
20-24	61,726	3.4	18,368	3.8	111	1.4
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		7,743	
Mean Score	43.4		42.5		46.9	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.8		10.2	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	544	0.1	28	0.4
70-74	9,575	0.5	2,492	0.5	98	1.3
65-69	24,949	1.4	5,911	1.2	233	3.0
60-64	42,832	2.4	10,654	2.2	396	5.1
55-59	108,401	6.0	27,161	5.6	932	12.0
50-54	144,708	8.0	36,090	7.5	1,183	15.3
45-49	258,971	14.3	65,571	13.6	1,510	19.5
40-44	291,803	16.1	76,581	15.8	1,228	15.9
35-39	373,535	20.6	102,195	21.1	1,102	14.2
30-34	243,627	13.4	68,445	14.2	461	6.0
25-29	161,462	8.9	45,140	9.3	287	3.7
20-24	149,483	8.2	42,645	8.8	285	3.7
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		7,743	
Mean Score	40.1		39.6		46.1	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		10.9	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	302	0.1	4	0.1
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,665	0.7	56	1.7
65-69	11,170	1.3	2,719	1.2	79	2.3
60-64	36,710	4.2	9,446	4.0	277	8.2
55-59	48,178	5.5	12,260	5.2	332	9.8
50-54	99,907	11.3	25,717	10.9	610	18.1
45-49	109,558	12.4	28,432	12.1	590	17.5
40-44	159,674	18.1	43,421	18.4	553	16.4
35-39	156,430	17.8	43,298	18.4	374	11.1
30-34	125,386	14.2	34,270	14.5	255	7.6
25-29	80,229	9.1	22,280	9.5	167	4.9
20-24	44,695	5.1	11,864	5.0	79	2.3
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		3,376	
Mean Score	41.4		41.1		46.5	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		10.8	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	979	0.4	22	0.7
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,810	0.8	40	1.2
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,457	2.7	166	4.9
60-64	41,199	4.7	9,283	3.9	276	8.2
55-59	75,499	8.6	18,497	7.8	426	12.6
50-54	105,200	11.9	26,532	11.3	587	17.4
45-49	150,974	17.1	39,993	17.0	696	20.6
40-44	122,770	13.9	33,381	14.2	408	12.1
35-39	155,059	17.6	44,469	18.9	391	11.6
30-34	90,792	10.3	26,490	11.2	189	5.6
25-29	60,551	6.9	17,920	7.6	113	3.3
20-24	32,860	3.7	9,863	4.2	62	1.8
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		3,376	
Mean Score	44.0		42.9		48.2	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.4		11.0	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	226	0.1	11	0.3
70-74	3,739	0.4	952	0.4	37	1.1
65-69	9,851	1.1	2,265	1.0	93	2.8
60-64	17,417	2.0	4,224	1.8	180	5.3
55-59	44,825	5.1	11,143	4.7	398	11.8
50-54	62,243	7.1	15,397	6.5	462	13.7
45-49	114,963	13.1	28,662	12.2	606	18.0
40-44	134,229	15.2	34,836	14.8	514	15.2
35-39	181,434	20.6	49,573	21.0	519	15.4
30-34	128,702	14.6	36,308	15.4	233	6.9
25-29	92,100	10.5	26,077	11.1	157	4.7
20-24	90,143	10.2	26,011	11.0	166	4.9
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		3,376	
Mean Score	38.9		38.3		45.2	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		11.3	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	301	0.1	17	0.4
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,585	0.6	45	1.0
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,686	1.1	69	1.6
60-64	38,678	4.2	10,057	4.1	303	7.0
55-59	55,901	6.1	14,243	5.8	437	10.1
50-54	121,826	13.2	32,515	13.3	880	20.3
45-49	134,547	14.6	34,916	14.2	797	18.4
40-44	186,303	20.2	50,693	20.7	812	18.7
35-39	163,036	17.7	44,357	18.1	515	11.9
30-34	109,823	11.9	29,240	11.9	249	5.7
25-29	61,495	6.7	16,783	6.8	145	3.3
20-24	30,763	3.3	7,832	3.2	63	1.5
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		4,332	
Mean Score	42.8		42.6		46.9	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.1		9.8	

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**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	396	0.2	5	0.1
70-74	5,279	0.6	892	0.4	12	0.3
65-69	18,673	2.0	3,843	1.6	93	2.1
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,555	2.7	194	4.5
55-59	65,935	7.1	15,699	6.4	472	10.9
50-54	108,425	11.8	26,886	11.0	721	16.6
45-49	171,513	18.6	45,000	18.4	1,022	23.6
40-44	147,879	16.0	39,607	16.2	680	15.7
35-39	184,475	20.0	52,236	21.3	688	15.9
30-34	99,247	10.8	28,575	11.7	273	6.3
25-29	59,568	6.5	17,188	7.0	126	2.9
20-24	28,206	3.1	8,331	3.4	46	1.1
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		4,332	
Mean Score	42.9		42.1		46.0	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.2		9.4	

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**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		LOUISIANA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	318	0.1	17	0.4
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,536	0.6	61	1.4
65-69	15,046	1.6	3,640	1.5	140	3.2
60-64	25,333	2.7	6,407	2.6	215	5.0
55-59	63,308	6.9	15,948	6.5	533	12.3
50-54	82,052	8.9	20,601	8.4	718	16.6
45-49	143,184	15.5	36,702	15.0	900	20.8
40-44	156,325	17.0	41,389	16.9	704	16.3
35-39	190,234	20.6	52,072	21.2	575	13.3
30-34	113,254	12.3	31,670	12.9	228	5.3
25-29	68,039	7.4	18,681	7.6	129	3.0
20-24	57,962	6.3	16,244	6.6	112	2.6
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		4,332	
Mean Score	41.3		40.9		46.9	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		10.5	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			LOUISIANA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.9	1.1	0.8
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.5	2.2	0.9
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.0	3.9	5.9	6.7	5.8	7.4
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.3	8.7	6.0	6.2	7.9	5.0
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.6
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.2	4.5	0.6
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.6	1.9	0.4	3.1
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	10.4	19.0	2.6	13.0	24.2	4.9
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.4	1.6	3.2	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.1	0.3	1.8
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.1	28.9	25.5	13.9	34.0
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.8
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.1
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.7	0.7
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.5	1.5	5.3	3.9	1.7	5.5
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.8
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	2.3	2.2	2.4
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.8
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	10.1	8.0	12.0	9.1	6.0	11.3
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	1.9	2.4	1.5
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	10.3	11.6	9.0	9.8	10.6	9.2
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			429,411			7,143		

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