

# PSAT/NMSQT®

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

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

**VIRGINIA**

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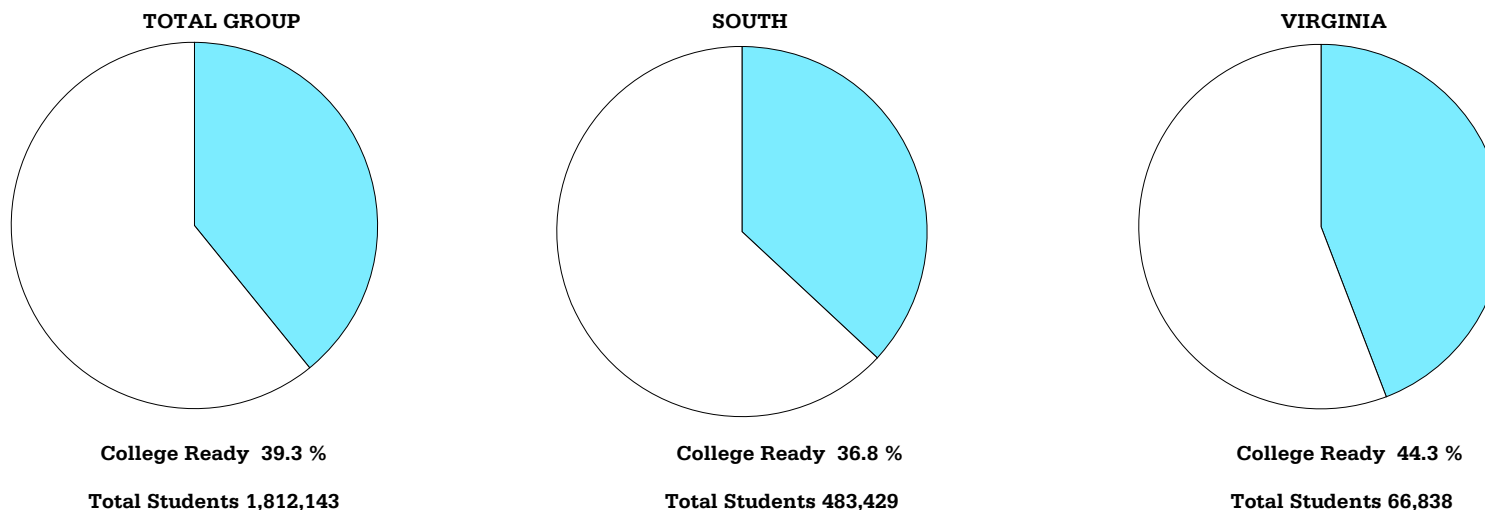


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**FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY**

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		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	880,810	48.9	235,674	49.0	33,152	49.8
Female	922,187	51.1	245,208	51.0	33,397	50.2
No Response	9,146		2,547		289	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812,143</b>		<b>483,429</b>		<b>66,838</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	2,718	0.6	415	0.7
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	21,199	4.7	5,721	9.1
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	111,519	24.5	12,725	20.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	73,690	16.2	6,876	10.9
White	812,556	48.0	229,614	50.4	33,820	53.8
Other	66,728	3.9	16,472	3.6	3,333	5.3
No Response	119,013		28,217		3,948	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	404,899	83.8	55,339	82.8
No	311,711	17.2	78,530	16.2	11,499	17.2

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	18,443	4.3	2,265	3.7
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	84,696	19.5	12,410	20.5
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	75,809	17.5	11,405	18.8
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	76,884	17.7	10,947	18.0
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	75,978	17.5	10,909	18.0
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	40,244	9.3	5,009	8.3
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	31,126	7.2	3,951	6.5
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	19,487	4.5	2,597	4.3
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	6,688	1.5	721	1.2
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,133	0.5	241	0.4
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	1,342	0.3	143	0.2
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	750	0.2	60	0.1
No Response	188,880		49,849		6,180	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	724	0.2	69	0.1
2016	36,486	2.1	10,916	2.4	1,098	1.7
2017	1,628,214	94.0	436,666	94.1	61,420	94.9
After 2017	48,794	2.8	11,619	2.5	1,507	2.3
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	4,150	0.9	594	0.9
No Response	79,900		19,354		2,150	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,071	0.2	604	0.1	154	0.2
70-74	14,263	0.8	3,255	0.7	765	1.1
65-69	22,611	1.2	5,414	1.1	1,112	1.7
60-64	75,582	4.2	19,541	4.0	3,620	5.4
55-59	104,347	5.8	26,571	5.5	4,558	6.8
50-54	222,376	12.3	58,386	12.1	9,356	14.0
45-49	245,015	13.5	63,602	13.2	9,331	14.0
40-44	347,511	19.2	94,556	19.6	12,850	19.2
35-39	321,251	17.7	88,198	18.2	11,030	16.5
30-34	236,884	13.1	63,989	13.2	7,491	11.2
25-29	143,005	7.9	39,409	8.2	4,336	6.5
20-24	76,227	4.2	19,904	4.1	2,235	3.3
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		66,838	
Mean Score	42.1		41.9		43.6	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.5		10.8	

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**MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,376	0.3	413	0.6
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,705	0.6	670	1.0
65-69	49,192	2.7	10,325	2.1	2,269	3.4
60-64	71,822	4.0	15,869	3.3	3,037	4.5
55-59	141,770	7.8	34,267	7.1	5,771	8.6
50-54	214,315	11.8	53,582	11.1	8,411	12.6
45-49	323,711	17.9	85,337	17.7	12,366	18.5
40-44	271,903	15.0	73,340	15.2	9,874	14.8
35-39	341,545	18.8	97,299	20.1	11,758	17.6
30-34	191,547	10.6	55,519	11.5	6,245	9.3
25-29	121,254	6.7	35,442	7.3	4,017	6.0
20-24	61,726	3.4	18,368	3.8	2,007	3.0
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		66,838	
Mean Score	43.4		42.5		44.4	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.8		11.4	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,797	0.2	544	0.1	89	0.1
70-74	9,575	0.5	2,492	0.5	489	0.7
65-69	24,949	1.4	5,911	1.2	1,148	1.7
60-64	42,832	2.4	10,654	2.2	2,047	3.1
55-59	108,401	6.0	27,161	5.6	4,856	7.3
50-54	144,708	8.0	36,090	7.5	6,082	9.1
45-49	258,971	14.3	65,571	13.6	10,191	15.2
40-44	291,803	16.1	76,581	15.8	10,935	16.4
35-39	373,535	20.6	102,195	21.1	13,366	20.0
30-34	243,627	13.4	68,445	14.2	7,975	11.9
25-29	161,462	8.9	45,140	9.3	5,088	7.6
20-24	149,483	8.2	42,645	8.8	4,572	6.8
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		66,838	
Mean Score	40.1		39.6		41.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		11.1	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,561	0.2	302	0.1	79	0.2
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,665	0.7	383	1.2
65-69	11,170	1.3	2,719	1.2	572	1.7
60-64	36,710	4.2	9,446	4.0	1,821	5.5
55-59	48,178	5.5	12,260	5.2	2,095	6.3
50-54	99,907	11.3	25,717	10.9	4,236	12.8
45-49	109,558	12.4	28,432	12.1	4,306	13.0
40-44	159,674	18.1	43,421	18.4	6,055	18.3
35-39	156,430	17.8	43,298	18.4	5,558	16.8
30-34	125,386	14.2	34,270	14.5	4,166	12.6
25-29	80,229	9.1	22,280	9.5	2,547	7.7
20-24	44,695	5.1	11,864	5.0	1,334	4.0
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		33,152	
Mean Score	41.4		41.1		42.9	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		11.1	

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**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,699	0.6	979	0.4	296	0.9
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,810	0.8	450	1.4
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,457	2.7	1,362	4.1
60-64	41,199	4.7	9,283	3.9	1,774	5.4
55-59	75,499	8.6	18,497	7.8	3,099	9.3
50-54	105,200	11.9	26,532	11.3	4,146	12.5
45-49	150,974	17.1	39,993	17.0	5,739	17.3
40-44	122,770	13.9	33,381	14.2	4,622	13.9
35-39	155,059	17.6	44,469	18.9	5,399	16.3
30-34	90,792	10.3	26,490	11.2	2,995	9.0
25-29	60,551	6.9	17,920	7.6	2,148	6.5
20-24	32,860	3.7	9,863	4.2	1,122	3.4
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		33,152	
Mean Score	44.0		42.9		45.0	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.4		12.0	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,164	0.1	226	0.1	31	0.1
70-74	3,739	0.4	952	0.4	181	0.5
65-69	9,851	1.1	2,265	1.0	460	1.4
60-64	17,417	2.0	4,224	1.8	825	2.5
55-59	44,825	5.1	11,143	4.7	2,074	6.3
50-54	62,243	7.1	15,397	6.5	2,670	8.1
45-49	114,963	13.1	28,662	12.2	4,643	14.0
40-44	134,229	15.2	34,836	14.8	5,287	15.9
35-39	181,434	20.6	49,573	21.0	6,717	20.3
30-34	128,702	14.6	36,308	15.4	4,368	13.2
25-29	92,100	10.5	26,077	11.1	3,018	9.1
20-24	90,143	10.2	26,011	11.0	2,878	8.7
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		33,152	
Mean Score	38.9		38.3		40.1	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		11.0	



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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,504	0.2	301	0.1	74	0.2
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,585	0.6	380	1.1
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,686	1.1	539	1.6
60-64	38,678	4.2	10,057	4.1	1,796	5.4
55-59	55,901	6.1	14,243	5.8	2,455	7.4
50-54	121,826	13.2	32,515	13.3	5,098	15.3
45-49	134,547	14.6	34,916	14.2	5,002	15.0
40-44	186,303	20.2	50,693	20.7	6,745	20.2
35-39	163,036	17.7	44,357	18.1	5,417	16.2
30-34	109,823	11.9	29,240	11.9	3,264	9.8
25-29	61,495	6.7	16,783	6.8	1,759	5.3
20-24	30,763	3.3	7,832	3.2	868	2.6
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		33,397	
Mean Score	42.8		42.6		44.3	
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.1		10.4	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,536	0.3	396	0.2	116	0.3
70-74	5,279	0.6	892	0.4	219	0.7
65-69	18,673	2.0	3,843	1.6	902	2.7
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,555	2.7	1,260	3.8
55-59	65,935	7.1	15,699	6.4	2,662	8.0
50-54	108,425	11.8	26,886	11.0	4,246	12.7
45-49	171,513	18.6	45,000	18.4	6,588	19.7
40-44	147,879	16.0	39,607	16.2	5,207	15.6
35-39	184,475	20.0	52,236	21.3	6,295	18.8
30-34	99,247	10.8	28,575	11.7	3,205	9.6
25-29	59,568	6.5	17,188	7.0	1,828	5.5
20-24	28,206	3.1	8,331	3.4	869	2.6
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		33,397	
Mean Score	42.9		42.1		43.9	
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.2		10.7	

**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,628	0.2	318	0.1	58	0.2
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,536	0.6	307	0.9
65-69	15,046	1.6	3,640	1.5	687	2.1
60-64	25,333	2.7	6,407	2.6	1,220	3.7
55-59	63,308	6.9	15,948	6.5	2,776	8.3
50-54	82,052	8.9	20,601	8.4	3,401	10.2
45-49	143,184	15.5	36,702	15.0	5,514	16.5
40-44	156,325	17.0	41,389	16.9	5,606	16.8
35-39	190,234	20.6	52,072	21.2	6,592	19.7
30-34	113,254	12.3	31,670	12.9	3,556	10.6
25-29	68,039	7.4	18,681	7.6	2,027	6.1
20-24	57,962	6.3	16,244	6.6	1,653	4.9
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		33,397	
Mean Score	41.3		40.9		42.8	
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		11.0	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			VIRGINIA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.3
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.5	2.3	0.9
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.0	3.9	5.9	5.4	4.0	6.8
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.3	8.7	6.0	7.1	8.4	5.9
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.9
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.0	0.6	3.7	6.6	1.0
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.7
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	10.4	19.0	2.6	11.3	19.7	3.3
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.4	1.9	3.4	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.1	0.4	1.7
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.1	28.9	15.6	7.5	23.3
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	1.1	1.5	0.7
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.1	1.6	2.6
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.6
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6	1.3	2.1	0.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4	1.2	1.9	0.4
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.4	1.9	1.0
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.5	1.5	5.3	3.5	1.5	5.4
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	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.4
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.2
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	10.1	8.0	12.0	9.3	7.1	11.4
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	10.3	11.6	9.0	13.0	14.3	11.9
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			429,411			59,192		

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