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2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

SUMMARY REPORT

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SOUTH CAROLINA

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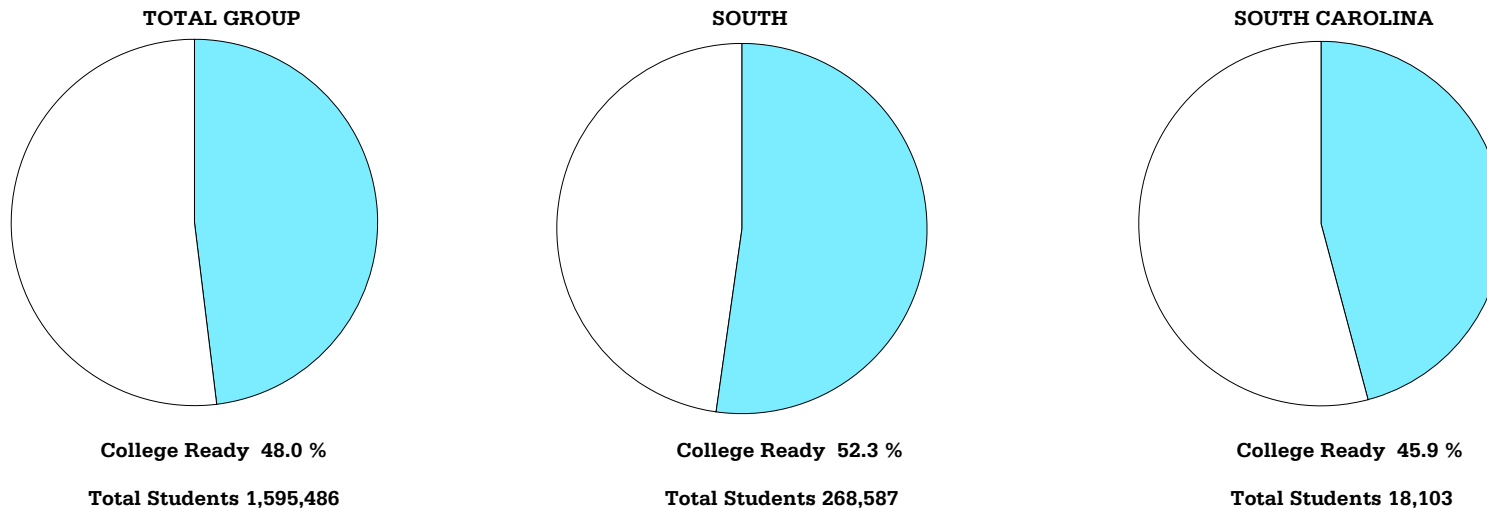


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FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

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.



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

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	750,929	47.2	124,561	46.5	8,204	45.5
Female	839,350	52.8	143,228	53.5	9,808	54.5
No Response	5,207		798		91	
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		18,103	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	12,145	0.8	1,522	0.6	110	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	144,275	9.5	16,833	6.5	621	3.5
Black or African American	181,712	12.0	49,563	19.1	4,596	26.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	311,728	20.5	32,678	12.6	805	4.6
White	811,645	53.5	149,006	57.5	10,919	62.2
Other	56,542	3.7	9,408	3.6	517	2.9
No Response	77,439		9,577		535	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,374,684	86.2	237,094	88.3	16,280	89.9
No	220,802	13.8	31,493	11.7	1,823	10.1

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TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	72,120	4.9	16,138	6.4	1,132	6.6
A (93-96)	324,984	21.9	64,387	25.4	4,645	26.9
A- (90-92)	316,047	21.3	54,058	21.3	3,851	22.3
B+ (87-89)	266,041	17.9	43,550	17.2	3,049	17.7
B (83-86)	242,019	16.3	37,969	15.0	2,244	13.0
B- (80-82)	119,934	8.1	17,677	7.0	1,178	6.8
C+ (77-79)	78,252	5.3	11,203	4.4	699	4.0
C (73-76)	44,148	3.0	6,123	2.4	343	2.0
C- (70-72)	14,436	1.0	1,745	0.7	90	0.5
D+ (67-69)	4,553	0.3	450	0.2	20	0.1
D (65-66)	2,330	0.2	220	0.1	13	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	1,068	0.1	74	0.0	1	0.0
No Response	109,554		14,993		838	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2015	10,077	0.6	1,655	0.6	176	1.0
2016	1,529,666	97.6	259,675	97.9	17,468	97.5
2017	13,401	0.9	2,141	0.8	128	0.7
After 2017	4,382	0.3	508	0.2	44	0.2
Not Planning College	9,240	0.6	1,286	0.5	106	0.6
No Response	28,720		3,322		181	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,269	0.8	2,175	0.8	87	0.5
70-74	40,435	2.5	7,617	2.8	378	2.1
65-69	50,059	3.1	9,735	3.6	518	2.9
60-64	132,960	8.3	26,902	10.0	1,454	8.0
55-59	151,282	9.5	28,442	10.6	1,626	9.0
50-54	262,519	16.5	48,372	18.0	3,053	16.9
45-49	241,246	15.1	40,755	15.2	2,754	15.2
40-44	277,848	17.4	45,037	16.8	3,320	18.3
35-39	205,506	12.9	30,143	11.2	2,441	13.5
30-34	123,731	7.8	16,808	6.3	1,425	7.9
25-29	65,274	4.1	8,586	3.2	727	4.0
20-24	32,357	2.0	4,015	1.5	320	1.8
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		18,103	
Mean Score	46.9		48.3		46.6	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.1		10.9	

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MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	27,200	1.7	3,810	1.4	152	0.8
70-74	39,427	2.5	6,117	2.3	260	1.4
65-69	99,827	6.3	17,566	6.5	879	4.9
60-64	117,266	7.3	20,320	7.6	1,140	6.3
55-59	190,357	11.9	34,244	12.7	2,087	11.5
50-54	238,624	15.0	41,659	15.5	2,738	15.1
45-49	300,608	18.8	52,086	19.4	3,655	20.2
40-44	206,440	12.9	34,302	12.8	2,544	14.1
35-39	205,350	12.9	32,646	12.2	2,480	13.7
30-34	92,785	5.8	14,160	5.3	1,276	7.0
25-29	52,906	3.3	7,963	3.0	624	3.4
20-24	24,696	1.5	3,714	1.4	268	1.5
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		18,103	
Mean Score	48.6		49.0		47.3	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.6		11.2	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,474	0.9	2,389	0.9	113	0.6
70-74	30,945	1.9	6,621	2.5	335	1.9
65-69	58,912	3.7	11,274	4.2	598	3.3
60-64	80,202	5.0	16,323	6.1	904	5.0
55-59	164,768	10.3	31,721	11.8	1,906	10.5
50-54	180,999	11.3	33,025	12.3	2,030	11.2
45-49	277,129	17.4	47,745	17.8	3,201	17.7
40-44	258,258	16.2	41,704	15.5	2,810	15.5
35-39	258,214	16.2	39,723	14.8	3,055	16.9
30-34	133,110	8.3	19,114	7.1	1,603	8.9
25-29	75,906	4.8	10,333	3.8	855	4.7
20-24	62,569	3.9	8,615	3.2	693	3.8
TOTAL	1,595,486		268,587		18,103	
Mean Score	45.3		46.6		45.1	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.8		11.6	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,317	0.8	1,139	0.9	42	0.5
70-74	21,196	2.8	4,056	3.3	199	2.4
65-69	25,304	3.4	4,887	3.9	250	3.0
60-64	63,762	8.5	12,677	10.2	681	8.3
55-59	69,523	9.3	12,742	10.2	720	8.8
50-54	117,103	15.6	21,048	16.9	1,299	15.8
45-49	107,379	14.3	17,756	14.3	1,182	14.4
40-44	125,592	16.7	20,050	16.1	1,463	17.8
35-39	96,906	12.9	14,250	11.4	1,085	13.2
30-34	63,366	8.4	8,762	7.0	698	8.5
25-29	35,911	4.8	4,820	3.9	390	4.8
20-24	18,570	2.5	2,374	1.9	195	2.4
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		8,204	
Mean Score	46.7		48.1		46.3	
STD. DEV.	11.8		11.7		11.4	

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MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,909	2.4	2,598	2.1	104	1.3
70-74	24,544	3.3	3,866	3.1	166	2.0
65-69	58,730	7.8	10,419	8.4	526	6.4
60-64	63,734	8.5	10,947	8.8	644	7.8
55-59	95,622	12.7	16,827	13.5	1,046	12.7
50-54	110,359	14.7	18,739	15.0	1,222	14.9
45-49	129,882	17.3	21,836	17.5	1,546	18.8
40-44	85,201	11.3	13,855	11.1	991	12.1
35-39	85,862	11.4	13,425	10.8	990	12.1
30-34	41,404	5.5	6,322	5.1	560	6.8
25-29	25,099	3.3	3,782	3.0	270	3.3
20-24	12,583	1.7	1,945	1.6	139	1.7
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		8,204	
Mean Score	49.8		50.2		48.5	
STD. DEV.	12.4		12.2		11.8	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,479	0.9	1,036	0.8	46	0.6
70-74	13,265	1.8	2,766	2.2	134	1.6
65-69	25,009	3.3	4,680	3.8	237	2.9
60-64	34,324	4.6	6,946	5.6	357	4.4
55-59	71,197	9.5	13,658	11.0	771	9.4
50-54	79,747	10.6	14,159	11.4	884	10.8
45-49	125,954	16.8	21,431	17.2	1,362	16.6
40-44	120,231	16.0	19,282	15.5	1,267	15.4
35-39	125,467	16.7	19,345	15.5	1,407	17.2
30-34	69,329	9.2	10,113	8.1	821	10.0
25-29	42,639	5.7	5,838	4.7	481	5.9
20-24	37,288	5.0	5,307	4.3	437	5.3
TOTAL	750,929		124,561		8,204	
Mean Score	44.4		45.6		43.9	
STD. DEV.	12.0		12.0		11.8	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,939	0.7	1,034	0.7	45	0.5
70-74	19,179	2.3	3,547	2.5	179	1.8
65-69	24,680	2.9	4,833	3.4	265	2.7
60-64	68,995	8.2	14,199	9.9	767	7.8
55-59	81,466	9.7	15,635	10.9	901	9.2
50-54	144,823	17.3	27,223	19.0	1,740	17.7
45-49	133,262	15.9	22,892	16.0	1,565	16.0
40-44	151,249	18.0	24,831	17.3	1,841	18.8
35-39	107,685	12.8	15,754	11.0	1,343	13.7
30-34	59,661	7.1	7,953	5.6	712	7.3
25-29	28,896	3.4	3,712	2.6	327	3.3
20-24	13,515	1.6	1,615	1.1	123	1.3
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		9,808	
Mean Score	47.2		48.5		46.8	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		10.5	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	9,262	1.1	1,212	0.8	48	0.5
70-74	14,848	1.8	2,243	1.6	93	0.9
65-69	40,965	4.9	7,128	5.0	351	3.6
60-64	53,359	6.4	9,340	6.5	495	5.0
55-59	94,379	11.2	17,360	12.1	1,035	10.6
50-54	127,719	15.2	22,828	15.9	1,503	15.3
45-49	169,815	20.2	30,084	21.0	2,088	21.3
40-44	120,438	14.3	20,333	14.2	1,542	15.7
35-39	118,531	14.1	19,076	13.3	1,476	15.0
30-34	50,749	6.0	7,753	5.4	707	7.2
25-29	27,391	3.3	4,124	2.9	346	3.5
20-24	11,894	1.4	1,747	1.2	124	1.3
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		9,808	
Mean Score	47.6		47.9		46.3	
STD. DEV.	11.2		10.9		10.5	

FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	7,982	1.0	1,349	0.9	67	0.7
70-74	17,655	2.1	3,850	2.7	200	2.0
65-69	33,832	4.0	6,582	4.6	361	3.7
60-64	45,764	5.5	9,350	6.5	543	5.5
55-59	93,261	11.1	18,003	12.6	1,128	11.5
50-54	100,894	12.0	18,798	13.1	1,136	11.6
45-49	150,475	17.9	26,202	18.3	1,827	18.6
40-44	137,187	16.3	22,292	15.6	1,532	15.6
35-39	131,705	15.7	20,226	14.1	1,629	16.6
30-34	63,051	7.5	8,899	6.2	772	7.9
25-29	32,766	3.9	4,435	3.1	368	3.8
20-24	24,778	3.0	3,242	2.3	245	2.5
TOTAL	839,350		143,228		9,808	
Mean Score	46.2		47.6		46.1	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.5		11.3	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTH			SOUTH CAROLINA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.2
Architecture	1.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.1	1.7	0.5
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	5.5	4.3	6.5	5.7	4.5	6.7	5.5	4.2	6.5
Business Management	9.7	12.0	7.7	9.2	11.6	7.2	8.5	10.6	6.8
Communication & Journalism	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.5	1.7	1.1	2.3
Computer/Information Science	2.9	5.4	0.7	2.9	5.4	0.8	2.5	4.5	0.9
Education	3.2	1.0	5.1	2.9	0.8	4.7	4.3	1.1	6.9
Engineering	11.3	20.0	3.9	11.4	20.4	3.8	12.8	24.1	3.5
Engineering Technologies	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.2	2.2	0.3
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.5	1.4
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Foreign Languages	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	19.2	10.3	27.0	22.0	12.1	30.4	24.3	12.1	34.3
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.0	1.8	2.3
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4
Military Technologies	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5
Natural Resources	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.0	1.7	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.7	0.3	1.1	2.2	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3
Physical Sciences	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.6
Psychology	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.0	1.9	5.7	3.6	1.5	5.3
Social Service Professions	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7
Security/Protective Services	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.8	2.8
Social Sciences	2.0	1.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	8.1	6.8	9.2	8.5	7.1	9.6	8.6	6.9	9.9
Other	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.4
Undecided	10.9	11.8	10.2	8.7	9.6	7.9	6.4	7.7	5.5
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,458,790			252,521			17,163		

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