



# Understanding PSAT™ 8/9 Scores

## Accessing Scores

The PSAT 8/9, the first test in the SAT® Suite of Assessments, is an important tool to help you understand your skills and knowledge. Scores from the PSAT 8/9 will help you know what skills to focus on as you begin your high school journey.

How to get your scores:

- A PDF score report is available from your school and includes in-depth information about your performance.
- As always, if you're age 13 or older, you may use a personal College Board student account to view additional insights online.

## Score Summary

When viewing your PSAT 8/9 scores, the first thing you'll see is your total score, which is a combination of your scores on the Reading and Writing section and the Math section.

Understanding scores:

- All possible scores:
  - 240–1440 for total score
  - 120–720 for section scores
- Your score range: This range shows how much your scores would likely vary if you took a different administration of the test under identical conditions. From recent administrations of the PSAT 8/9, these ranges are approximately:
  - Total: ± 40 points
  - Reading and Writing: ± 20 points
  - Math: ± 30 points

- Percentile comparisons: The percentile comparison helps you understand the percentage of students scoring the same as or lower than you. For example, 75th percentile means that your score was the same as or higher than scores earned by 75% of other students.

Learn more about understanding and using scores: [Understanding Scores for Students/Families](#).

## Knowledge and Skills

In the Knowledge and Skills section, you'll see a graphic that shows your performance on each of the eight content areas measured on the PSAT 8/9. There are four content areas in Reading and Writing, and four in Math.

For each content area, you'll see:

- The approximate number of questions in the content area.
- The percentage of the section covered by that area (e.g., 12–14 questions would be about 26% of the Reading and Writing section).
- A visual indication of how you performed in each content area.

You can use this section to learn more about your strengths and areas that need improvement.

## Discover Growing Careers

Your score report may have you thinking about what comes next. Career Insights Snapshot is a new addition to the PDF score report and includes a list of growing careers in your state that need skills like yours. Please note that this list DOES NOT SHOW CAREER RECOMMENDATIONS or the only careers you should consider. The list can show you more about what careers are out there and key aspects of a job, like whether it requires a college degree.

Each job on your score report:


- Is growing in your state, meaning there are jobs available.
- Pays a living wage, because we know salary is important.
- Requires more education after high school, in some cases college, but not in all.
- Connects to the math, reading, and writing skills you demonstrated on the PSAT 8/9, because every job has a set of measurable skills.

All of this might make you curious about a career on the list—or maybe none of the options feels like a great fit. That's okay! The insights can help you start thinking about what you might want to do after high school.

To learn more about your options and careers that include your interests, [take the short career quiz](#).

Learn more at [satsuite.org/bigfutureschool](https://satsuite.org/bigfutureschool).

## PSAT 8/9 Sample Score Report



Name: **Nora Notetaker**  
 Grade: **9**  
 Test administration: **PSAT 8/9 Spring 2024**  
 Tested on: **Mar. 4, 2024**  
 Record Locator: **4561264**

### Your Score Report

#### PSAT 8/9 Scores

**TOTAL SCORE**  
**1120** | 240-1400 (75th\*)  
Score Range: 1080-1180  
Average Score (all test-takers): 1100

**SECTION SCORES**

**Reading and Writing**  
**620** | 120-720 (60th\*)  
Your Score Range: 600-640  
Average Score (all test-takers): 600

**Math**  
**500** | 100-720 (70th\*)  
Your Score Range: 470-530  
Average Score (all test-takers): 530

\* Percentiles represent the percent of 10th grade test takers from the past 3 years who scored the same as or below you.  
Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT 8/9 Multiple times on different days.

#### Knowledge and Skills

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT 8/9.

**Reading and Writing**

**Information and Ideas**  
(26% of test section, 12-14 questions)

**Craft and Structure**  
(26% of test section, 13-15 questions)

**Expression of Ideas**  
(20% of test section, 8-12 questions)

**Standard English Conventions**  
(26% of test section, 11-15 questions)

**Math**

**Algebra**  
(42.5% of test section, 16-18 questions)

**Advanced Math**  
(20% of test section, 7-9 questions)

**Problem Solving & Data Analysis**  
(25% of test section, 9-11 questions)


**Geometry & Trigonometry**  
(12.5% of test section, 4-6 questions)

#### Career Insights Snapshot


Your skills are in demand! Consider exploring these growing careers in your state that need skills like yours. **These are examples, not recommendations, to help jump-start your career exploration.**

INTEREST AREA*	CAREER EXAMPLES	MEDIAN YEARLY INCOME IN ML.	NUMBER OF JOBS   JOB GROWTH IN MP*	MOST COMMON EDUCATION LEVEL
Doers	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$59,000	25,600   +10%	Certificate
Persuaders	Wind Energy Operations Managers	\$63,000	24,300   +10%	Associate degree
Creators	Graphic Designers	\$48,000	8,900   +9%	Bachelor's degree
Helpers	Critical Care Nurses	\$77,000	107,000   +3%	Bachelor's degree
Thinkers	Mechanical Engineers	\$92,000	33,900   +3%	Bachelor's degree
Organizers	Treasurers and Financial Controllers	\$124,000	21,100   +12%	Bachelor's degree

\* For more information about career insights, including interest areas, visit [satsuite.org/whatsnext](https://satsuite.org/whatsnext).  
 \*\*Number of reflects the expected number of new job openings in 2028. Percentage reflects the expected growth in new job openings between 2023 and 2028. Data source: Lightcast



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