

PSAT/NMSQT®

2008-2009 COLLEGE-BOUND
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

NEW MEXICO

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

cosponsored by



CollegeBoard /



**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION**

This material was produced solely by College Board for its organizational purposes; NMSC was not involved in its production.

**PSAT/NMSQT® 2008-2009 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS
NEW MEXICO**

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	735,069	46.5	92,190	47.5	2,827	46.1
Female	846,034	53.5	102,082	52.5	3,304	53.9
No Response	7,585		996		15	
TOTAL	1,588,688		195,268		6,146	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	10,939	0.7	2,176	1.1	305	5.1
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	125,790	8.1	10,252	5.3	190	3.2
Black or African American	199,518	12.9	23,138	12.1	169	2.8
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	234,710	15.2	65,722	34.3	2,701	45.5
White	918,092	59.4	86,462	45.1	2,314	39.0
Other	56,107	3.6	3,987	2.1	258	4.3
No Response	43,532		3,531		209	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,343,631	84.6	170,073	87.1	5,180	84.3
No	245,057	15.4	25,195	12.9	966	15.7

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	59,366	4.0	8,206	4.4	209	3.7
A (93-96)	284,376	19.0	34,062	18.4	1,117	19.8
A- (90-92)	296,507	19.8	37,726	20.3	1,081	19.1
B+ (87-89)	269,732	18.0	36,912	19.9	862	15.3
B (83-86)	265,357	17.7	33,010	17.8	959	17.0
B- (80-82)	134,334	9.0	18,268	9.9	500	8.9
C+ (77-79)	98,671	6.6	10,605	5.7	416	7.4
C (73-76)	60,624	4.0	4,635	2.5	341	6.0
C- (70-72)	19,295	1.3	1,529	0.8	112	2.0
D+ (67-69)	6,255	0.4	236	0.1	28	0.5
D (65-66)	3,539	0.2	128	0.1	20	0.4
E or F (Below 65)	1,332	0.1	91	0.0	2	0.0
No Response	89,300		9,860		499	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2009	11,423	0.7	3,448	1.8	90	1.5
2010	1,532,433	97.5	186,130	95.9	5,820	96.1
2011	17,176	1.1	2,557	1.3	93	1.5
After 2011	3,947	0.3	649	0.3	22	0.4
Not Planning College	6,546	0.4	1,221	0.6	30	0.5
No Response	17,163		1,263		91	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	13,004	0.8	1,144	0.6	43	0.7
70-74	31,738	2.0	2,795	1.4	97	1.6
65-69	56,435	3.6	5,106	2.6	207	3.4
60-64	113,201	7.1	10,481	5.4	429	7.0
55-59	154,400	9.7	15,473	7.9	564	9.2
50-54	283,015	17.8	29,126	14.9	997	16.2
45-49	277,638	17.5	32,418	16.6	998	16.2
40-44	261,798	16.5	35,511	18.2	1,017	16.5
35-39	160,655	10.1	24,722	12.7	648	10.5
30-34	120,741	7.6	19,765	10.1	536	8.7
25-29	52,017	3.3	8,405	4.3	270	4.4
20-24	64,046	4.0	10,322	5.3	340	5.5
TOTAL	1,588,688		195,268		6,146	
Mean Score	46.7		44.5		45.5	
STD. DEV.	11.5		11.5		11.9	

MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,566	1.1	1,385	0.7	50	0.8
70-74	33,756	2.1	2,994	1.5	106	1.7
65-69	92,810	5.8	9,733	5.0	293	4.8
60-64	163,466	10.3	16,865	8.6	532	8.7
55-59	161,102	10.1	16,541	8.5	524	8.5
50-54	284,863	17.9	33,630	17.2	993	16.2
45-49	233,391	14.7	29,844	15.3	904	14.7
40-44	253,429	16.0	35,443	18.2	1,063	17.3
35-39	173,387	10.9	24,487	12.5	840	13.7
30-34	100,277	6.3	14,117	7.2	503	8.2
25-29	43,717	2.8	6,215	3.2	182	3.0
20-24	30,924	1.9	4,014	2.1	156	2.5
TOTAL	1,588,688		195,268		6,146	
Mean Score	48.8		47.4		47.1	
STD. DEV.	11.5		11.2		11.5	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	10,856	0.7	1,090	0.6	35	0.6
70-74	24,190	1.5	2,663	1.4	84	1.4
65-69	51,006	3.2	4,459	2.3	150	2.4
60-64	93,913	5.9	10,184	5.2	330	5.4
55-59	148,491	9.3	15,965	8.2	513	8.3
50-54	251,402	15.8	28,988	14.8	887	14.4
45-49	238,291	15.0	28,048	14.4	806	13.1
40-44	280,644	17.7	37,164	19.0	1,063	17.3
35-39	243,307	15.3	33,286	17.0	1,050	17.1
30-34	159,196	10.0	22,356	11.4	805	13.1
25-29	40,635	2.6	5,273	2.7	173	2.8
20-24	46,757	2.9	5,792	3.0	250	4.1
TOTAL	1,588,688		195,268		6,146	
Mean Score	45.8		44.8		44.4	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.8		11.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,743	0.9	619	0.7	24	0.8
70-74	16,071	2.2	1,471	1.6	48	1.7
65-69	27,699	3.8	2,663	2.9	86	3.0
60-64	54,591	7.4	5,282	5.7	234	8.3
55-59	71,812	9.8	7,471	8.1	251	8.9
50-54	127,558	17.4	13,495	14.6	458	16.2
45-49	122,485	16.7	14,721	16.0	448	15.8
40-44	116,249	15.8	15,908	17.3	447	15.8
35-39	73,527	10.0	11,363	12.3	289	10.2
30-34	57,836	7.9	9,505	10.3	244	8.6
25-29	26,285	3.6	4,233	4.6	130	4.6
20-24	34,213	4.7	5,459	5.9	168	5.9
TOTAL	735,069		92,190		2,827	
Mean Score	46.6		44.5		45.6	
STD. DEV.	11.9		11.9		12.2	

MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	11,884	1.6	986	1.1	37	1.3
70-74	21,660	2.9	1,976	2.1	77	2.7
65-69	55,211	7.5	5,932	6.4	169	6.0
60-64	88,753	12.1	9,374	10.2	287	10.2
55-59	80,602	11.0	8,497	9.2	266	9.4
50-54	132,040	18.0	16,256	17.6	440	15.6
45-49	100,531	13.7	13,459	14.6	414	14.6
40-44	102,896	14.0	15,139	16.4	445	15.7
35-39	68,719	9.3	10,088	10.9	348	12.3
30-34	40,388	5.5	5,907	6.4	203	7.2
25-29	18,645	2.5	2,734	3.0	77	2.7
20-24	13,740	1.9	1,842	2.0	64	2.3
TOTAL	735,069		92,190		2,827	
Mean Score	50.2		48.7		48.5	
STD. DEV.	11.9		11.6		12.0	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,607	0.6	511	0.6	12	0.4
70-74	10,330	1.4	1,179	1.3	27	1.0
65-69	21,929	3.0	2,028	2.2	61	2.2
60-64	40,679	5.5	4,546	4.9	146	5.2
55-59	65,071	8.9	7,108	7.7	242	8.6
50-54	110,924	15.1	13,117	14.2	400	14.1
45-49	106,496	14.5	12,569	13.6	339	12.0
40-44	127,489	17.3	17,033	18.5	498	17.6
35-39	116,014	15.8	16,022	17.4	473	16.7
30-34	82,162	11.2	11,647	12.6	397	14.0
25-29	22,630	3.1	3,027	3.3	96	3.4
20-24	26,738	3.6	3,403	3.7	136	4.8
TOTAL	735,069		92,190		2,827	
Mean Score	45.1		44.1		43.8	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.0		11.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,238	0.7	525	0.5	19	0.6
70-74	15,598	1.8	1,321	1.3	49	1.5
65-69	28,570	3.4	2,431	2.4	121	3.7
60-64	58,277	6.9	5,168	5.1	195	5.9
55-59	82,075	9.7	7,953	7.8	310	9.4
50-54	154,415	18.3	15,540	15.2	537	16.3
45-49	153,931	18.2	17,544	17.2	549	16.6
40-44	144,268	17.1	19,456	19.1	568	17.2
35-39	86,172	10.2	13,206	12.9	358	10.8
30-34	62,018	7.3	10,114	9.9	289	8.7
25-29	25,312	3.0	4,101	4.0	139	4.2
20-24	29,160	3.4	4,723	4.6	170	5.1
TOTAL	846,034		102,082		3,304	
Mean Score	46.8		44.5		45.5	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.1		11.7	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,658	0.7	398	0.4	13	0.4
70-74	12,033	1.4	1,013	1.0	29	0.9
65-69	37,374	4.4	3,784	3.7	123	3.7
60-64	74,237	8.8	7,456	7.3	244	7.4
55-59	79,950	9.4	7,987	7.8	257	7.8
50-54	151,646	17.9	17,255	16.9	552	16.7
45-49	131,808	15.6	16,248	15.9	489	14.8
40-44	149,199	17.6	20,114	19.7	616	18.6
35-39	103,566	12.2	14,229	13.9	489	14.8
30-34	59,054	7.0	8,078	7.9	297	9.0
25-29	24,654	2.9	3,397	3.3	105	3.2
20-24	16,855	2.0	2,123	2.1	90	2.7
TOTAL	846,034		102,082		3,304	
Mean Score	47.5		46.3		45.9	
STD. DEV.	11.0		10.6		10.9	

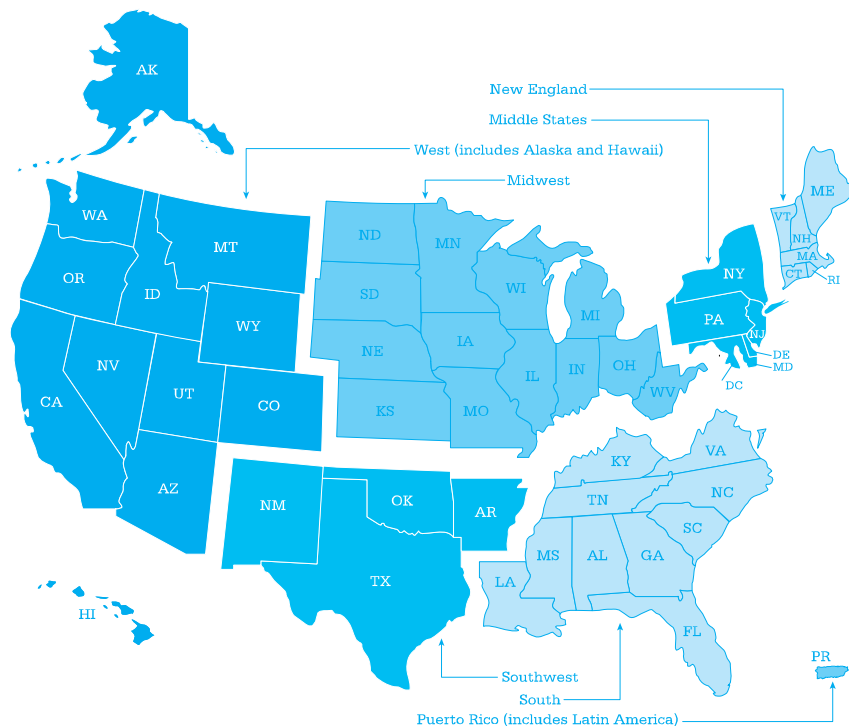
FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,233	0.7	578	0.6	23	0.7
70-74	13,818	1.6	1,480	1.4	57	1.7
65-69	28,987	3.4	2,428	2.4	89	2.7
60-64	52,989	6.3	5,609	5.5	184	5.6
55-59	82,918	9.8	8,804	8.6	270	8.2
50-54	139,539	16.5	15,770	15.4	484	14.6
45-49	130,851	15.5	15,369	15.1	466	14.1
40-44	151,813	17.9	19,961	19.6	563	17.0
35-39	125,865	14.9	17,063	16.7	574	17.4
30-34	75,830	9.0	10,510	10.3	403	12.2
25-29	17,631	2.1	2,180	2.1	77	2.3
20-24	19,560	2.3	2,330	2.3	114	3.5
TOTAL	846,034		102,082		3,304	
Mean Score	46.5		45.4		45.0	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		11.2	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTHWEST			NEW MEXICO		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.7	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.0
Architecture	2.0	3.1	1.1	2.3	3.7	1.2	2.7	4.0	1.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	4.3	3.9	4.7	3.4	3.0	3.8	4.6	3.7	5.2
Business Management	9.5	12.2	7.3	8.8	10.5	7.2	6.2	7.4	5.2
Communication & Journalism	3.1	2.2	3.8	2.8	1.9	3.6	2.0	1.7	2.3
Computer/Information Science	1.3	2.5	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.3	1.5	2.7	0.6
Education	4.5	1.6	7.0	4.0	1.3	6.3	3.2	1.5	4.7
Engineering	8.4	15.6	2.3	10.1	18.5	2.7	11.2	20.3	3.7
Engineering Technologies	2.1	4.0	0.5	2.6	4.9	0.6	2.2	4.1	0.6
English Language & Literature	1.3	0.8	1.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.8
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.0
Health Professions/Sciences	19.4	11.2	26.2	21.3	11.8	29.6	20.0	10.8	27.7
History	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.4	3.0
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.7
Mathematics & Statistics	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.9	1.6	0.3	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4
Physical Sciences	1.2	1.7	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.7	1.1	1.6	0.7
Psychology	4.1	2.0	5.9	3.8	1.9	5.4	3.8	1.9	5.3
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6
Security/Protective Services	2.9	3.2	2.6	3.4	3.7	3.1	4.0	3.6	4.3
Social Sciences	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.9
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	9.5	7.4	11.3	10.0	8.0	11.8	10.2	8.8	11.4
Other	3.0	3.4	2.6	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.4
Undecided	11.7	12.8	10.7	9.3	10.5	8.3	11.0	11.8	10.3
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,452,897			182,621			5,583		

Areas Served by College Board Regional Offices



National Office

45 Columbus Avenue
 New York, NY 10023-6992
 212 713-8000
 212 713-8255 (Fax)

Middle States Regional Office

Two Bala Plaza, Suite 900
 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004-1501
 866 392-3019
 610 227-2580 (Fax)

Midwestern Regional Office

6111 North River Road, Suite 550
 Rosemont, IL 60018-5158
 866 392-4086
 847 653-4528 (Fax)

New England Regional Office

470 Totten Pond Road
 Waltham, MA 02451-1982
 866 392-4089
 781 663-2743 (Fax)

Southern Regional Office

3700 Crestwood Parkway NW, Suite 700
 Duluth, GA 30096-7155
 866 392-4088
 770 225-4062 (Fax)

Southwestern Regional Office

4330 Gaines Ranch Loop, Suite 200
 Austin, TX 78735-6735
 866 392-3017
 512 721-1841 (Fax)

Western Regional Office

2099 Gateway Place, Suite 550
 San Jose, CA 95110-1051
 866 392-4078
 408 367-1459 (Fax)

Puerto Rico and Latin America Office

208 Ponce de León Avenue, Suite 1501
 San Juan, PR 00918-1017
 Mailing address:
 P.O. Box 71101
 San Juan, PR 00936-8001
 787 772-1200
 787 759-8629 (Fax - Reception area)
 787 764-4306 (Fax - Director's office)

International Education Office

1233 20th Street NW, Suite 600
 Washington, DC 20036-2375
 202 741-4700
 202 741-4745 (Fax)

Washington Office

1233 20th Street NW, Suite 600
 Washington, DC 20036-2375
 202 741-4700
 202 741-4743 (Fax)

Florida Office

1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 250
 Tallahassee, FL 32308-1500
 850 521-4900
 850 521-4921 (Fax)

New York State Office

122 South Swan Street
 Albany, NY 12210-1715
 518 472-1515
 518 472-1516 (Fax)