

PSAT/NMSQT®

2008-2009 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

NEW MEXICO

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	723,084	47.9	105,648	48.7	5,773	48.6
Female	785,301	52.1	111,133	51.3	6,102	51.4
No Response	12,737		1,877		69	
TOTAL	1,521,122		218,658		11,944	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	11,654	0.8	2,894	1.4	1,161	10.2
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	113,394	7.8	10,935	5.1	215	1.9
Black or African American	252,788	17.4	29,337	13.8	247	2.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	291,288	20.0	80,715	37.9	5,903	52.0
White	727,768	50.0	84,104	39.5	3,427	30.2
Other	57,816	4.0	4,934	2.3	389	3.4
No Response	66,414		5,739		602	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,177,601	77.4	177,538	81.2	8,881	74.4
No	343,521	22.6	41,120	18.8	3,063	25.6

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	48,079	3.5	6,738	3.4	213	2.0
A (93-96)	245,614	18.0	33,109	16.5	1,407	13.4
A- (90-92)	240,834	17.6	37,381	18.6	1,444	13.8
B+ (87-89)	233,249	17.0	39,104	19.4	1,525	14.5
B (83-86)	235,986	17.2	35,790	17.8	1,851	17.6
B- (80-82)	129,126	9.4	22,240	11.1	1,155	11.0
C+ (77-79)	110,050	8.0	14,829	7.4	1,199	11.4
C (73-76)	75,834	5.5	7,412	3.7	966	9.2
C- (70-72)	27,291	2.0	3,007	1.5	376	3.6
D+ (67-69)	10,799	0.8	711	0.4	159	1.5
D (65-66)	7,508	0.5	447	0.2	130	1.2
E or F (Below 65)	3,749	0.3	306	0.2	76	0.7
No Response	153,003		17,584		1,443	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2009	2,392	0.2	527	0.2	13	0.1
2010	45,767	3.1	9,759	4.5	380	3.3
2011	1,371,582	93.0	195,542	91.0	10,294	88.7
After 2011	43,449	2.9	7,003	3.3	748	6.4
Not Planning College	11,329	0.8	2,033	0.9	165	1.4
No Response	46,603		3,794		344	

TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,014	0.2	274	0.1	4	0.0
70-74	10,671	0.7	931	0.4	35	0.3
65-69	23,769	1.6	2,378	1.1	101	0.8
60-64	56,999	3.7	5,986	2.7	231	1.9
55-59	93,717	6.2	11,044	5.1	411	3.4
50-54	199,951	13.1	24,759	11.3	990	8.3
45-49	233,938	15.4	32,343	14.8	1,341	11.2
40-44	265,984	17.5	40,392	18.5	1,947	16.3
35-39	203,590	13.4	33,071	15.1	1,948	16.3
30-34	192,303	12.6	31,230	14.3	2,113	17.7
25-29	99,369	6.5	15,468	7.1	1,254	10.5
20-24	137,817	9.1	20,782	9.5	1,569	13.1
TOTAL	1,521,122		218,658		11,944	
Mean Score	41.6		40.4		37.7	
STD. DEV.	11.4		10.9		10.7	

MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,203	0.3	417	0.2	9	0.1
70-74	11,840	0.8	1,122	0.5	25	0.2
65-69	40,721	2.7	4,933	2.3	111	0.9
60-64	91,571	6.0	11,189	5.1	309	2.6
55-59	104,882	6.9	13,076	6.0	434	3.6
50-54	218,247	14.3	30,782	14.1	1,163	9.7
45-49	210,204	13.8	31,272	14.3	1,359	11.4
40-44	279,945	18.4	43,937	20.1	2,156	18.1
35-39	243,870	16.0	37,102	17.0	2,344	19.6
30-34	170,181	11.2	25,076	11.5	2,117	17.7
25-29	83,176	5.5	11,664	5.3	1,016	8.5
20-24	61,282	4.0	8,088	3.7	901	7.5
TOTAL	1,521,122		218,658		11,944	
Mean Score	44.0		43.5		39.6	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.6		10.2	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,352	0.2	226	0.1	3	0.0
70-74	7,515	0.5	860	0.4	26	0.2
65-69	19,669	1.3	1,784	0.8	59	0.5
60-64	45,361	3.0	5,330	2.4	153	1.3
55-59	83,861	5.5	9,956	4.6	325	2.7
50-54	168,669	11.1	22,620	10.3	758	6.3
45-49	185,187	12.2	25,956	11.9	939	7.9
40-44	267,822	17.6	41,331	18.9	1,820	15.2
35-39	296,978	19.5	46,417	21.2	2,625	22.0
30-34	269,836	17.7	40,410	18.5	3,007	25.2
25-29	72,783	4.8	10,375	4.7	802	6.7
20-24	101,089	6.6	13,393	6.1	1,427	11.9
TOTAL	1,521,122		218,658		11,944	
Mean Score	41.0		40.4		37.0	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.0		9.7	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,473	0.2	131	0.1	2	0.0
70-74	5,254	0.7	467	0.4	17	0.3
65-69	11,648	1.6	1,197	1.1	53	0.9
60-64	26,973	3.7	2,933	2.8	121	2.1
55-59	43,943	6.1	5,376	5.1	185	3.2
50-54	90,494	12.5	11,648	11.0	484	8.4
45-49	104,589	14.5	14,844	14.1	607	10.5
40-44	120,851	16.7	18,772	17.8	910	15.8
35-39	96,175	13.3	15,633	14.8	923	16.0
30-34	95,118	13.2	15,387	14.6	1,027	17.8
25-29	51,529	7.1	8,010	7.6	630	10.9
20-24	75,037	10.4	11,250	10.6	814	14.1
TOTAL	723,084		105,648		5,773	
Mean Score	41.1		40.0		37.5	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.1		10.9	

MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,629	0.5	304	0.3	7	0.1
70-74	7,846	1.1	780	0.7	16	0.3
65-69	25,148	3.5	3,082	2.9	73	1.3
60-64	51,844	7.2	6,428	6.1	181	3.1
55-59	55,054	7.6	7,094	6.7	244	4.2
50-54	107,032	14.8	15,580	14.7	628	10.9
45-49	97,792	13.5	15,148	14.3	670	11.6
40-44	125,624	17.4	20,359	19.3	1,048	18.2
35-39	107,121	14.8	16,557	15.7	1,111	19.2
30-34	74,744	10.3	11,071	10.5	962	16.7
25-29	38,046	5.3	5,324	5.0	424	7.3
20-24	29,204	4.0	3,921	3.7	409	7.1
TOTAL	723,084		105,648		5,773	
Mean Score	44.9		44.3		40.4	
STD. DEV.	11.6		11.0		10.5	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	920	0.1	91	0.1	1	0.0
70-74	3,017	0.4	335	0.3	10	0.2
65-69	8,036	1.1	788	0.7	29	0.5
60-64	19,019	2.6	2,219	2.1	66	1.1
55-59	35,310	4.9	4,218	4.0	133	2.3
50-54	73,108	10.1	10,061	9.5	346	6.0
45-49	81,633	11.3	11,548	10.9	403	7.0
40-44	120,422	16.7	19,050	18.0	856	14.8
35-39	141,337	19.5	22,372	21.2	1,226	21.2
30-34	141,087	19.5	21,202	20.1	1,507	26.1
25-29	40,988	5.7	5,954	5.6	416	7.2
20-24	58,207	8.0	7,810	7.4	780	13.5
TOTAL	723,084		105,648		5,773	
Mean Score	40.0		39.5		36.3	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.0		9.7	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,529	0.2	142	0.1	2	0.0
70-74	5,362	0.7	457	0.4	17	0.3
65-69	12,012	1.5	1,173	1.1	47	0.8
60-64	29,752	3.8	3,021	2.7	110	1.8
55-59	49,292	6.3	5,624	5.1	224	3.7
50-54	108,284	13.8	12,962	11.7	502	8.2
45-49	127,835	16.3	17,301	15.6	731	12.0
40-44	143,021	18.2	21,313	19.2	1,027	16.8
35-39	105,510	13.4	17,120	15.4	1,011	16.6
30-34	95,207	12.1	15,518	14.0	1,072	17.6
25-29	46,655	5.9	7,251	6.5	618	10.1
20-24	60,842	7.7	9,251	8.3	741	12.1
TOTAL	785,301		111,133		6,102	
Mean Score	42.1		40.8		38.0	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.6		10.5	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,551	0.2	110	0.1	2	0.0
70-74	3,950	0.5	337	0.3	9	0.1
65-69	15,378	2.0	1,831	1.6	37	0.6
60-64	39,292	5.0	4,718	4.2	127	2.1
55-59	49,277	6.3	5,918	5.3	190	3.1
50-54	109,882	14.0	15,017	13.5	531	8.7
45-49	110,931	14.1	15,919	14.3	682	11.2
40-44	152,037	19.4	23,215	20.9	1,097	18.0
35-39	134,353	17.1	20,179	18.2	1,216	19.9
30-34	93,496	11.9	13,701	12.3	1,145	18.8
25-29	44,010	5.6	6,156	5.5	581	9.5
20-24	31,144	4.0	4,032	3.6	485	7.9
TOTAL	785,301		111,133		6,102	
Mean Score	43.2		42.8		38.8	
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.1		9.9	

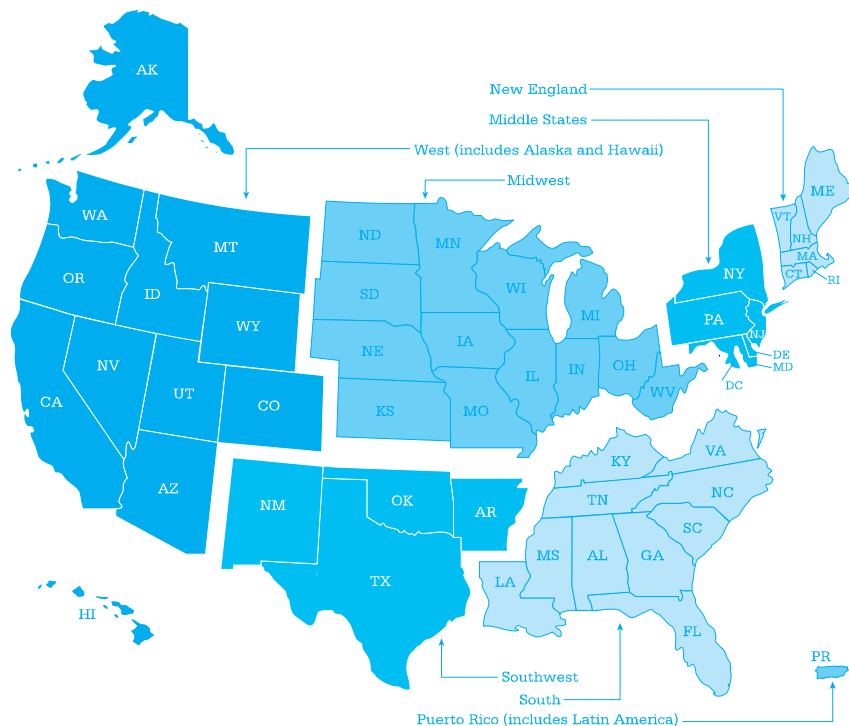
FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTHWEST		NEW MEXICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,423	0.2	134	0.1	2	0.0
70-74	4,469	0.6	523	0.5	15	0.2
65-69	11,545	1.5	989	0.9	30	0.5
60-64	26,143	3.3	3,092	2.8	86	1.4
55-59	48,160	6.1	5,686	5.1	192	3.1
50-54	94,596	12.0	12,425	11.2	408	6.7
45-49	102,443	13.0	14,258	12.8	534	8.8
40-44	145,443	18.5	21,984	19.8	954	15.6
35-39	153,018	19.5	23,631	21.3	1,382	22.6
30-34	125,725	16.0	18,748	16.9	1,485	24.3
25-29	30,860	3.9	4,281	3.9	377	6.2
20-24	41,476	5.3	5,382	4.8	637	10.4
TOTAL	785,301		111,133		6,102	
Mean Score	42.0		41.3		37.6	
STD. DEV.	10.5		9.9		9.7	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP			SOUTHWEST			NEW MEXICO		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4
Architecture	2.3	3.5	1.2	2.6	4.0	1.3	3.0	4.3	1.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	4.4	3.8	4.8	3.7	3.2	4.1	3.9	2.9	4.8
Business Management	7.5	9.6	5.7	7.2	8.6	5.9	4.8	5.0	4.6
Communication & Journalism	2.5	1.7	3.2	2.3	1.6	3.0	1.6	1.1	2.1
Computer/Information Science	1.2	2.2	0.3	1.2	2.1	0.3	1.1	1.9	0.3
Education	3.6	1.1	5.8	3.3	1.0	5.4	2.6	0.9	4.1
Engineering	8.1	15.2	1.9	9.7	17.8	2.3	10.3	18.9	2.5
Engineering Technologies	2.9	5.4	0.6	3.3	6.1	0.8	3.5	6.3	0.9
English Language & Literature	1.2	0.6	1.7	0.9	0.5	1.3	1.1	0.5	1.7
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8
Foreign Languages	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	18.0	10.0	25.1	19.2	10.4	27.3	17.6	8.1	26.3
History	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	3.2	2.8	3.6	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.4	2.1	2.8
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.2	2.3	0.3	1.3	2.3	0.4	1.0	1.8	0.4
Personal & Culinary Services	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.0
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.1	1.5	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.1
Psychology	3.3	1.5	5.0	3.1	1.5	4.5	2.8	1.5	4.1
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.8
Security/Protective Services	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.7	3.9	3.5	4.5	4.6	4.3
Social Sciences	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.1
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	10.8	7.7	13.4	11.1	7.9	14.0	10.7	8.5	12.7
Other	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.5	4.9	4.1	6.0	6.6	5.5
Undecided	14.0	15.5	12.7	11.9	13.5	10.5	14.6	16.7	12.7
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