

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2008-2009 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

**PUERTO RICO**

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

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	735,069	46.5			1,174	48.3
Female	846,034	53.5			1,256	51.7
No Response	7,585				8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,588,688</b>				<b>2,438</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	10,939	0.7			0	0.0
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	125,790	8.1			16	0.7
Black or African American	199,518	12.9			0	0.0
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	234,710	15.2			2,343	97.3
White	918,092	59.4			33	1.4
Other	56,107	3.6			17	0.7
No Response	43,532				29	

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

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,343,631	84.6			2,190	89.8
No	245,057	15.4			248	10.2

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

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	59,366	4.0			158	6.8
A (93-96)	284,376	19.0			539	23.2
A- (90-92)	296,507	19.8			519	22.4
B+ (87-89)	269,732	18.0			438	18.9
B (83-86)	265,357	17.7			399	17.2
B- (80-82)	134,334	9.0			160	6.9
C+ (77-79)	98,671	6.6			57	2.5
C (73-76)	60,624	4.0			40	1.7
C- (70-72)	19,295	1.3			9	0.4
D+ (67-69)	6,255	0.4			2	0.1
D (65-66)	3,539	0.2			1	0.0
E or F (Below 65)	1,332	0.1			0	0.0
No Response	89,300				116	

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

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2009	11,423	0.7			12	0.5
2010	1,532,433	97.5			2,384	98.7
2011	17,176	1.1			16	0.7
After 2011	3,947	0.3			2	0.1
Not Planning College	6,546	0.4			1	0.0
No Response	17,163				23	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>				<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	13,004	0.8			1	0.0
70-74	31,738	2.0			13	0.5
65-69	56,435	3.6			22	0.9
60-64	113,201	7.1			68	2.8
55-59	154,400	9.7			135	5.5
50-54	283,015	17.8			353	14.5
45-49	277,638	17.5			449	18.4
40-44	261,798	16.5			562	23.1
35-39	160,655	10.1			401	16.4
30-34	120,741	7.6			254	10.4
25-29	52,017	3.3			96	3.9
20-24	64,046	4.0			84	3.4
TOTAL	1,588,688				2,438	
Mean Score	46.7				43.0	
STD. DEV.	11.5				9.3	

**MATHEMATICS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>				<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	17,566	1.1			7	0.3
70-74	33,756	2.1			7	0.3
65-69	92,810	5.8			26	1.1
60-64	163,466	10.3			80	3.3
55-59	161,102	10.1			109	4.5
50-54	284,863	17.9			291	11.9
45-49	233,391	14.7			391	16.0
40-44	253,429	16.0			582	23.9
35-39	173,387	10.9			479	19.6
30-34	100,277	6.3			295	12.1
25-29	43,717	2.8			105	4.3
20-24	30,924	1.9			66	2.7
TOTAL	1,588,688				2,438	
Mean Score	48.8				42.6	
STD. DEV.	11.5				9.3	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>PUERTO RICO</b>			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	10,856	0.7			3	0.1
70-74	24,190	1.5			11	0.5
65-69	51,006	3.2			20	0.8
60-64	93,913	5.9			89	3.7
55-59	148,491	9.3			169	6.9
50-54	251,402	15.8			302	12.4
45-49	238,291	15.0			351	14.4
40-44	280,644	17.7			473	19.4
35-39	243,307	15.3			476	19.5
30-34	159,196	10.0			348	14.3
25-29	40,635	2.6			82	3.4
20-24	46,757	2.9			114	4.7
TOTAL	1,588,688				2,438	
Mean Score	45.8				42.3	
STD. DEV.	11.1				10.1	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,743	0.9	0	0.0
70-74	16,071	2.2	11	0.9
65-69	27,699	3.8	10	0.9
60-64	54,591	7.4	34	2.9
55-59	71,812	9.8	57	4.9
50-54	127,558	17.4	165	14.1
45-49	122,485	16.7	215	18.3
40-44	116,249	15.8	266	22.7
35-39	73,527	10.0	193	16.4
30-34	57,836	7.9	117	10.0
25-29	26,285	3.6	54	4.6
20-24	34,213	4.7	52	4.4
TOTAL	735,069		1,174	
Mean Score	46.6		42.7	
STD. DEV.	11.9		9.7	

**MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	11,884	1.6	7	0.6
70-74	21,660	2.9	6	0.5
65-69	55,211	7.5	19	1.6
60-64	88,753	12.1	51	4.3
55-59	80,602	11.0	69	5.9
50-54	132,040	18.0	156	13.3
45-49	100,531	13.7	208	17.7
40-44	102,896	14.0	235	20.0
35-39	68,719	9.3	208	17.7
30-34	40,388	5.5	132	11.2
25-29	18,645	2.5	56	4.8
20-24	13,740	1.9	27	2.3
TOTAL	735,069		1,174	
Mean Score	50.2		43.7	
STD. DEV.	11.9		10.0	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP</b>		<b>PUERTO RICO</b>			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,607	0.6			1	0.1
70-74	10,330	1.4			9	0.8
65-69	21,929	3.0			10	0.9
60-64	40,679	5.5			44	3.7
55-59	65,071	8.9			72	6.1
50-54	110,924	15.1			119	10.1
45-49	106,496	14.5			138	11.8
40-44	127,489	17.3			243	20.7
35-39	116,014	15.8			245	20.9
30-34	82,162	11.2			180	15.3
25-29	22,630	3.1			49	4.2
20-24	26,738	3.6			64	5.5
TOTAL	735,069				1,174	
Mean Score	45.1				41.5	
STD. DEV.	11.3				10.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,238	0.7	1	0.1
70-74	15,598	1.8	2	0.2
65-69	28,570	3.4	12	1.0
60-64	58,277	6.9	34	2.7
55-59	82,075	9.7	78	6.2
50-54	154,415	18.3	188	15.0
45-49	153,931	18.2	231	18.4
40-44	144,268	17.1	294	23.4
35-39	86,172	10.2	207	16.5
30-34	62,018	7.3	135	10.7
25-29	25,312	3.0	42	3.3
20-24	29,160	3.4	32	2.5
TOTAL	846,034		1,256	
Mean Score	46.8		43.3	
STD. DEV.	11.2		9.0	

**FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,658	0.7	0	0.0
70-74	12,033	1.4	1	0.1
65-69	37,374	4.4	7	0.6
60-64	74,237	8.8	29	2.3
55-59	79,950	9.4	40	3.2
50-54	151,646	17.9	134	10.7
45-49	131,808	15.6	182	14.5
40-44	149,199	17.6	344	27.4
35-39	103,566	12.2	270	21.5
30-34	59,054	7.0	161	12.8
25-29	24,654	2.9	49	3.9
20-24	16,855	2.0	39	3.1
TOTAL	846,034		1,256	
Mean Score	47.5		41.5	
STD. DEV.	11.0		8.5	

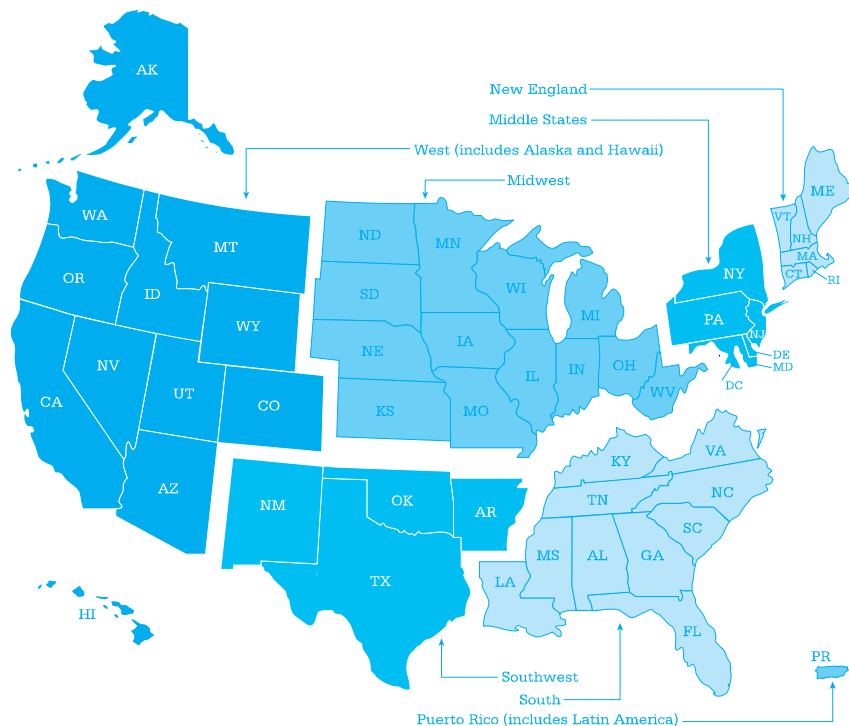
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,233	0.7			2	0.2
70-74	13,818	1.6			2	0.2
65-69	28,987	3.4			10	0.8
60-64	52,989	6.3			45	3.6
55-59	82,918	9.8			97	7.7
50-54	139,539	16.5			181	14.4
45-49	130,851	15.5			213	17.0
40-44	151,813	17.9			228	18.2
35-39	125,865	14.9			228	18.2
30-34	75,830	9.0			167	13.3
25-29	17,631	2.1			33	2.6
20-24	19,560	2.3			50	4.0
TOTAL	846,034				1,256	
Mean Score	46.5				43.2	
STD. DEV.	10.9				9.9	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			PUERTO RICO		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.5
Architecture	2.0	3.1	1.1	3.3	2.9	3.7
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	4.3	3.9	4.7	8.0	6.2	9.8
Business Management	9.5	12.2	7.3	10.3	12.4	8.4
Communication & Journalism	3.1	2.2	3.8	4.2	2.5	5.9
Computer/Information Science	1.3	2.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.0
Education	4.5	1.6	7.0	1.4	0.4	2.4
Engineering	8.4	15.6	2.3	13.5	22.5	5.1
Engineering Technologies	2.1	4.0	0.5	1.9	3.6	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.3	0.8	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.7
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5
Foreign Languages	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.7
Health Professions/Sciences	19.4	11.2	26.2	18.6	16.7	20.5
History	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	2.7	2.5	2.9	4.5	4.0	4.8
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.7
Mathematics & Statistics	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.9	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.0
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.1	1.3	0.9
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.2	1.7	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.5
Psychology	4.1	2.0	5.9	3.9	1.5	5.9
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.5
Security/Protective Services	2.9	3.2	2.6	1.4	1.1	1.8
Social Sciences	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.7	2.0
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Visual & Performing Arts	9.5	7.4	11.3	7.2	4.7	9.4
Other	3.0	3.4	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.0
Undecided	11.7	12.8	10.7	9.6	9.2	9.9
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,452,897			2,356		

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