

PSAT/NMSQT®

2008-2009 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

PUERTO RICO

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

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	723,084	47.9			835	44.6
Female	785,301	52.1			1,036	55.4
No Response	12,737				13	
TOTAL	1,521,122				1,884	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	11,654	0.8			0	0.0
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	113,394	7.8			5	0.3
Black or African American	252,788	17.4			2	0.1
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	291,288	20.0			1,788	96.6
White	727,768	50.0			39	2.1
Other	57,816	4.0			16	0.9
No Response	66,414				34	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP				PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,177,601	77.4			1,600	84.9
No	343,521	22.6			284	15.1

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	48,079	3.5			105	6.1
A (93-96)	245,614	18.0			432	24.9
A- (90-92)	240,834	17.6			373	21.5
B+ (87-89)	233,249	17.0			286	16.5
B (83-86)	235,986	17.2			300	17.3
B- (80-82)	129,126	9.4			136	7.8
C+ (77-79)	110,050	8.0			60	3.5
C (73-76)	75,834	5.5			34	2.0
C- (70-72)	27,291	2.0			6	0.3
D+ (67-69)	10,799	0.8			1	0.1
D (65-66)	7,508	0.5			1	0.1
E or F (Below 65)	3,749	0.3			0	0.0
No Response	153,003				150	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2009	2,392	0.2			0	0.0
2010	45,767	3.1			16	0.9
2011	1,371,582	93.0			1,821	97.4
After 2011	43,449	2.9			31	1.7
Not Planning College	11,329	0.8			1	0.1
No Response	46,603				15	

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TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,014	0.2	3	0.2
70-74	10,671	0.7	3	0.2
65-69	23,769	1.6	16	0.8
60-64	56,999	3.7	44	2.3
55-59	93,717	6.2	76	4.0
50-54	199,951	13.1	194	10.3
45-49	233,938	15.4	334	17.7
40-44	265,984	17.5	448	23.8
35-39	203,590	13.4	349	18.5
30-34	192,303	12.6	229	12.2
25-29	99,369	6.5	112	5.9
20-24	137,817	9.1	76	4.0
TOTAL	1,521,122		1,884	
Mean Score	41.6		41.4	
STD. DEV.	11.4		9.3	

MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	5,203	0.3	1	0.1
70-74	11,840	0.8	2	0.1
65-69	40,721	2.7	14	0.7
60-64	91,571	6.0	33	1.8
55-59	104,882	6.9	62	3.3
50-54	218,247	14.3	160	8.5
45-49	210,204	13.8	251	13.3
40-44	279,945	18.4	438	23.2
35-39	243,870	16.0	428	22.7
30-34	170,181	11.2	303	16.1
25-29	83,176	5.5	118	6.3
20-24	61,282	4.0	74	3.9
TOTAL	1,521,122		1,884	
Mean Score	44.0		40.3	
STD. DEV.	11.1		8.9	

WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,352	0.2			1	0.1
70-74	7,515	0.5			12	0.6
65-69	19,669	1.3			8	0.4
60-64	45,361	3.0			45	2.4
55-59	83,861	5.5			79	4.2
50-54	168,669	11.1			197	10.5
45-49	185,187	12.2			256	13.6
40-44	267,822	17.6			413	21.9
35-39	296,978	19.5			406	21.5
30-34	269,836	17.7			270	14.3
25-29	72,783	4.8			84	4.5
20-24	101,089	6.6			113	6.0
TOTAL	1,521,122				1,884	
Mean Score	41.0				40.9	
STD. DEV.	10.6				9.6	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,473	0.2	2	0.2
70-74	5,254	0.7	2	0.2
65-69	11,648	1.6	7	0.8
60-64	26,973	3.7	25	3.0
55-59	43,943	6.1	28	3.4
50-54	90,494	12.5	82	9.8
45-49	104,589	14.5	149	17.8
40-44	120,851	16.7	189	22.6
35-39	96,175	13.3	136	16.3
30-34	95,118	13.2	107	12.8
25-29	51,529	7.1	66	7.9
20-24	75,037	10.4	42	5.0
TOTAL	723,084		835	
Mean Score	41.1		41.0	
STD. DEV.	11.7		9.8	

MALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	3,629	0.5	1	0.1
70-74	7,846	1.1	2	0.2
65-69	25,148	3.5	9	1.1
60-64	51,844	7.2	19	2.3
55-59	55,054	7.6	35	4.2
50-54	107,032	14.8	87	10.4
45-49	97,792	13.5	128	15.3
40-44	125,624	17.4	192	23.0
35-39	107,121	14.8	158	18.9
30-34	74,744	10.3	125	15.0
25-29	38,046	5.3	48	5.7
20-24	29,204	4.0	31	3.7
TOTAL	723,084		835	
Mean Score	44.9		41.5	
STD. DEV.	11.6		9.4	

MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	920	0.1			1	0.1
70-74	3,017	0.4			4	0.5
65-69	8,036	1.1			6	0.7
60-64	19,019	2.6			17	2.0
55-59	35,310	4.9			39	4.7
50-54	73,108	10.1			78	9.3
45-49	81,633	11.3			91	10.9
40-44	120,422	16.7			180	21.6
35-39	141,337	19.5			178	21.3
30-34	141,087	19.5			136	16.3
25-29	40,988	5.7			48	5.7
20-24	58,207	8.0			57	6.8
TOTAL	723,084				835	
Mean Score	40.0				40.1	
STD. DEV.	10.6				9.9	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,529	0.2	1	0.1
70-74	5,362	0.7	1	0.1
65-69	12,012	1.5	9	0.9
60-64	29,752	3.8	17	1.6
55-59	49,292	6.3	46	4.4
50-54	108,284	13.8	112	10.8
45-49	127,835	16.3	182	17.6
40-44	143,021	18.2	258	24.9
35-39	105,510	13.4	212	20.5
30-34	95,207	12.1	119	11.5
25-29	46,655	5.9	46	4.4
20-24	60,842	7.7	33	3.2
TOTAL	785,301		1,036	
Mean Score	42.1		41.8	
STD. DEV.	11.1		8.8	

FEMALE - MATHEMATICS

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,551	0.2	0	0.0
70-74	3,950	0.5	0	0.0
65-69	15,378	2.0	5	0.5
60-64	39,292	5.0	14	1.4
55-59	49,277	6.3	26	2.5
50-54	109,882	14.0	71	6.9
45-49	110,931	14.1	120	11.6
40-44	152,037	19.4	245	23.6
35-39	134,353	17.1	268	25.9
30-34	93,496	11.9	176	17.0
25-29	44,010	5.6	69	6.7
20-24	31,144	4.0	42	4.1
TOTAL	785,301		1,036	
Mean Score	43.2		39.4	
STD. DEV.	10.6		8.3	

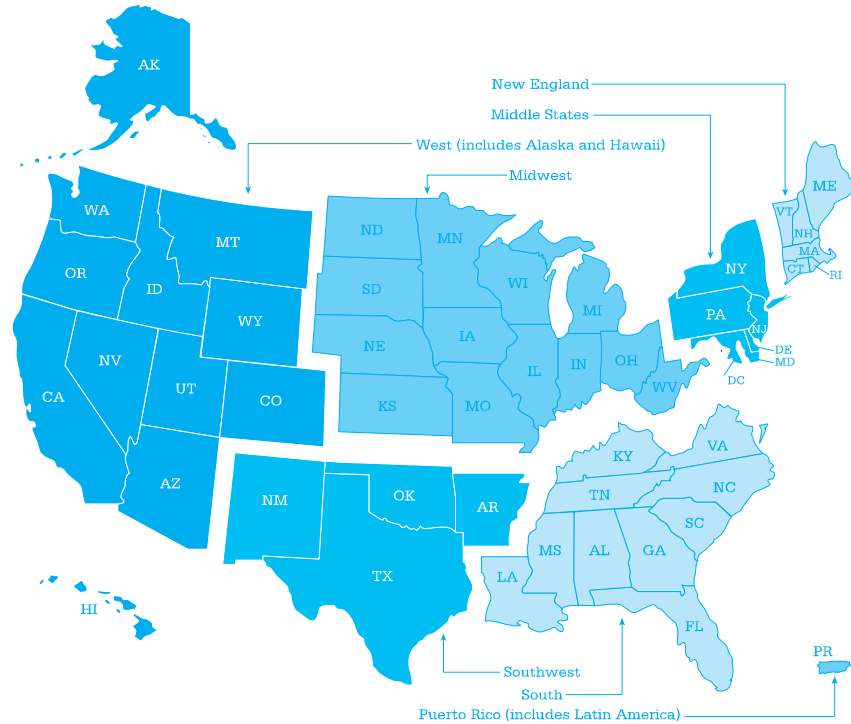
FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP		PUERTO RICO			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,423	0.2			0	0.0
70-74	4,469	0.6			8	0.8
65-69	11,545	1.5			2	0.2
60-64	26,143	3.3			26	2.5
55-59	48,160	6.1			40	3.9
50-54	94,596	12.0			118	11.4
45-49	102,443	13.0			163	15.7
40-44	145,443	18.5			231	22.3
35-39	153,018	19.5			225	21.7
30-34	125,725	16.0			133	12.8
25-29	30,860	3.9			36	3.5
20-24	41,476	5.3			54	5.2
TOTAL	785,301				1,036	
Mean Score	42.0				41.5	
STD. DEV.	10.5				9.3	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP						PUERTO RICO		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	1.1	1.1	1.1				0.6	0.5	0.6
Architecture	2.3	3.5	1.2				3.8	4.1	3.4
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1				0.0	0.0	0.0
Biological Sciences	4.4	3.8	4.8				8.7	5.0	11.4
Business Management	7.5	9.6	5.7				6.7	6.7	6.9
Communication & Journalism	2.5	1.7	3.2				3.5	1.6	5.0
Computer/Information Science	1.2	2.2	0.3				0.5	1.2	0.0
Education	3.6	1.1	5.8				0.7	0.3	1.0
Engineering	8.1	15.2	1.9				11.1	21.2	3.3
Engineering Technologies	2.9	5.4	0.6				2.4	4.7	0.4
English Language & Literature	1.2	0.6	1.7				0.7	0.4	0.9
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.5	0.3	0.6				0.3	0.3	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.6	0.5	0.8				0.8	0.4	1.1
Health Professions/Sciences	18.0	10.0	25.1				19.1	16.6	21.0
History	0.9	1.3	0.5				0.4	0.5	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	3.2	2.8	3.6				5.1	4.9	5.4
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.2	0.3				0.4	0.1	0.6
Mathematics & Statistics	0.8	1.1	0.6				0.3	0.3	0.3
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.2	0.2	0.2				0.3	0.4	0.3
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3				0.2	0.3	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.2	2.3	0.3				0.3	0.7	0.0
Personal & Culinary Services	0.6	0.5	0.6				0.7	0.8	0.6
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.4	0.3				0.1	0.3	0.0
Physical Sciences	1.1	1.5	0.8				1.0	0.9	1.1
Psychology	3.3	1.5	5.0				2.8	1.7	3.6
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6				0.2	0.3	0.1
Security/Protective Services	3.2	3.4	3.0				1.4	1.1	1.7
Social Sciences	1.0	1.0	1.1				1.0	0.9	1.0
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1				0.0	0.0	0.0
Visual & Performing Arts	10.8	7.7	13.4				8.7	6.2	10.8
Other	4.2	4.6	3.8				3.6	4.3	3.0
Undecided	14.0	15.5	12.7				14.5	13.6	15.3
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,304,375						1,734		

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