

# PSAT/NMSQT®

2007-2008 COLLEGE-BOUND  
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

## SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## RHODE ISLAND

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	724,219	46.2	58,950	48.0	5,459	49.2
Female	842,844	53.8	63,760	52.0	5,634	50.8
No Response	3,507		373		32	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,570,570</b>		<b>123,083</b>		<b>11,125</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	10,992	0.7	663	0.6	93	0.9
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	118,985	7.8	5,798	4.9	342	3.3
Black or African American	192,103	12.6	7,700	6.5	595	5.7
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	219,187	14.3	9,079	7.6	1,299	12.5
White	932,241	61.0	92,032	77.4	7,780	74.7
Other	54,008	3.5	3,606	3.0	307	2.9
No Response	43,054		4,205		709	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,426,279	90.8	107,415	87.3	9,421	84.7
No	144,291	9.2	15,668	12.7	1,704	15.3

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	60,063	4.0	1,831	1.6	144	1.4
A (93-96)	276,706	18.6	12,148	10.5	862	8.4
A- (90-92)	290,482	19.6	21,586	18.7	1,591	15.4
B+ (87-89)	266,031	17.9	24,827	21.5	2,012	19.5
B (83-86)	266,390	17.9	25,501	22.1	2,314	22.5
B- (80-82)	135,942	9.2	13,229	11.5	1,366	13.3
C+ (77-79)	98,834	6.7	8,664	7.5	1,044	10.1
C (73-76)	61,042	4.1	5,067	4.4	630	6.1
C- (70-72)	19,184	1.3	1,610	1.4	219	2.1
D+ (67-69)	5,966	0.4	430	0.4	63	0.6
D (65-66)	3,324	0.2	271	0.2	43	0.4
E or F (Below 65)	1,306	0.1	137	0.1	17	0.2
No Response	85,300		7,782		820	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2008	12,007	0.8	531	0.4	118	1.1
2009	1,519,344	97.7	119,247	97.9	10,433	96.4
2010	13,611	0.9	993	0.8	124	1.1
After 2010	3,162	0.2	271	0.2	37	0.3
Not Planning College	6,224	0.4	810	0.7	110	1.0
No Response	16,222		1,231		303	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	12,757	0.8	1,361	1.1	43	0.4
70-74	29,588	1.9	2,439	2.0	143	1.3
65-69	62,395	4.0	5,618	4.6	329	3.0
60-64	97,365	6.2	8,701	7.1	491	4.4
55-59	167,840	10.7	13,488	11.0	904	8.1
50-54	264,491	16.8	20,218	16.4	1,570	14.1
45-49	273,707	17.4	22,000	17.9	1,661	14.9
40-44	244,484	15.6	18,414	15.0	1,799	16.2
35-39	197,271	12.6	14,478	11.8	1,598	14.4
30-34	114,398	7.3	8,361	6.8	1,167	10.5
25-29	67,190	4.3	4,913	4.0	854	7.7
20-24	38,861	2.5	3,064	2.5	563	5.1
TOTAL	1,570,347		123,055		11,122	
Mean Score	46.7		47.4		43.6	
STD. DEV.	11.2		11.5		11.6	

**MATH**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	20,911	1.3	1,560	1.3	60	0.5
70-74	32,432	2.1	2,530	2.1	130	1.2
65-69	88,249	5.6	7,096	5.8	365	3.3
60-64	146,075	9.3	11,695	9.5	599	5.4
55-59	201,747	12.9	16,455	13.4	1,048	9.4
50-54	233,691	14.9	19,061	15.5	1,379	12.4
45-49	236,634	15.1	18,509	15.0	1,570	14.1
40-44	247,892	15.8	18,843	15.3	1,920	17.3
35-39	157,824	10.1	11,671	9.5	1,406	12.7
30-34	129,106	8.2	9,568	7.8	1,523	13.7
25-29	38,879	2.5	3,129	2.5	530	4.8
20-24	36,495	2.3	2,891	2.4	575	5.2
TOTAL	1,569,935		123,008		11,105	
Mean Score	48.2		48.5		43.9	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.7		11.7	

**WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,721	0.9	1,327	1.1	58	0.5
70-74	18,962	1.2	1,666	1.4	93	0.8
65-69	54,724	3.5	5,202	4.2	245	2.2
60-64	109,266	7.0	8,959	7.3	632	5.7
55-59	140,554	9.0	11,418	9.3	729	6.6
50-54	227,006	14.5	16,752	13.7	1,273	11.5
45-49	273,461	17.5	21,224	17.3	1,737	15.7
40-44	269,325	17.2	21,076	17.2	1,840	16.7
35-39	229,273	14.6	17,393	14.2	1,780	16.1
30-34	127,297	8.1	9,355	7.6	1,221	11.1
25-29	59,364	3.8	4,655	3.8	742	6.7
20-24	42,094	2.7	3,588	2.9	684	6.2
TOTAL	1,566,047		122,615		11,034	
Mean Score	45.9		46.3		42.7	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.5		11.7	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,399	0.9	692	1.2	19	0.3
70-74	14,948	2.1	1,222	2.1	63	1.2
65-69	30,707	4.2	2,720	4.6	170	3.1
60-64	46,206	6.4	4,071	6.9	222	4.1
55-59	76,604	10.6	6,245	10.6	422	7.7
50-54	115,282	15.9	9,145	15.5	701	12.8
45-49	117,189	16.2	9,880	16.8	715	13.1
40-44	108,067	14.9	8,693	14.8	850	15.6
35-39	92,519	12.8	7,211	12.2	814	14.9
30-34	57,960	8.0	4,415	7.5	648	11.9
25-29	36,483	5.0	2,797	4.7	464	8.5
20-24	21,715	3.0	1,843	3.1	369	6.8
TOTAL	724,079		58,934		5,457	
Mean Score	46.5		46.9		42.6	
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.9		11.9	

**MALE - MATH**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	14,639	2.0	1,100	1.9	44	0.8
70-74	20,994	2.9	1,637	2.8	82	1.5
65-69	52,221	7.2	4,207	7.1	213	3.9
60-64	78,506	10.8	6,377	10.8	329	6.0
55-59	100,430	13.9	8,341	14.2	575	10.6
50-54	107,185	14.8	9,039	15.3	653	12.0
45-49	101,102	14.0	8,381	14.2	756	13.9
40-44	100,091	13.8	8,072	13.7	885	16.2
35-39	62,610	8.6	4,919	8.4	659	12.1
30-34	53,168	7.3	4,172	7.1	735	13.5
25-29	16,565	2.3	1,318	2.2	243	4.5
20-24	16,319	2.3	1,338	2.3	274	5.0
TOTAL	723,830		58,901		5,448	
Mean Score	49.7		49.7		44.6	
STD. DEV.	12.1		12.0		12.1	

**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,069	0.8	529	0.9	23	0.4
70-74	7,841	1.1	686	1.2	27	0.5
65-69	23,380	3.2	2,211	3.8	90	1.7
60-64	47,059	6.5	3,858	6.6	275	5.1
55-59	61,151	8.5	5,091	8.7	303	5.6
50-54	99,289	13.8	7,560	12.9	582	10.8
45-49	121,686	16.9	9,840	16.8	774	14.3
40-44	122,059	16.9	10,061	17.1	858	15.9
35-39	108,291	15.0	8,737	14.9	898	16.6
30-34	64,948	9.0	4,971	8.5	651	12.1
25-29	33,476	4.6	2,810	4.8	456	8.4
20-24	26,155	3.6	2,313	3.9	462	8.6
TOTAL	721,404		58,667		5,399	
Mean Score	45.1		45.2		41.2	
STD. DEV.	11.5		11.7		11.8	

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

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,348	0.8	665	1.0	24	0.4
70-74	14,602	1.7	1,205	1.9	79	1.4
65-69	31,615	3.8	2,880	4.5	159	2.8
60-64	51,024	6.1	4,593	7.2	268	4.8
55-59	91,002	10.8	7,202	11.3	479	8.5
50-54	148,812	17.7	11,025	17.3	868	15.4
45-49	156,030	18.5	12,070	18.9	940	16.7
40-44	135,858	16.1	9,670	15.2	946	16.8
35-39	104,204	12.4	7,226	11.3	782	13.9
30-34	55,983	6.6	3,917	6.1	514	9.1
25-29	30,376	3.6	2,093	3.3	386	6.9
20-24	16,912	2.0	1,203	1.9	188	3.3
TOTAL	842,766		63,749		5,633	
Mean Score	47.0		47.8		44.6	
STD. DEV.	10.8		11.0		11.1	

**FEMALE - MATH**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,251	0.7	454	0.7	16	0.3
70-74	11,398	1.4	876	1.4	48	0.9
65-69	35,898	4.3	2,855	4.5	151	2.7
60-64	67,392	8.0	5,290	8.3	269	4.8
55-59	101,046	12.0	8,072	12.7	470	8.4
50-54	126,096	15.0	9,975	15.7	724	12.9
45-49	135,073	16.0	10,089	15.8	808	14.4
40-44	147,243	17.5	10,720	16.8	1,034	18.4
35-39	94,750	11.2	6,710	10.5	740	13.2
30-34	75,385	8.9	5,358	8.4	784	13.9
25-29	22,112	2.6	1,801	2.8	286	5.1
20-24	19,961	2.4	1,536	2.4	296	5.3
TOTAL	842,605		63,736		5,626	
Mean Score	47.0		47.3		43.3	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.1		11.2	

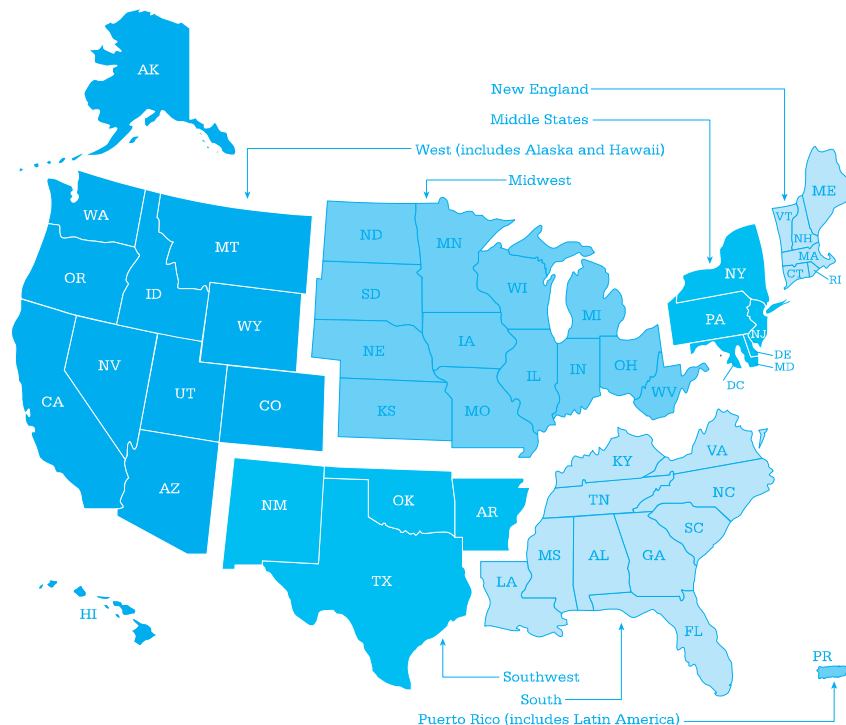
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		NEW ENGLAND		RHODE ISLAND	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	8,641	1.0	793	1.2	34	0.6
70-74	11,099	1.3	972	1.5	66	1.2
65-69	31,299	3.7	2,974	4.7	154	2.7
60-64	62,082	7.4	5,076	8.0	355	6.3
55-59	79,200	9.4	6,288	9.9	426	7.6
50-54	127,397	15.1	9,147	14.4	690	12.3
45-49	151,282	18.0	11,338	17.8	959	17.1
40-44	146,684	17.4	10,961	17.2	981	17.5
35-39	120,355	14.3	8,612	13.5	877	15.6
30-34	61,884	7.4	4,341	6.8	566	10.1
25-29	25,587	3.0	1,828	2.9	280	5.0
20-24	15,667	1.9	1,251	2.0	218	3.9
TOTAL	841,177		63,581		5,606	
Mean Score	46.6		47.3		44.2	
STD. DEV.	11.0		11.3		11.5	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP			NEW ENGLAND			RHODE ISLAND		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7
Architecture	2.2	3.4	1.2	2.1	3.1	1.1	2.3	3.9	0.9
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	4.1	3.7	4.5	4.2	3.7	4.7	3.7	3.5	4.0
Business Management	10.1	12.9	7.8	11.4	14.8	8.4	9.7	12.0	7.6
Communication & Journalism	3.2	2.2	4.0	3.4	2.7	4.0	3.0	2.5	3.4
Computer/Information Science	1.3	2.6	0.3	1.2	2.4	0.2	1.2	2.2	0.3
Education	4.7	1.7	7.3	4.7	1.5	7.6	5.6	2.0	8.7
Engineering	8.0	15.2	2.1	6.9	12.8	1.6	6.7	12.3	1.7
Engineering Technologies	2.0	3.9	0.5	1.7	3.3	0.3	2.5	4.7	0.5
English Language & Literature	1.2	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.0	2.1	1.4	0.9	1.8
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9
Foreign Languages	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.9
Health Professions/Sciences	19.1	10.9	25.9	14.6	7.3	21.0	15.8	7.9	22.7
History	1.1	1.6	0.6	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.5	2.3	0.7
Legal Professions & Studies	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.4
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5
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	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	0.9	1.6	0.3	1.1	2.0	0.3	1.1	2.1	0.2
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Physical Sciences	1.2	1.7	0.8	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.8
Psychology	3.9	1.9	5.6	4.0	1.7	6.1	3.9	1.6	6.0
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.6
Security/Protective Services	2.8	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.8	2.6	3.6	4.1	3.2
Social Sciences	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Visual & Performing Arts	9.5	7.4	11.3	9.3	7.2	11.1	10.1	8.1	12.0
Other	3.4	3.9	3.0	3.7	4.4	3.1	5.1	5.9	4.4
Undecided	11.3	12.5	10.2	14.5	15.7	13.4	12.7	14.4	11.2
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,442,346			110,167			9,280		

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