

# PSAT/NMSQT®

## 2006–2007 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	659,909	47.5	112,312	46.3	78,407	46.4
Female	730,012	52.5	130,035	53.7	90,480	53.6
No Response	3,880		661		495	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,393,801</b>		<b>243,008</b>		<b>169,382</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	9,712	0.7	1,939	0.8	1,017	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	98,557	7.4	38,774	16.9	28,343	17.9
Black or African American	231,784	17.4	16,785	7.3	13,077	8.3
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	246,879	18.5	73,481	32.1	62,727	39.6
White	697,814	52.3	86,343	37.7	44,794	28.3
Other	50,753	3.8	11,439	5.0	8,531	5.4
No Response	58,302		14,247		10,893	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,230,856	88.3	212,016	87.2	147,620	87.2
No	162,945	11.7	30,992	12.8	21,762	12.8

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	44,978	3.6	6,995	3.3	3,946	2.7
A (93-96)	218,617	17.4	39,563	18.5	23,688	16.1
A- (90-92)	216,489	17.2	37,273	17.4	24,191	16.5
B+ (87-89)	212,175	16.9	31,750	14.8	22,052	15.0
B (83-86)	219,916	17.5	36,120	16.9	25,658	17.5
B- (80-82)	121,194	9.6	17,931	8.4	12,884	8.8
C+ (77-79)	104,117	8.3	18,288	8.5	13,886	9.5
C (73-76)	72,728	5.8	15,679	7.3	12,151	8.3
C- (70-72)	26,362	2.1	5,159	2.4	4,004	2.7
D+ (67-69)	10,402	0.8	2,278	1.1	1,822	1.2
D (65-66)	7,170	0.6	1,968	0.9	1,597	1.1
E or F (Below 65)	3,327	0.3	943	0.4	804	0.5
No Response	136,326		29,061		22,699	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2007	2,859	0.2	336	0.1	255	0.2
2008	41,505	3.1	4,597	2.0	3,486	2.1
2009	1,255,585	92.6	218,488	93.1	151,328	92.8
After 2009	45,030	3.3	9,572	4.1	6,828	4.2
Not Planning College	10,838	0.8	1,630	0.7	1,112	0.7
No Response	37,984		8,385		6,373	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,122	0.3	934	0.4	587	0.3
70-74	9,818	0.7	1,764	0.7	1,059	0.6
65-69	31,382	2.3	5,472	2.3	3,303	2.0
60-64	59,601	4.3	10,136	4.2	6,286	3.7
55-59	103,172	7.4	17,844	7.3	11,105	6.6
50-54	152,823	11.0	25,451	10.5	16,206	9.6
45-49	208,884	15.0	34,828	14.3	22,796	13.5
40-44	240,925	17.3	39,209	16.1	26,923	15.9
35-39	255,883	18.4	43,577	17.9	31,377	18.5
30-34	181,797	13.0	34,357	14.1	26,297	15.5
25-29	78,742	5.7	15,862	6.5	12,461	7.4
20-24	66,339	4.8	13,516	5.6	10,948	6.5
TOTAL	1,393,488		242,950		169,348	
Mean Score	42.6		42.1		41.2	
STD. DEV.	11.1		11.5		11.4	

**MATH**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,380	0.5	1,297	0.5	930	0.5
70-74	10,558	0.8	2,297	0.9	1,597	0.9
65-69	32,224	2.3	6,122	2.5	4,091	2.4
60-64	74,863	5.4	14,897	6.1	9,820	5.8
55-59	113,531	8.2	19,752	8.1	12,439	7.3
50-54	160,564	11.5	27,306	11.2	17,453	10.3
45-49	225,871	16.2	35,687	14.7	23,361	13.8
40-44	242,937	17.4	39,395	16.2	26,961	15.9
35-39	200,972	14.4	34,856	14.4	25,290	14.9
30-34	175,616	12.6	32,346	13.3	24,534	14.5
25-29	103,136	7.4	19,558	8.1	15,249	9.0
20-24	46,003	3.3	9,336	3.8	7,517	4.4
TOTAL	1,392,655		242,849		169,242	
Mean Score	43.5		43.4		42.6	
STD. DEV.	11.3		11.8		11.9	

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**WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,560	0.2	423	0.2	297	0.2
70-74	4,547	0.3	986	0.4	661	0.4
65-69	25,179	1.8	4,639	1.9	3,031	1.8
60-64	33,789	2.4	5,969	2.5	3,969	2.4
55-59	85,050	6.1	14,646	6.1	9,429	5.6
50-54	136,996	9.9	24,148	10.0	15,710	9.4
45-49	210,556	15.2	35,054	14.5	23,024	13.7
40-44	225,975	16.3	36,613	15.2	24,604	14.7
35-39	235,084	17.0	39,984	16.6	27,676	16.5
30-34	207,886	15.0	36,132	15.0	26,595	15.8
25-29	125,422	9.1	23,600	9.8	18,029	10.7
20-24	92,336	6.7	19,153	7.9	14,877	8.9
TOTAL	1,385,380		241,347		167,902	
Mean Score	40.8		40.5		39.8	
STD. DEV.	11.0		11.3		11.4	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,010	0.3	440	0.4	278	0.4
70-74	4,840	0.7	861	0.8	514	0.7
65-69	15,022	2.3	2,510	2.2	1,512	1.9
60-64	28,082	4.3	4,657	4.1	2,896	3.7
55-59	47,210	7.2	7,886	7.0	4,887	6.2
50-54	68,502	10.4	11,134	9.9	7,137	9.1
45-49	93,796	14.2	15,107	13.5	9,841	12.6
40-44	109,432	16.6	17,406	15.5	11,876	15.2
35-39	120,443	18.3	20,018	17.8	14,359	18.3
30-34	91,023	13.8	16,660	14.8	12,697	16.2
25-29	42,167	6.4	8,186	7.3	6,401	8.2
20-24	37,182	5.6	7,404	6.6	5,981	7.6
TOTAL	659,709		112,269		78,379	
Mean Score	42.1		41.6		40.6	
STD. DEV.	11.4		11.7		11.7	

**MALE - MATH**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,507	0.7	936	0.8	644	0.8
70-74	7,067	1.1	1,496	1.3	1,018	1.3
65-69	20,118	3.1	3,685	3.3	2,469	3.2
60-64	42,148	6.4	7,997	7.1	5,214	6.7
55-59	58,055	8.8	9,725	8.7	6,121	7.8
50-54	76,079	11.5	12,437	11.1	7,956	10.2
45-49	102,732	15.6	15,808	14.1	10,438	13.3
40-44	106,625	16.2	16,920	15.1	11,559	14.8
35-39	88,382	13.4	14,817	13.2	10,801	13.8
30-34	80,651	12.2	14,555	13.0	11,080	14.1
25-29	49,694	7.5	9,199	8.2	7,244	9.2
20-24	23,117	3.5	4,639	4.1	3,777	4.8
TOTAL	659,175		112,214		78,321	
Mean Score	44.1		44.0		43.2	
STD. DEV.	11.9		12.4		12.5	

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**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	928	0.1	136	0.1	99	0.1
70-74	1,748	0.3	408	0.4	267	0.3
65-69	9,859	1.5	1,744	1.6	1,167	1.5
60-64	13,608	2.1	2,287	2.1	1,521	2.0
55-59	35,428	5.4	5,876	5.3	3,758	4.8
50-54	58,916	9.0	10,072	9.0	6,559	8.5
45-49	93,773	14.3	15,137	13.6	9,833	12.7
40-44	103,120	15.8	16,297	14.6	10,884	14.0
35-39	111,610	17.0	18,603	16.7	12,760	16.5
30-34	105,728	16.1	18,008	16.2	13,181	17.0
25-29	68,152	10.4	12,493	11.2	9,548	12.3
20-24	51,802	7.9	10,296	9.2	7,979	10.3
TOTAL	654,672		111,357		77,556	
Mean Score	39.8		39.4		38.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		11.3	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,110	0.3	494	0.4	309	0.3
70-74	4,964	0.7	900	0.7	542	0.6
65-69	16,322	2.2	2,954	2.3	1,787	2.0
60-64	31,449	4.3	5,468	4.2	3,381	3.7
55-59	55,839	7.7	9,934	7.6	6,203	6.9
50-54	84,095	11.5	14,274	11.0	9,037	10.0
45-49	114,707	15.7	19,664	15.1	12,915	14.3
40-44	130,987	17.9	21,728	16.7	14,991	16.6
35-39	134,640	18.4	23,437	18.0	16,937	18.7
30-34	89,974	12.3	17,571	13.5	13,497	14.9
25-29	36,156	5.0	7,591	5.8	5,991	6.6
20-24	28,660	3.9	6,006	4.6	4,884	5.4
TOTAL	729,903		130,021		90,474	
Mean Score	43.1		42.6		41.7	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.2		11.2	

**FEMALE - MATH**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,863	0.3	360	0.3	286	0.3
70-74	3,484	0.5	799	0.6	577	0.6
65-69	12,063	1.7	2,426	1.9	1,614	1.8
60-64	32,628	4.5	6,885	5.3	4,593	5.1
55-59	55,319	7.6	9,999	7.7	6,303	7.0
50-54	84,243	11.5	14,829	11.4	9,469	10.5
45-49	122,740	16.8	19,815	15.2	12,876	14.2
40-44	135,763	18.6	22,399	17.2	15,341	17.0
35-39	111,931	15.3	19,928	15.3	14,415	15.9
30-34	94,221	12.9	17,660	13.6	13,348	14.8
25-29	52,835	7.2	10,243	7.9	7,911	8.7
20-24	22,523	3.1	4,632	3.6	3,694	4.1
TOTAL	729,613		129,975		90,427	
Mean Score	42.9		42.8		42.1	
STD. DEV.	10.7		11.1		11.3	

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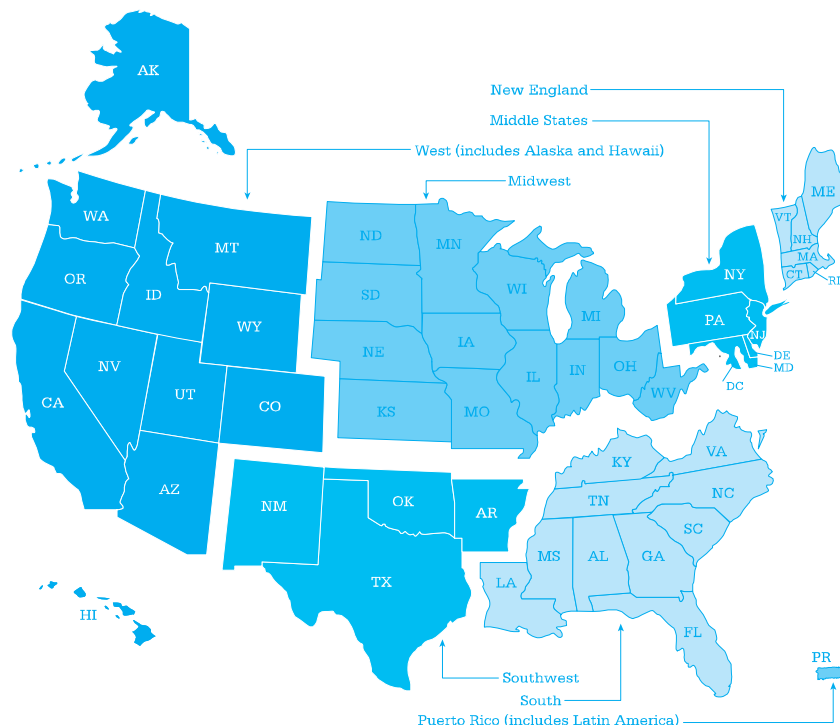
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>WEST</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,631	0.2	287	0.2	198	0.2
70-74	2,794	0.4	576	0.4	392	0.4
65-69	15,298	2.1	2,892	2.2	1,863	2.1
60-64	20,147	2.8	3,675	2.8	2,441	2.7
55-59	49,527	6.8	8,752	6.8	5,661	6.3
50-54	77,900	10.7	14,042	10.9	9,128	10.2
45-49	116,453	16.0	19,862	15.4	13,153	14.6
40-44	122,432	16.8	20,240	15.6	13,660	15.2
35-39	122,820	16.9	21,291	16.5	14,853	16.5
30-34	101,327	13.9	18,014	13.9	13,330	14.8
25-29	56,610	7.8	10,972	8.5	8,376	9.3
20-24	39,980	5.5	8,744	6.8	6,812	7.6
TOTAL	726,919		129,347		89,867	
Mean Score	41.8		41.4		40.8	
STD. DEV.	10.9		11.3		11.4	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS			WEST			CALIFORNIA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8
Architecture	2.5	3.9	1.4	2.8	4.1	1.7	2.7	4.1	1.6
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Biological Sciences	4.0	3.6	4.4	4.9	4.3	5.3	4.9	4.4	5.3
Business Management	7.9	10.1	6.1	7.4	9.0	6.1	7.5	9.1	6.2
Communication & Journalism	2.8	1.9	3.5	2.5	1.5	3.4	2.4	1.4	3.3
Computer/Information Science	1.3	2.4	0.4	1.2	2.4	0.3	1.2	2.2	0.3
Education	3.9	1.1	6.2	3.1	1.0	4.8	3.1	1.0	4.8
Engineering	7.7	14.7	1.7	7.3	14.1	1.9	7.0	13.5	1.7
Engineering Technologies	3.1	6.0	0.7	3.0	5.9	0.7	3.1	6.1	0.7
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.6	1.4	1.2	0.7	1.7	1.2	0.7	1.5
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Foreign Languages	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.9
Health Professions/Sciences	17.4	9.3	24.4	15.9	9.2	21.4	15.6	8.8	21.0
History	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.5
Legal Professions & Studies	3.6	3.0	4.1	3.2	2.6	3.7	3.3	2.6	3.8
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Mathematics & Statistics	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Natural Resources	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.3	2.3	0.4	1.0	1.8	0.3	1.0	1.8	0.3
Personal & Culinary Services	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Physical Sciences	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.4	1.9	0.9	1.3	1.8	0.8
Psychology	3.3	1.5	4.9	3.6	1.7	5.1	3.8	1.8	5.4
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.8
Security/Protective Services	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.9	3.1	2.8
Social Sciences	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	10.9	7.6	13.7	11.3	8.0	13.9	11.5	8.3	14.0
Other	4.4	4.8	3.9	4.5	4.9	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.2
Undecided	13.6	15.1	12.3	16.1	17.3	15.1	16.5	17.8	15.5
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,198,250			202,156			139,010		

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