

PSAT/NMSQT®

2006–2007 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES SUMMARY REPORT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

SOUTH CAROLINA

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

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	659,909	47.5	216,180	48.2	15,491	47.6
Female	730,012	52.5	232,383	51.8	17,082	52.4
No Response	3,880		1,304		72	
Total	1,393,801		449,867		32,645	

TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	9,712	0.7	2,427	0.6	200	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	98,557	7.4	16,030	3.7	549	1.7
Black or African American	231,784	17.4	112,564	25.9	10,288	32.2
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	246,879	18.5	56,245	12.9	1,067	3.3
White	697,814	52.3	232,768	53.5	19,071	59.7
Other	50,753	3.8	15,331	3.5	765	2.4
No Response	58,302		14,502		705	

TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,230,856	88.3	399,995	88.9	29,285	89.7
No	162,945	11.7	49,872	11.1	3,360	10.3

TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	44,978	3.6	14,602	3.6	911	3.0
A (93-96)	218,617	17.4	65,002	16.0	4,688	15.3
A- (90-92)	216,489	17.2	62,052	15.3	4,920	16.1
B+ (87-89)	212,175	16.9	69,057	17.0	5,500	18.0
B (83-86)	219,916	17.5	75,410	18.5	5,386	17.6
B- (80-82)	121,194	9.6	42,329	10.4	3,487	11.4
C+ (77-79)	104,117	8.3	38,161	9.4	3,006	9.8
C (73-76)	72,728	5.8	26,138	6.4	1,625	5.3
C- (70-72)	26,362	2.1	8,523	2.1	667	2.2
D+ (67-69)	10,402	0.8	2,776	0.7	197	0.6
D (65-66)	7,170	0.6	1,778	0.4	128	0.4
E or F (Below 65)	3,327	0.3	829	0.2	45	0.1
No Response	136,326		43,210		2,085	

TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2007	2,859	0.2	1,071	0.2	74	0.2
2008	41,505	3.1	15,768	3.6	1,578	4.9
2009	1,255,585	92.6	403,022	91.9	29,276	91.0
After 2009	45,030	3.3	14,551	3.3	921	2.9
Not Planning College	10,838	0.8	4,240	1.0	330	1.0
No Response	37,984		11,215		466	

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TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,122	0.3	814	0.2	53	0.2
70-74	9,818	0.7	2,506	0.6	140	0.4
65-69	31,382	2.3	8,491	1.9	474	1.5
60-64	59,601	4.3	16,693	3.7	970	3.0
55-59	103,172	7.4	28,700	6.4	1,793	5.5
50-54	152,823	11.0	44,815	10.0	3,058	9.4
45-49	208,884	15.0	63,605	14.1	4,549	13.9
40-44	240,925	17.3	80,273	17.8	6,088	18.7
35-39	255,883	18.4	89,327	19.9	7,148	21.9
30-34	181,797	13.0	62,899	14.0	4,902	15.0
25-29	78,742	5.7	27,734	6.2	1,956	6.0
20-24	66,339	4.8	23,937	5.3	1,508	4.6
TOTAL	1,393,488		449,794		32,639	
Mean Score	42.6		41.6		41.1	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.9		10.3	

MATH

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,380	0.5	1,266	0.3	60	0.2
70-74	10,558	0.8	2,218	0.5	93	0.3
65-69	32,224	2.3	8,080	1.8	461	1.4
60-64	74,863	5.4	18,325	4.1	1,206	3.7
55-59	113,531	8.2	31,899	7.1	2,403	7.4
50-54	160,564	11.5	46,817	10.4	3,529	10.8
45-49	225,871	16.2	73,949	16.5	5,509	16.9
40-44	242,937	17.4	82,998	18.5	6,365	19.5
35-39	200,972	14.4	68,968	15.3	5,176	15.9
30-34	175,616	12.6	62,221	13.8	4,409	13.5
25-29	103,136	7.4	36,397	8.1	2,439	7.5
20-24	46,003	3.3	16,238	3.6	976	3.0
TOTAL	1,392,655		449,376		32,626	
Mean Score	43.5		42.3		42.4	
STD. DEV.	11.3		10.9		10.4	

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WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,560	0.2	699	0.2	60	0.2
70-74	4,547	0.3	898	0.2	53	0.2
65-69	25,179	1.8	6,314	1.4	360	1.1
60-64	33,789	2.4	8,937	2.0	589	1.8
55-59	85,050	6.1	23,622	5.3	1,590	4.9
50-54	136,996	9.9	37,578	8.4	2,449	7.5
45-49	210,556	15.2	62,999	14.1	4,374	13.4
40-44	225,975	16.3	73,752	16.5	5,528	17.0
35-39	235,084	17.0	79,812	17.9	6,126	18.8
30-34	207,886	15.0	74,776	16.7	5,870	18.0
25-29	125,422	9.1	44,718	10.0	3,255	10.0
20-24	92,336	6.7	32,942	7.4	2,273	7.0
TOTAL	1,385,380		447,047		32,527	
Mean Score	40.8		39.7		39.3	
STD. DEV.	11.0		10.7		10.4	

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

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,010	0.3	387	0.2	20	0.1
70-74	4,840	0.7	1,206	0.6	70	0.5
65-69	15,022	2.3	4,060	1.9	231	1.5
60-64	28,082	4.3	7,864	3.6	471	3.0
55-59	47,210	7.2	13,148	6.1	810	5.2
50-54	68,502	10.4	20,253	9.4	1,403	9.1
45-49	93,796	14.2	28,597	13.2	2,068	13.4
40-44	109,432	16.6	36,822	17.0	2,767	17.9
35-39	120,443	18.3	42,517	19.7	3,327	21.5
30-34	91,023	13.8	32,281	14.9	2,443	15.8
25-29	42,167	6.4	15,207	7.0	1,034	6.7
20-24	37,182	5.6	13,792	6.4	842	5.4
TOTAL	659,709		216,134		15,486	
Mean Score	42.1		41.0		40.7	
STD. DEV.	11.4		11.1		10.5	

MALE - MATH

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,507	0.7	910	0.4	46	0.3
70-74	7,067	1.1	1,519	0.7	61	0.4
65-69	20,118	3.1	5,098	2.4	290	1.9
60-64	42,148	6.4	10,503	4.9	716	4.6
55-59	58,055	8.8	16,716	7.7	1,237	8.0
50-54	76,079	11.5	22,920	10.6	1,735	11.2
45-49	102,732	15.6	34,316	15.9	2,553	16.5
40-44	106,625	16.2	37,164	17.2	2,885	18.6
35-39	88,382	13.4	31,144	14.4	2,299	14.9
30-34	80,651	12.2	29,315	13.6	2,038	13.2
25-29	49,694	7.5	17,908	8.3	1,161	7.5
20-24	23,117	3.5	8,334	3.9	457	3.0
TOTAL	659,175		215,847		15,478	
Mean Score	44.1		42.8		43.0	
STD. DEV.	11.9		11.4		10.8	

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MALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	928	0.1	254	0.1	20	0.1
70-74	1,748	0.3	318	0.1	28	0.2
65-69	9,859	1.5	2,497	1.2	140	0.9
60-64	13,608	2.1	3,662	1.7	225	1.5
55-59	35,428	5.4	9,943	4.6	679	4.4
50-54	58,916	9.0	16,224	7.6	1,020	6.6
45-49	93,773	14.3	27,987	13.1	1,991	12.9
40-44	103,120	15.8	33,505	15.6	2,480	16.1
35-39	111,610	17.0	37,925	17.7	2,892	18.8
30-34	105,728	16.1	38,505	18.0	2,932	19.0
25-29	68,152	10.4	24,694	11.5	1,716	11.1
20-24	51,802	7.9	18,834	8.8	1,292	8.4
TOTAL	654,672		214,348		15,415	
Mean Score	39.8		38.7		38.5	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		10.3	

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

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,110	0.3	427	0.2	33	0.2
70-74	4,964	0.7	1,295	0.6	70	0.4
65-69	16,322	2.2	4,422	1.9	243	1.4
60-64	31,449	4.3	8,812	3.8	496	2.9
55-59	55,839	7.7	15,518	6.7	981	5.7
50-54	84,095	11.5	24,483	10.5	1,650	9.7
45-49	114,707	15.7	34,887	15.0	2,474	14.5
40-44	130,987	17.9	43,271	18.6	3,312	19.4
35-39	134,640	18.4	46,527	20.0	3,804	22.3
30-34	89,974	12.3	30,343	13.1	2,440	14.3
25-29	36,156	5.0	12,389	5.3	915	5.4
20-24	28,660	3.9	9,984	4.3	663	3.9
TOTAL	729,903		232,358		17,081	
Mean Score	43.1		42.2		41.5	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		10.1	

FEMALE - MATH

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,863	0.3	351	0.2	14	0.1
70-74	3,484	0.5	697	0.3	32	0.2
65-69	12,063	1.7	2,973	1.3	171	1.0
60-64	32,628	4.5	7,797	3.4	488	2.9
55-59	55,319	7.6	15,134	6.5	1,163	6.8
50-54	84,243	11.5	23,833	10.3	1,791	10.5
45-49	122,740	16.8	39,490	17.0	2,949	17.3
40-44	135,763	18.6	45,640	19.7	3,468	20.3
35-39	111,931	15.3	37,615	16.2	2,864	16.8
30-34	94,221	12.9	32,639	14.1	2,355	13.8
25-29	52,835	7.2	18,278	7.9	1,268	7.4
20-24	22,523	3.1	7,782	3.4	513	3.0
TOTAL	729,613		232,229		17,076	
Mean Score	42.9		41.9		41.9	
STD. DEV.	10.7		10.3		9.9	

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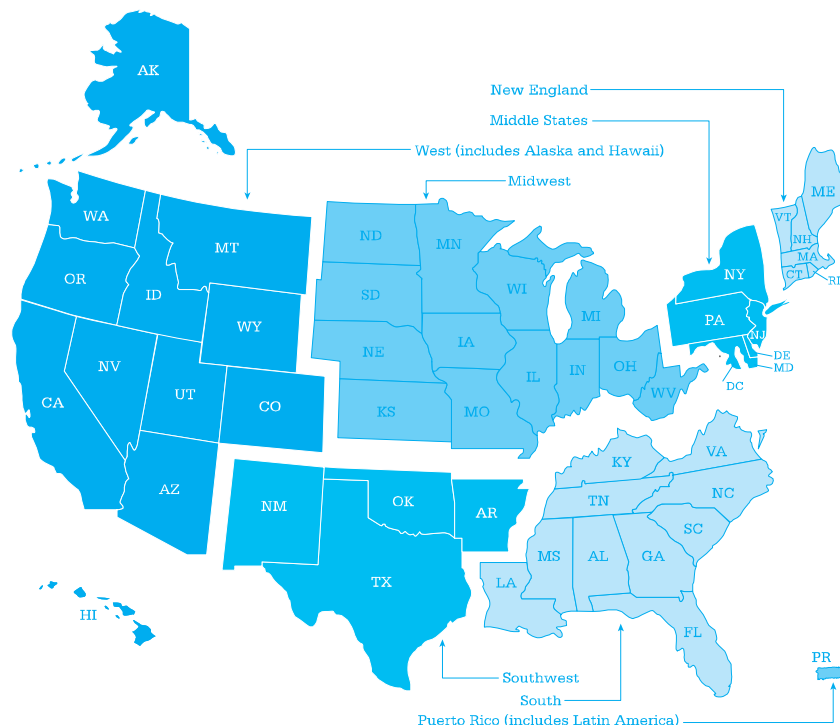
FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		SOUTH CAROLINA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,631	0.2	445	0.2	40	0.2
70-74	2,794	0.4	579	0.3	25	0.1
65-69	15,298	2.1	3,813	1.6	220	1.3
60-64	20,147	2.8	5,265	2.3	363	2.1
55-59	49,527	6.8	13,658	5.9	911	5.3
50-54	77,900	10.7	21,300	9.2	1,427	8.4
45-49	116,453	16.0	34,908	15.1	2,378	14.0
40-44	122,432	16.8	40,107	17.3	3,034	17.8
35-39	122,820	16.9	41,653	18.0	3,225	18.9
30-34	101,327	13.9	35,961	15.5	2,915	17.1
25-29	56,610	7.8	19,816	8.6	1,527	9.0
20-24	39,980	5.5	13,920	6.0	975	5.7
TOTAL	726,919		231,425		17,040	
Mean Score	41.8		40.7		40.2	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		10.4	

TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS			SOUTH			SOUTH CAROLINA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.4	2.0	0.9
Architecture	2.5	3.9	1.4	2.5	4.0	1.2	2.7	4.6	1.1
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Biological Sciences	4.0	3.6	4.4	3.6	3.2	4.0	3.0	2.8	3.1
Business Management	7.9	10.1	6.1	7.7	9.7	6.0	8.2	9.7	6.8
Communication & Journalism	2.8	1.9	3.5	2.5	1.7	3.3	2.4	1.7	3.0
Computer/Information Science	1.3	2.4	0.4	1.3	2.3	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.5
Education	3.9	1.1	6.2	3.7	0.9	6.2	4.7	1.2	7.7
Engineering	7.7	14.7	1.7	8.0	15.4	1.5	9.7	19.0	1.6
Engineering Technologies	3.1	6.0	0.7	3.5	6.6	0.7	3.5	6.4	0.9
English Language & Literature	1.1	0.6	1.4	0.9	0.5	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.0
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5
Foreign Languages	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.6
Health Professions/Sciences	17.4	9.3	24.4	19.0	9.5	27.4	20.8	8.7	31.4
History	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.3
Legal Professions & Studies	3.6	3.0	4.1	3.7	3.0	4.4	3.4	2.5	4.2
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Mathematics & Statistics	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.5
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Natural Resources	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.8	1.5	0.2
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.3	2.3	0.4	1.6	3.0	0.4	1.8	3.3	0.5
Personal & Culinary Services	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.8
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	1.1	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.6
Psychology	3.3	1.5	4.9	3.3	1.5	4.9	2.9	1.1	4.5
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.8
Security/Protective Services	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.1
Social Sciences	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Visual & Performing Arts	10.9	7.6	13.7	11.3	8.2	14.1	10.9	8.0	13.5
Other	4.4	4.8	3.9	4.8	5.4	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.2
Undecided	13.6	15.1	12.3	11.1	12.8	9.5	7.9	9.6	6.5
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,198,250			394,977			29,940		

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