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

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

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	659,909	47.5	216,180	48.2	31,560	49.0
Female	730,012	52.5	232,383	51.8	32,845	51.0
No Response	3,880		1,304		216	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,393,801</b>		<b>449,867</b>		<b>64,621</b>	

**TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	9,712	0.7	2,427	0.6	404	0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	98,557	7.4	16,030	3.7	4,601	7.4
Black or African American	231,784	17.4	112,564	25.9	13,892	22.3
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	246,879	18.5	56,245	12.9	4,665	7.5
White	697,814	52.3	232,768	53.5	35,703	57.3
Other	50,753	3.8	15,331	3.5	3,079	4.9
No Response	58,302		14,502		2,277	

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

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS		SOUTH		VIRGINIA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1,230,856	88.3	399,995	88.9	55,989	86.6
No	162,945	11.7	49,872	11.1	8,632	13.4

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
A+ (97-100)	44,978	3.6	14,602	3.6	1,912	3.3
A (93-96)	218,617	17.4	65,002	16.0	9,162	15.7
A- (90-92)	216,489	17.2	62,052	15.3	8,896	15.2
B+ (87-89)	212,175	16.9	69,057	17.0	10,177	17.4
B (83-86)	219,916	17.5	75,410	18.5	11,067	19.0
B- (80-82)	121,194	9.6	42,329	10.4	5,813	10.0
C+ (77-79)	104,117	8.3	38,161	9.4	5,688	9.7
C (73-76)	72,728	5.8	26,138	6.4	3,738	6.4
C- (70-72)	26,362	2.1	8,523	2.1	1,178	2.0
D+ (67-69)	10,402	0.8	2,776	0.7	430	0.7
D (65-66)	7,170	0.6	1,778	0.4	225	0.4
E or F (Below 65)	3,327	0.3	829	0.2	100	0.2
No Response	136,326		43,210		6,235	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2007	2,859	0.2	1,071	0.2	120	0.2
2008	41,505	3.1	15,768	3.6	1,729	2.7
2009	1,255,585	92.6	403,022	91.9	58,759	93.3
After 2009	45,030	3.3	14,551	3.3	1,750	2.8
Not Planning College	10,838	0.8	4,240	1.0	616	1.0
No Response	37,984		11,215		1,647	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,122	0.3	814	0.2	189	0.3
70-74	9,818	0.7	2,506	0.6	582	0.9
65-69	31,382	2.3	8,491	1.9	1,795	2.8
60-64	59,601	4.3	16,693	3.7	3,323	5.1
55-59	103,172	7.4	28,700	6.4	5,141	8.0
50-54	152,823	11.0	44,815	10.0	7,509	11.6
45-49	208,884	15.0	63,605	14.1	9,899	15.3
40-44	240,925	17.3	80,273	17.8	11,373	17.6
35-39	255,883	18.4	89,327	19.9	11,751	18.2
30-34	181,797	13.0	62,899	14.0	7,611	11.8
25-29	78,742	5.7	27,734	6.2	3,016	4.7
20-24	66,339	4.8	23,937	5.3	2,429	3.8
TOTAL	1,393,488		449,794		64,618	
Mean Score	42.6		41.6		43.6	
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.9		11.1	

**MATH**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	6,380	0.5	1,266	0.3	278	0.4
70-74	10,558	0.8	2,218	0.5	528	0.8
65-69	32,224	2.3	8,080	1.8	1,621	2.5
60-64	74,863	5.4	18,325	4.1	3,392	5.3
55-59	113,531	8.2	31,899	7.1	5,384	8.3
50-54	160,564	11.5	46,817	10.4	7,253	11.2
45-49	225,871	16.2	73,949	16.5	10,791	16.7
40-44	242,937	17.4	82,998	18.5	11,736	18.2
35-39	200,972	14.4	68,968	15.3	9,605	14.9
30-34	175,616	12.6	62,221	13.8	7,858	12.2
25-29	103,136	7.4	36,397	8.1	4,356	6.7
20-24	46,003	3.3	16,238	3.6	1,769	2.7
TOTAL	1,392,655		449,376		64,571	
Mean Score	43.5		42.3		43.8	
STD. DEV.	11.3		10.9		11.1	

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	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,560	0.2	699	0.2	132	0.2
70-74	4,547	0.3	898	0.2	177	0.3
65-69	25,179	1.8	6,314	1.4	1,293	2.0
60-64	33,789	2.4	8,937	2.0	1,665	2.6
55-59	85,050	6.1	23,622	5.3	4,343	6.8
50-54	136,996	9.9	37,578	8.4	6,777	10.5
45-49	210,556	15.2	62,999	14.1	10,221	15.9
40-44	225,975	16.3	73,752	16.5	11,129	17.3
35-39	235,084	17.0	79,812	17.9	10,876	16.9
30-34	207,886	15.0	74,776	16.7	9,077	14.1
25-29	125,422	9.1	44,718	10.0	5,153	8.0
20-24	92,336	6.7	32,942	7.4	3,483	5.4
TOTAL	1,385,380		447,047		64,326	
Mean Score	40.8		39.7		41.6	
STD. DEV.	11.0		10.7		10.8	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,010	0.3	387	0.2	92	0.3
70-74	4,840	0.7	1,206	0.6	265	0.8
65-69	15,022	2.3	4,060	1.9	849	2.7
60-64	28,082	4.3	7,864	3.6	1,612	5.1
55-59	47,210	7.2	13,148	6.1	2,426	7.7
50-54	68,502	10.4	20,253	9.4	3,413	10.8
45-49	93,796	14.2	28,597	13.2	4,552	14.4
40-44	109,432	16.6	36,822	17.0	5,422	17.2
35-39	120,443	18.3	42,517	19.7	5,689	18.0
30-34	91,023	13.8	32,281	14.9	4,011	12.7
25-29	42,167	6.4	15,207	7.0	1,763	5.6
20-24	37,182	5.6	13,792	6.4	1,465	4.6
TOTAL	659,709		216,134		31,559	
Mean Score	42.1		41.0		43.0	
STD. DEV.	11.4		11.1		11.4	

**MALE - MATH**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	4,507	0.7	910	0.4	196	0.6
70-74	7,067	1.1	1,519	0.7	354	1.1
65-69	20,118	3.1	5,098	2.4	1,026	3.3
60-64	42,148	6.4	10,503	4.9	1,999	6.3
55-59	58,055	8.8	16,716	7.7	2,772	8.8
50-54	76,079	11.5	22,920	10.6	3,619	11.5
45-49	102,732	15.6	34,316	15.9	5,030	16.0
40-44	106,625	16.2	37,164	17.2	5,288	16.8
35-39	88,382	13.4	31,144	14.4	4,352	13.8
30-34	80,651	12.2	29,315	13.6	3,764	11.9
25-29	49,694	7.5	17,908	8.3	2,172	6.9
20-24	23,117	3.5	8,334	3.9	952	3.0
TOTAL	659,175		215,847		31,524	
Mean Score	44.1		42.8		44.4	
STD. DEV.	11.9		11.4		11.7	

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**MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	928	0.1	254	0.1	51	0.2
70-74	1,748	0.3	318	0.1	49	0.2
65-69	9,859	1.5	2,497	1.2	512	1.6
60-64	13,608	2.1	3,662	1.7	649	2.1
55-59	35,428	5.4	9,943	4.6	1,869	6.0
50-54	58,916	9.0	16,224	7.6	3,002	9.6
45-49	93,773	14.3	27,987	13.1	4,644	14.8
40-44	103,120	15.8	33,505	15.6	5,288	16.9
35-39	111,610	17.0	37,925	17.7	5,374	17.1
30-34	105,728	16.1	38,505	18.0	4,840	15.4
25-29	68,152	10.4	24,694	11.5	2,988	9.5
20-24	51,802	7.9	18,834	8.8	2,098	6.7
TOTAL	654,672		214,348		31,364	
Mean Score	39.8		38.7		40.4	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		10.8	

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

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	2,110	0.3	427	0.2	97	0.3
70-74	4,964	0.7	1,295	0.6	317	1.0
65-69	16,322	2.2	4,422	1.9	945	2.9
60-64	31,449	4.3	8,812	3.8	1,707	5.2
55-59	55,839	7.7	15,518	6.7	2,706	8.2
50-54	84,095	11.5	24,483	10.5	4,082	12.4
45-49	114,707	15.7	34,887	15.0	5,330	16.2
40-44	130,987	17.9	43,271	18.6	5,913	18.0
35-39	134,640	18.4	46,527	20.0	6,023	18.3
30-34	89,974	12.3	30,343	13.1	3,555	10.8
25-29	36,156	5.0	12,389	5.3	1,225	3.7
20-24	28,660	3.9	9,984	4.3	943	2.9
TOTAL	729,903		232,358		32,843	
Mean Score	43.1		42.2		44.3	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.6		10.8	

**FEMALE - MATH**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,863	0.3	351	0.2	81	0.2
70-74	3,484	0.5	697	0.3	174	0.5
65-69	12,063	1.7	2,973	1.3	593	1.8
60-64	32,628	4.5	7,797	3.4	1,389	4.2
55-59	55,319	7.6	15,134	6.5	2,605	7.9
50-54	84,243	11.5	23,833	10.3	3,622	11.0
45-49	122,740	16.8	39,490	17.0	5,738	17.5
40-44	135,763	18.6	45,640	19.7	6,419	19.6
35-39	111,931	15.3	37,615	16.2	5,211	15.9
30-34	94,221	12.9	32,639	14.1	4,052	12.3
25-29	52,835	7.2	18,278	7.9	2,150	6.5
20-24	22,523	3.1	7,782	3.4	799	2.4
TOTAL	729,613		232,229		32,833	
Mean Score	42.9		41.9		43.2	
STD. DEV.	10.7		10.3		10.5	

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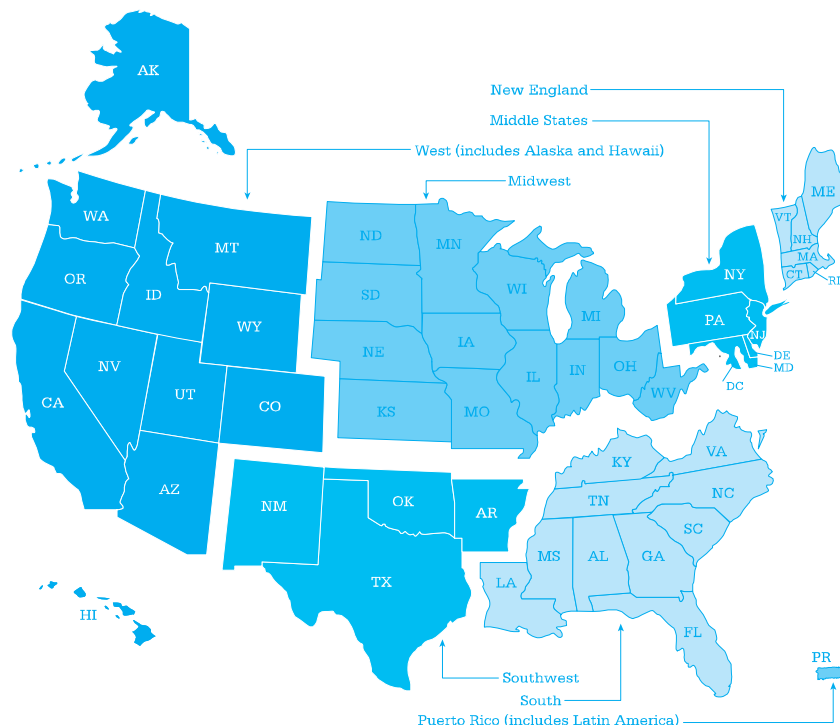
**FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	<b>TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
75-80	1,631	0.2	445	0.2	81	0.2
70-74	2,794	0.4	579	0.3	128	0.4
65-69	15,298	2.1	3,813	1.6	780	2.4
60-64	20,147	2.8	5,265	2.3	1,016	3.1
55-59	49,527	6.8	13,658	5.9	2,469	7.5
50-54	77,900	10.7	21,300	9.2	3,760	11.5
45-49	116,453	16.0	34,908	15.1	5,560	17.0
40-44	122,432	16.8	40,107	17.3	5,812	17.7
35-39	122,820	16.9	41,653	18.0	5,460	16.7
30-34	101,327	13.9	35,961	15.5	4,194	12.8
25-29	56,610	7.8	19,816	8.6	2,134	6.5
20-24	39,980	5.5	13,920	6.0	1,360	4.2
TOTAL	726,919		231,425		32,754	
Mean Score	41.8		40.7		42.8	
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		10.7	

**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR**

	TOTAL GROUP - ALL SCHOOLS			SOUTH			VIRGINIA		
	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %	Total %	Male %	Female %
Agriculture Sciences	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Architecture	2.5	3.9	1.4	2.5	4.0	1.2	2.6	3.9	1.4
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	3.6	3.2	4.0	4.2	3.5	4.8
Business Management	7.9	10.1	6.1	7.7	9.7	6.0	7.8	9.3	6.5
Communication & Journalism	2.8	1.9	3.5	2.5	1.7	3.3	2.6	1.9	3.3
Computer/Information Science	1.3	2.4	0.4	1.3	2.3	0.4	1.6	2.9	0.5
Education	3.9	1.1	6.2	3.7	0.9	6.2	3.4	0.9	5.7
Engineering	7.7	14.7	1.7	8.0	15.4	1.5	8.4	15.5	1.8
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	1.1	0.6	1.5
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6
Foreign Languages	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.2
Health Professions/Sciences	17.4	9.3	24.4	19.0	9.5	27.4	14.1	7.0	20.6
History	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.5	1.3	2.0	0.7
Legal Professions & Studies	3.6	3.0	4.1	3.7	3.0	4.4	3.4	2.7	4.1
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Mathematics & Statistics	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.1	0.6
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Natural Resources	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.3	2.3	0.4	1.6	3.0	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4
Personal & Culinary Services	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.7
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Physical Sciences	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.3	1.7	1.0
Psychology	3.3	1.5	4.9	3.3	1.5	4.9	3.5	1.5	5.2
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5
Security/Protective Services	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.0
Social Sciences	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.3
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	11.5	7.9	14.8
Other	4.4	4.8	3.9	4.8	5.4	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.1
Undecided	13.6	15.1	12.3	11.1	12.8	9.5	13.9	15.8	12.3
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,198,250			394,977			56,846		

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