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AMERICAN MENSA FACT SHEET

- Mensa is an international society in which the only qualification for membership is a score in the top two percent of the general population on an accepted, standardized intelligence test.
- There are two ways to qualify for Mensa. A person may give evidence of a score in the top two percent of the general population on one of the 200+ tests that Mensa accepts for membership. A person may also take the Mensa Admission Test. More information about prior evidence and testing may be found at us.mensa.org.
- More than five million Americans are eligible for membership in Mensa. One in fifty people qualifies for Mensa membership.
- As of March 31, 2004, American Mensa had 52,398 members.
- American Mensa has 136 local chapters. Each local chapter plans a wide variety of activities ranging from guest speakers to socials to game nights. Some local chapters meet on a monthly basis and others plan activities almost daily.
- American Mensa's youngest member is four years old; the oldest is 101.
- The general membership of American Mensa is 65 percent male and 35 percent female. The leadership of American Mensa is 50 percent male and 50 percent female.
- Mensa's constitution outlines the organization's three purposes. They are:
 - To identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity.
 - To encourage research into the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence.
 - To provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members.
- A few of American Mensa's most famous members are actress Geena Davis, actor Alan Rachins, boxer Bobby Czyz, and columnist Marilyn Vos Savant.
- The national office of American Mensa is in Arlington, Texas. The office may be contacted by calling (817) 607-0060, e-mailing americanmensa@mensa.org, or writing to 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, TX 76006.
- The word *mensa* has a triple meaning in Latin of "mind, table, month," which suggests a monthly meeting of great minds around a table.

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