

2012 Annual Statistical Report on the GED® Test



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Key Findings

The *2012 Annual Statistical Report on the GED® Test* is the 55th statistical report in the program's 70-year history of providing a second opportunity for adults without a high school credential to earn their jurisdiction's GED® test credential.¹ The report provides candidate demographic and GED® test performance statistics as well as historical data on the GED® testing program. GED Testing Service, with the cooperation of jurisdictions that administer the GED® test, is the sole source of worldwide data on the GED® testing program and GED® test candidates.²

In 2012, more than 702,000 adults worldwide took at least one of the five GED® content area tests, also known as subtests. The five subtests make up the GED® test battery and measure skills in writing, reading, social studies, science, and mathematics (see Table 1 on page 10). Approximately 607,000 people completed the GED® test battery. In recent years there has been a small decline in testing, and subsequently in the number of completers (see Table 24 on page 74). However, throughout the testing program's history there have been spikes and dips in candidates completing the GED® test, while still maintaining a consistent number of test-takers throughout the years (see Figure 4 on page 84). There are a variety of potential reasons for these changes, including local testing resource limitations, fewer testing seats and testing instructors, wait lists for Adult Basic Education programs, and test-takers being pushed to test when they are not ready, in particular at the close of a GED® test series.

Of the 607,000 people who completed the GED® test in 2012, nearly 418,000 of these completers (68.8%) met the passing standard by earning scores equal to or higher than those earned by the top 60% of graduating high school seniors (see Figure 3 on page 83). Passers in 2012 join the approximately 20 million candidates who have passed the GED® test in its history. The 2012 testing year is the first full year for GED® testing on computer, resulting in 10,140 total candidates (see Table 11 on page 42).

This statistical report is presented in such a way as to facilitate comparisons across jurisdictions on pass rates, candidate demographics, and trends across time, yet the reader is cautioned while making such comparisons. Ultimately, each jurisdiction manages its own GED® testing program—which is also dependent upon the funding it receives—and establishes related policies (Table 3 on pages 13–24 lists jurisdictional policies). Thus, it is important to recognize that variability in policies and requirements among jurisdictions may correlate with testing program outcomes such as pass rates. For example, jurisdictions that prescreen candidates by requiring them to pass the Official GED® Practice Tests (OPT) generally have higher GED® test pass rates.

Highlights of the *2012 Annual Statistics Report on the GED® Test* are presented on the following four pages.

¹ Throughout this report, the term *jurisdiction* is used to refer to an entity such as a U.S. state, insular area, Canadian province or territory, Bermuda, U.S. military facility, correctional institution, or Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital that administers a GED® testing program.

² From this point on, the terms *GED® test candidate*, *GED® test completer*, and *GED® test passer* will be referred to as candidate, completer, and passer, respectively. A candidate is any person who has applied to take the GED® test, meets all eligibility requirements, and has intent to (or is preparing to) take the GED® test. A completer is a test-taker who tested in all content areas of the GED® test, within a specific test series, regardless of whether they met the passing standard (see definition for passers). A passer is a test-taker that scores at or above the minimum passing standard and meets all other jurisdictional requirements.

WHO LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIAL AND WHO TOOK THE GED® TEST?

- The 2010 U.S. Census indicates that more than 39 million adults³ (18%) aged 16 and older in the United States lack a high school credential⁴ and are not enrolled in any educational program.⁵
- In 2012, as shown in Table 1 on page 10, 1.5% of adults without a high school credential tested in one or more content areas of the GED® test, 1.3% of adults without a high school credential completed the GED® test, and 0.9% passed the GED® test.
- Among all candidates who tested in 2012, nearly nine of every 10 (86.4%) completed the GED® test, as indicated in Table 1 on page 10. This statistic signals the level of determination of most candidates to meet the goal of gaining a high school credential.
- As presented in Table 2 on page 12, 84.9% of the candidates who tested in 2012 tried the GED® test for the first time. Among those first time test-takers who completed the GED® test in 2012, 74.6% passed the GED® test. Approximately 15% of candidates in 2012 were continuing or repeat test-takers.
- The average age of all candidates was slightly over 26 years in 2012, as shown in Table 4 on page 26. This average age was almost the same as in 2010 and 2011. Candidates who were 16 to 18 years old accounted for 21.7% of all candidates, while candidates who were 50 years of age and over account for only 3.7% of all candidates. In 2012, as displayed in Table 5 on page 28, 55.7% of the candidates were male and 44.3% were female.
- The ethnic distributions of candidates, as shown in Table 6 on page 29–30, have remained relatively stable during the 2002 series of the GED® test. However, this year there was an increase in testing for two ethnic groups: Hispanic and Pacific Islander/Hawaiian. Of all candidates who indicated ethnicity when they tested in 2012, 44.3% were white, 24.3% African American, 14.7% Hispanic, 9.9% Pacific Islander/Hawaiian, 4.0% American Indian/Alaska Native, and 2.2% Asian. The percentage of African American test-takers has increased from 20.6% in 2003 to 24.3% in 2012.
- In 2012, 55.9% of all candidates reported that they completed 10th grade or less, as displayed in Table 7 on page 32. Overall, 23.5% of the candidates indicated that they had been out of school for one year or less, as shown in Table 8 on page 34, yet 32.2% of the candidates waited more than 10 years before taking the GED® test. The overall average number of years out of school before testing was approximately nine years.
- Educational reasons were the motive candidates cited most often for taking the GED® test, as displayed in Tables 9a and 9b on pages 35–36 and 37–38. Approximately 62% of all candidates indicated that they tested for

³ For the purposes of this report, an *adult* is someone aged 16 and older in the United States and the insular areas or 15 and older in Canada. For more information on the target population, the reader is referred to the *2009 GED® Testing Program Statistical Report* at <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/historical-testing-data>.

⁴ A *high school credential* means a regular high school diploma or alternative secondary certificate, such as a GED® test credential.

⁵ An educational program could include secondary, postsecondary, or other types of instruction.

educational reasons.⁶ More than half of all candidates (51.6%) indicated that they tested for personal reasons, such as being a positive role model and personal satisfaction, as well as identified employment reasons (primarily to get a better job) for testing (51.6%).

- Nearly 30,000 candidates tested using the Spanish language GED® test, as seen in Table 10 on page 40. Four jurisdictions (listed from largest to smallest test volume: California, Texas, New York, and Illinois) account for nearly 50% (48.7%) of the Spanish language test volume.⁷ Over 1,000 candidates took the French language GED® test. New York, New Brunswick, and Quebec represented 81.7% of the French language test administrations.
- Statistics on special editions of the GED® test taken in 2012, including audiocassette and large print, are presented in Table 11 on pages 41–42.
- For all candidates who tested in 2012, the percentages of those achieving their jurisdiction’s minimum standard score in each content area (410 in the United States⁸ and 450 in Canada) were higher than 90%, except for Mathematics. Fewer candidates (80%) scored high enough to meet the minimum standard score in Mathematics. Standard scores statistics are presented in Tables 12a and 12b on pages 43–44 and 45–46.

WHO PASSED THE GED® TEST?

- Over the course of the 2002 series GED® test, the rate of passers has held fairly consistent across the years. Pass rates for the GED® test in 2002 were 70.6% compared to 68.8% in 2012 (see Table 24 on page 74). Pass rates have ranged from 68% (in 2006) to 72.6% (in 2008).
- In 2012, 68.8% of completers (nearly 418,000 adults), as presented in Table 13 on page 48, passed the GED® test.⁹ Fewer test-takers took, completed, and passed the GED® test in 2012 than in 2011 (see Figure 3 on page 83).
- The average age of passers in 2012 across all jurisdictions was 25.5 years, the same as in 2011 (see Table 14 on page 50). This is the highest passer age during the operation of the current series. Passers were slightly younger, on average, than all candidates (as presented in Table 14 on page 50).
- In 2012, 58.8% of the passers were male and 41.2% were female, as presented in Table 15 on page 52. Males represented a higher percentage of passers than of candidates.

⁶ Candidates could select as many reasons as were applicable, so percentages for reasons do not sum to 100 percent.

⁷ In 2010, Puerto Rico accounted for approximately seven percent of the Spanish language GED® test. Puerto Rico is not included in the 2012 (and the 2011) analyses due to incomplete data provided by that jurisdiction.

⁸ The standard score requirement for passing the GED® test in Kansas in 2012 was 420 minimum in each content area and a minimum total score of 2,250. In South Dakota, a 450 minimum standard score was required for each content area.

⁹ Candidates pass the GED® test by earning an average standard score of 450 or higher in the five individual content areas (equivalent to a standard score total of 2,250 or higher) and earning a minimum standard score of 410 in each individual content area if they tested in most of the United States (see footnote 8), or 450 if they tested in Canada. In Puerto Rico, the total score requirement is 2,700 for the Spanish language version of the GED® test (which includes the score for the required ESL test) and 2,250 for the English language version of the GED® test.

- The ethnic distribution of all passers in 2012 was 52.4% white, 21.2% African American, 13.6% Hispanic, 6.4% Pacific Islander/Hawaiian, 3.5% American Indian/Alaska Native, and 2.3% Asian, as shown in Table 16 on page 54.
- In 2012, 73.5% of the passers had completed 10th grade or higher; this percentage from Table 17 on page 56 is slightly lower for candidates as indicated in Table 7 on page 32. The average number of years out of school for passers was approximately eight years, as displayed in Table 18 on page 58, about one year less than for candidates, as displayed in Table 8 on page 34.
- As with the entire population of candidates, educational reasons (64.5%) and personal reasons (54.6%) for testing were the most frequently chosen reasons for testing by passers in 2012. Tables 19a and 19b on pages 59–60 and 61–62 present statistics for passers’ reasons for testing.
- The GED® test average standard score across the five content areas for all passers in 2012 is 528 (Tables 20a and 20b on pages 63–64 and 65–66 display standard score statistics). Mathematics and Language Arts, Writing were the two most difficult content areas, as indicated by the average standard scores (492 and 508, respectively).
- Data on pass rates were disaggregated by age, gender, and ethnic group and are reported in Tables 21, 22, and 23 on pages 67–68, 69–70, and 71–72, respectively. Generally, younger test-takers, males, and white candidates tended to have higher pass rates. Variability in pass rates among jurisdictions also occurred as shown in Table 23; the performance difference across ethnic groups was considerably smaller in some jurisdictions than in others.

TRENDS IN THE GED® TESTING PROGRAM

- Trend data are displayed in Tables 24, 25a, 25b, 25c, 25d, and 26 on pages 73–74, 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79–80 respectively. Since 1943, approximately 20 million individuals have passed the GED® test (see Table 26).
- In general, since 2002, there have been gradual increases each year in the number of candidates who tested and the number of candidates who completed the GED® test. Beginning in 2010 and continuing for 2011 and 2012, however, the testing volume took a small dip, which reflects multiple reasons such as tightened adult education funding leading to a decrease in the amount of people in the GED® test pipeline, an increase in the number of jurisdictions requiring the OPT, or other policy-related decisions. The yearly pass rate for the current series has ranged from 68.0% to 72.6% (see Table 24).
- From 1995 to 2008, the average age of all candidates remained relatively unchanged at about 25 years old, as indicated in Table 24. Beginning in 2009 and through 2012, however, the average age increased to approximately 26 years. The percentage of candidates aged 16 to 18 has decreased from 31.3% to 21.7% since 2002, and the percentage of candidates aged 19 to 24 has fluctuated between 34.5% and 37.3% (see Table 25). Over the past five years, the percent of candidates and passers age 50 years and over has remained relatively stable, accounting for only 2.6% of candidates and 1.9% of passers in 2007 and increasing to 3.7% and 2.6% in 2012, respectively.
- Since the testing program’s inception, the average highest grade completed has remained largely stable at grade 10. The average highest grade remained at that grade level for 2011 and 2012, as seen in Table 24.

- With regard to candidates' reasons for taking the GED® test, Table 24 shows the percentage of candidates who indicated they were planning further study has gradually increased during the current series from 58.6% in 2006 to 62.6% in 2012. Testing for employment reasons have slightly increased across the current test series rising approximately 3% from 2006 (48.1%) to 2012 (51.6%), as indicated in Table 25c.

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TABLE 1

Target Population and GED® Test Candidates Who Tested, Completed, and Passed: 2012

Jurisdiction	Target Population (Adults Without a High School Credential) ¹ (N)	Tested		Completed ²			Passed		
		Candidates	Target Population	Completers	Completion Rate	Target Population	Passers	Pass Rate	Target Population
		(N)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)
Alabama	797,910	14,737	1.8	14,622	99.2	1.8	7,967	54.5	1.0
Alaska	51,665	2,808	5.4	1,792	63.8	3.5	1,558	86.9	3.0
Arizona	730,845	18,237	2.5	16,000	87.7	2.2	11,588	72.4	1.6
Arkansas	470,030	7,597	1.6	7,521	99	1.6	6,346	84.4	1.4
California	5,500,200	53,011	1.0	44,231	83.4	0.8	30,201	68.3	0.5
Colorado	435,120	15,540	3.6	11,369	73.2	2.6	9,376	82.5	2.2
Connecticut	395,380	5,351	1.4	4,755	88.9	1.2	2,712	57	0.7
Delaware	100,940	788	0.8	786	99.7	0.8	724	92.1	0.7
District of Columbia	93,635	869	0.9	801	92.2	0.9	442	55.2	0.5
Florida	2,441,300	44,794	1.8	41,991	93.7	1.7	28,422	67.7	1.2
Georgia	1,283,830	30,373	2.4	24,053	79.2	1.9	15,980	66.4	1.2
Hawaii	131,295	1,629	1.2	1,563	95.9	1.2	1,210	77.4	0.9
Idaho	139,725	5,379	3.8	3,714	69	2.7	3,191	85.9	2.3
Illinois	1,659,750	27,096	1.6	24,508	90.4	1.5	14,735	60.1	0.9
Indiana	786,020	14,635	1.9	14,445	98.7	1.8	10,759	74.5	1.4
Iowa	289,280	5,268	1.8	3,324	63.1	1.1	3,251	97.8	1.1
Kansas	272,595	3,057	1.1	3,009	98.4	1.1	2,806	93.3	1.0
Kentucky	750,890	11,638	1.5	11,447	98.4	1.5	8,888	77.6	1.2
Louisiana	786,880	10,935	1.4	10,789	98.7	1.4	7,281	67.5	0.9
Maine	136,170	3,460	2.5	2,259	65.3	1.7	1,878	83.1	1.4
Maryland	617,715	8,562	1.4	8,130	95	1.3	4,802	59.1	0.8
Massachusetts	695,875	12,124	1.7	10,692	88.2	1.5	6,630	62	1.0
Michigan	1,182,970	19,848	1.7	14,760	74.4	1.2	10,290	69.7	0.9
Minnesota	423,115	9,712	2.3	6,859	70.6	1.6	5,562	81.1	1.3
Mississippi	537,920	12,549	2.3	11,205	89.3	2.1	6,196	55.3	1.2
Missouri	756,515	12,578	1.7	12,355	98.2	1.6	9,222	74.6	1.2
Montana	84,510	3,342	4.0	2,791	83.5	3.3	2,165	77.6	2.6
Nebraska	163,380	3,605	2.2	2,355	65.3	1.4	1,874	79.6	1.1
Nevada	296,905	5,888	2.0	5,792	98.4	2.0	4,012	69.3	1.4
New Hampshire	114,330	2,114	1.8	1,740	82.3	1.5	1,450	83.3	1.3
New Jersey	1,089,940	13,591	1.2	13,198	97.1	1.2	7,808	59.2	0.7
New Mexico	272,275	7,991	2.9	6,896	86.3	2.5	4,492	65.1	1.6
New York	2,851,185	44,200	1.6	43,168	97.7	1.5	23,223	53.8	0.8
North Carolina	1,297,505	23,256	1.8	14,070	60.5	1.1	11,935	84.8	0.9
North Dakota	70,005	1,725	2.5	1,143	66.3	1.6	982	85.9	1.4
Ohio	1,397,220	19,516	1.4	19,241	98.6	1.4	13,248	68.9	0.9
Oklahoma	482,350	9,052	1.9	8,866	97.9	1.8	6,391	72.1	1.3
Oregon	389,020	12,691	3.3	9,388	74	2.4	7,892	84.1	2.0
Pennsylvania	1,604,370	20,956	1.3	18,447	88	1.1	12,996	70.5	0.8
Rhode Island	163,870	2,799	1.7	2,059	73.6	1.3	1,560	75.8	1.0
South Carolina	681,590	10,690	1.6	10,375	97.1	1.5	7,479	72.1	1.1
South Dakota	81,935	1,490	1.8	953	64	1.2	644	67.6	0.8
Tennessee	988,235	13,838	1.4	13,252	95.8	1.3	8,901	67.2	0.9
Texas	3,571,240	49,740	1.4	44,369	89.2	1.2	29,938	67.5	0.8
Utah	185,575	7,237	3.9	6,902	95.4	3.7	5,639	81.7	3.0
Vermont	59,580	900	1.5	568	63.1	1.0	480	84.5	0.8
Virginia	942,620	19,655	2.1	16,644	84.7	1.8	10,914	65.6	1.2
Washington	569,705	22,442	3.9	15,938	71	2.8	12,987	81.5	2.3
West Virginia	329,530	6,033	1.8	5,270	87.4	1.6	4,028	76.4	1.2
Wisconsin	571,110	17,085	3.0	9,334	54.6	1.6	7,110	76.2	1.2
Wyoming	43,570	1,640	3.8	1,344	82	3.1	1,223	91	2.8
U.S. Subtotal	39,769,125	674,051	1.7	581,083	86.2	1.5	401,388	69.1	1

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Jurisdiction	Target Population (Adults Without a High School Credential) ¹	Tested		Completed ²			Passed		
		Candidates	Target Population	Completers	Completion Rate	Target Population	Passers	Pass Rate	Target Population
		(N)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)
American Samoa	10,245	30	0.3	30	100	0.3	10	33.3	0.1
Federated States of Micronesia	NA	49	-	41	83.7	-	3	7.3	-
Guam	23,540	307	1.3	305	99.3	1.3	149	48.9	0.6
Marshall Islands	NA	66	-	62	93.9	-	2	3.2	-
Northern Mariana Islands	17,660	32	0.2	13	40.6	0.1	9	69.2	0.1
Palau	NA	57	-	44	77.2	-	24	54.5	-
Puerto Rico ³	1,001,030	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	28,310	209	0.7	204	97.6	0.7	85	41.7	0.3
Insular Areas Subtotal	1,080,785	750	0.1	699	93.2	0.1	282	40.3	0
Alberta	614,865	1,709	0.3	1,674	98	0.3	1,188	71	0.2
British Columbia	675,345	1,130	0.2	1,089	96.4	0.2	786	72.2	0.1
Manitoba	267,745	236	0.1	232	98.3	0.1	144	62.1	0.1
New Brunswick	176,660	1,453	0.8	1,420	97.7	0.8	675	47.5	0.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	141,570	140	0.1	136	97.1	0.1	75	55.1	0.1
Northwest Territories	10,265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	202,770	833	0.4	801	96.2	0.4	453	56.6	0.2
Nunavut	11,085	74	0.7	69	93.2	0.6	9	13	0.1
Ontario	2,183,625	3,859	0.2	3,784	98.1	0.2	2,776	73.4	0.1
Prince Edward Island	29,235	401	1.4	389	97	1.3	243	62.5	0.8
Quebec	1,547,870	126	0.0	123	97.6	0.0	71	57.7	0.0
Saskatchewan	231,730	1,396	0.6	1,213	86.9	0.5	640	52.8	0.3
Yukon Territory	5,555	15	0.3	14	93.3	0.3	11	78.6	0.2
Canada Subtotal	6,098,320	11,372	0.2	10,944	96.2	0.2	7,071	64.6	0.1
Bermuda	NA	278	-	273	98.2	-	123	45.1	-
DANTES ⁴	NA	713	-	713	100	-	665	93.3	-
Federal Bureau of Prisons	NA	9,619	-	8,504	88.4	-	5,175	60.9	-
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	NA	130	-	129	99.2	-	50	38.8	-
Michigan Prisons	NA	3,299	-	2,755	83.5	-	1,548	56.2	-
Prometric ⁶	NA	2,650	-	2,227	84	-	1,713	76.9	-
VA Hospitals	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	NA	16,689	-	14,601	87.5	-	9,274	63.5	-
Program Total⁷	46,948,230	702,862	1.5	607,327	86.4	1.3	418,015	68.8	0.9

Sources: 2010 U.S. Census, 2011 Canadian Census of Population, and 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

- = Not applicable or not possible to calculate.

* Percentage calculated by not including Puerto Rico data.

¹ Target Population totals for the United States and the insular areas include adults 16 years and older, without a high school diploma and further training or degrees, based on 2010 U.S. Census data. Population totals for Canadian jurisdictions include out-of-school adults 15 years and older, without a high school diploma and further training or degrees, based on 2011 Canadian Census of Population data, as reported by Statistics Canada.

² Those test takers who completed testing in all content areas in 2012 may have begun testing in a previous year. A candidate is considered a completer in 2012 only if he or she finished testing in all five content areas by December 31, 2012.

³ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

⁴ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁵ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁶ Prometric manages international testing of civilians, except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

TABLE 2

Target Population and First-Time GED® Candidates Who Tested, Completed, and Passed: 2012 Cohort

Jurisdiction	Target Population (Adults Without a High School Credential) ¹	First-Time Candidates ²		Completers Among First-Time Candidates ³			Passers Among First-Time Candidates ⁴		
		2012 Cohort	Target Population	2012 Cohort			2012 Cohort		
				Completers	Completion Rate	Target Population	Passers	Pass Rate	Target Population
(N)	(N)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)	
Alabama	797,910	10,454	1.3	10,344	98.9	1.3	6,314	61	0.8
Alaska	51,665	1,999	3.9	1,179	59	2.3	1,081	91.7	2.1
Arizona	730,845	14,155	1.9	12,169	86	1.7	9,576	78.7	1.3
Arkansas	470,030	6,542	1.4	6,471	98.9	1.4	5,618	86.8	1.2
California	5,500,200	40,823	0.7	33,305	81.6	0.6	24,467	73.5	0.4
Colorado	435,120	11,475	2.6	8,080	70.4	1.9	7,153	88.5	1.6
Connecticut	395,380	4,137	1.0	3,600	87	0.9	2,216	61.6	0.6
Delaware	100,940	741	0.7	739	99.7	0.7	690	93.4	0.7
District of Columbia	93,635	630	0.7	566	89.8	0.6	328	58	0.4
Florida	2,441,300	35,372	1.4	32,828	92.8	1.3	24,349	74.2	1.0
Georgia	1,283,830	22,070	1.7	16,336	74	1.3	12,437	76.1	1.0
Hawaii	131,295	1,365	1.0	1,303	95.5	1.0	1,076	82.6	0.8
Idaho	139,725	3,909	2.8	2,566	65.6	1.8	2,345	91.4	1.7
Illinois	1,659,750	19,876	1.2	17,699	89	1.1	11,832	66.9	0.7
Indiana	786,020	12,508	1.6	12,319	98.5	1.6	9,641	78.3	1.2
Iowa	289,280	3,846	1.3	2,320	60.3	0.8	2,296	99	0.8
Kansas	272,595	2,915	1.1	2,868	98.4	1.1	2,687	93.7	1.0
Kentucky	750,890	9,821	1.3	9,638	98.1	1.3	7,704	79.9	1.0
Louisiana	786,880	9,149	1.2	9,003	98.4	1.1	6,439	71.5	0.8
Maine	136,170	2,379	1.7	1,449	60.9	1.1	1,246	86	0.9
Maryland	617,715	6,544	1.1	6,135	93.8	1.0	3,921	63.9	0.6
Massachusetts	695,875	8,775	1.3	7,464	85.1	1.1	5,193	69.6	0.7
Michigan	1,182,970	14,058	1.2	9,888	70.3	0.8	7,488	75.7	0.6
Minnesota	423,115	6,728	1.6	4,499	66.9	1.1	3,977	88.4	0.9
Mississippi	537,920	8,404	1.6	7,234	86.1	1.3	4,660	64.4	0.9
Missouri	756,515	10,838	1.4	10,617	98	1.4	8,239	77.6	1.1
Montana	84,510	2,500	3.0	2,038	81.5	2.4	1,687	82.8	2.0
Nebraska	163,380	2,350	1.4	1,354	57.6	0.8	1,188	87.7	0.7
Nevada	296,905	5,010	1.7	4,922	98.2	1.7	3,640	74	1.2
New Hampshire	114,330	1,692	1.5	1,379	81.5	1.2	1,206	87.5	1.1
New Jersey	1,089,940	10,397	1.0	10,026	96.4	0.9	6,570	65.5	0.6
New Mexico	272,275	5,914	2.2	4,935	83.4	1.8	3,503	71	1.3
New York	2,851,185	31,571	1.1	30,569	96.8	1.1	18,497	60.5	0.6
North Carolina	1,297,505	15,737	1.2	8,468	53.8	0.7	7,689	90.8	0.6
North Dakota	70,005	1,238	1.8	768	62	1.1	706	91.9	1.0
Ohio	1,397,220	16,086	1.2	15,818	98.3	1.1	11,507	72.7	0.8
Oklahoma	482,350	7,628	1.6	7,449	97.7	1.5	5,631	75.6	1.2
Oregon	389,020	9,329	2.4	6,583	70.6	1.7	5,862	89	1.5
Pennsylvania	1,604,370	15,598	1.0	13,459	86.3	0.8	10,455	77.7	0.7
Rhode Island	163,870	1,945	1.2	1,320	67.9	0.8	1,137	86.1	0.7
South Carolina	681,590	8,886	1.3	8,606	96.8	1.3	6,567	76.3	1.0
South Dakota	81,935	1,001	1.2	587	58.6	0.7	445	75.8	0.5
Tennessee	988,235	10,782	1.1	10,242	95	1.0	7,489	73.1	0.8
Texas	3,571,240	37,334	1.0	32,626	87.4	0.9	23,911	73.3	0.7
Utah	185,575	6,497	3.5	6,176	95.1	3.3	5,212	84.4	2.8
Vermont	59,580	626	1.1	357	57	0.6	312	87.4	0.5
Virginia	942,620	13,944	1.5	11,386	81.7	1.2	8,517	74.8	0.9
Washington	569,705	15,898	2.8	10,902	68.6	1.9	9,669	88.7	1.7
West Virginia	329,530	4,833	1.5	4,148	85.8	1.3	3,280	79.1	1.0
Wisconsin	571,110	10,143	1.8	4,243	41.8	0.7	3,626	85.5	0.6
Wyoming	43,570	1,328	3.0	1,078	81.2	2.5	1,005	93.2	2.3
U.S. Subtotal	39,769,125	507,780	1.3	430,058	84.7	1.1	322,284	74.9	0.8

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Jurisdiction	Target Population (Adults Without a High School Credential) ¹	First-Time Candidates ²		Completers Among First-Time Candidates ³			Passers Among First-Time Candidates ⁴		
		2012 Cohort	Target Population	2012 Cohort		Target Population	2012 Cohort		Target Population
				Completers	Completion Rate		Passers	Pass Rate	
	(N)	(N)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)	(N)	(%)	(%)
American Samoa	10,245	27	0.3	27	100	0.3	10	37	0.1
Federated States of Micronesia	NA	47	-	39	83	-	3	7.7	-
Guam	23,540	250	1.1	248	99.2	1.1	131	52.8	0.6
Marshall Islands	NA	62	-	58	93.5	-	2	3.4	-
Northern Mariana Islands	17,660	25	0.1	7	28	0.0	6	85.7	0.0
Palau	NA	6	-	1	16.7	-	0	0	-
Puerto Rico ⁵	1,001,030	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	28,310	132	0.5	128	97	0.5	62	48.4	0.2
Insular Areas Subtotal	1,080,785	549	0.1	508	92.5	0.0	214	42.1	0.0
Alberta	614,865	1,567	0.3	1,535	98	0.2	1,120	73	0.2
British Columbia	675,345	984	0.1	945	96	0.1	718	76	0.1
Manitoba	267,745	200	0.1	196	98	0.1	133	67.9	0.0
New Brunswick	176,660	1,029	0.6	996	96.8	0.6	521	52.3	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	141,570	102	0.1	98	96.1	0.1	61	62.2	0.0
Northwest Territories	10,265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	202,770	640	0.3	609	95.2	0.3	363	59.6	0.2
Nunavut	11,085	57	0.5	53	93	0.5	8	15.1	0.1
Ontario	2,183,625	3,336	0.2	3,265	97.9	0.1	2,530	77.5	0.1
Prince Edward Island	29,235	291	1.0	279	95.9	1.0	189	67.7	0.6
Quebec	1,547,870	117	0.0	114	97.4	0.0	8	72.7	0.1
Saskatchewan	231,730	1,074	0.5	909	84.6	0.4	519	57.1	0.2
Yukon Territory	5,555	12	0.2	11	91.7	-	-	-	-
Canada Subtotal	6,098,320	9,409	0.2	9,010	95.8	0.1	6,236	69.2	0.1
Bermuda	-	180	-	175	97.2	-	96	54.9	-
DANTES ⁶	-	663	-	663	100	-	625	94.3	-
Federal Bureau of Prisons	-	6,712	-	5,752	85.7	-	3,689	64.1	-
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁷	-	98	-	97	99	-	44	45.4	-
Michigan Prisons	-	1,858	-	1,447	77.9	-	929	64.2	-
Prometric ⁸	-	2,037	-	1,674	82.2	-	1,331	79.5	-
VA Hospitals	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	-	11,548	-	9,808	84.9	-	6,714	68.5	*
Program Total⁹	46,948,230	529,286	1.1	449,384	84.9	1.0	335,448	74.6	0.7

Sources: 2010 U.S. Census, 2011 Canadian Census of Population, and 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

- = Not applicable or not possible to calculate.

* = Percentage calculated by not including Puerto Rico data.

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² First-Time Candidates refers to candidates who took the 2002 series GED test for the first time in the report year and who had never tested in previous years.

³ Completers Among First-Time Candidates refers to first-time candidates (see definition above) who completed the GED test.

⁴ Passers Among First-Time Candidates refers to first-time candidates (see definition above) who completed and passed the GED test.

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TABLE 3

GED® Testing Program Policies, by Jurisdiction: 2012

Jurisdiction ¹	Active Official GED Testing Centers (N)	Residency Requirements	Title of GED Credential	Testing Fee		Requirements to Receive Credential		Requirements Prior to Testing			
				First Testing (Battery)	Retesting Fee	Minimum Score	Other Requirements	Instruction Required?	Must Take the OPT?2	OPT Fee	OPT Scores Required
United States											
Alabama	50	Resident if younger than 18 years of age	State of Alabama High School Equivalency Diploma	\$50-\$50	\$10	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No		-
Alaska	19	Physically present in the state at the time of testing	Diploma by General Educational Development Examination	\$25 optional fee may	\$5 optional fee per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No		-
Arizona	42	None	Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma	\$60-\$100	\$10-15 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No		-
Arkansas	59	Resident with proof of residency (e.g., driver's license)	Arkansas High School Diploma	\$0	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes	0	410 min. & 450 avg.
California	190	Resident	California High School Equivalency Certificate	\$150 approx.	\$25 approx. per subtest.	410 min. & 450 avg.	Examinees under 18 years of age will have their credential mailed on the date of their 18th birthday	No	No		-
Colorado	52	Resident	High School Equivalency Diploma	\$110-\$150	\$30 approx.	410 min. & 450 avg.	Must be a Colorado resident; 17 years of age, and in school or dropped out at 16 years of age with waiver approval	No	No		-
Connecticut	23	Resident	Connecticut State High School Diploma	\$13 each time 21 years of age or older and a non-veteran	\$13 each time an individual registers for battery/test if 21 years of age or older and a non-veteran	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No		-
Delaware	6	Resident or work in state	Delaware State Board of Education Endorsement	\$75	\$25 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes	\$35	470 min. and 450 avg.
District of Columbia	1	Bona fide resident, court order, or Job Corps	General Educational Development Credential	\$50.00	\$10 per test	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes	None	410 min. & 450 avg.
Florida	89	None at the state level; sometimes at the county level	State of Florida High School Diploma	No more than \$70	No more than \$14 per test for Reading, Social Studies, Science, Math and \$16 for Writing	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No		-
Georgia	40	None	Georgia GED Diploma	\$160	\$32	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No		-
Hawaii	13	None	High School Diploma	\$75	\$15 per test	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	Yes	No		-
Idaho	7	Resident	GED Transcript	\$100	\$25 per test	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No		-

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		Without Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation	With Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation ³				Must Complete Battery Before Retesting the Failed Area?	Wait Period Required?	Remediation Required?	Language Versions Offered	ESL Test Required for Spanish/French Language Candidates?	Languages with Scores Combined
United States (continued)												
Alabama	17	18	16	16	90 days	No	Yes	Yes (42 days)	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Alaska	16	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Arizona	16	18	16	16	No	No	Yes	Yes (30 days)	No	E + S + F	No	None
Arkansas	18	18	16	16	No	No	Yes	Yes (30-60 days or hours required by ABE)	Yes	E + S + F	No	None
California	18	Within 60 days of being 18 years of age	17	18	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
Colorado	17	17	16	17	No	No	Yes	Yes (1 day-6 weeks)	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Connecticut	17	19	17	17	No	No	No	No	No	E + S	No	E + S
Delaware	18	18	16	18	1-2 days	No	Yes	Yes (45 days)	No	E + S	No	None
District of Columbia	18	18	16	16	No	No	Yes	Yes (30 days if requirements met on 3+ tests; 90 days if requirements met on <3 tests; may be waived)	No	E + S + F	No	None
Florida	16	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Georgia	16	18	16 & 17; withdrawal, preparation & approval	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
Hawaii	18	18	16	16	No	No	Yes	Yes (varies)	No	E + S (upon request)	No	E + S
Idaho	18	18	16	16	No	No	No		No	E + S	No	None

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				First Testing (Battery)	Retesting Fee	Minimum Score	Other Requirements	Instruction Required?	Must Take the OPT? ²	OPT Fee	OPT Scores Required
United States (continued)											
Illinois	76	30 days resident	Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate	\$50	\$15 for Writing and \$10 for other subtests	410 min. & 450 avg.	Must pass the High School-level Constitution Test	No	No	-	-
Indiana	85	30 days resident	General Educational Development Certificate of Achievement	\$70 max.	Varies	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Iowa	42	None	Iowa High School Equivalency Diploma	\$100 approx.	\$15 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	Yes (varies)	Yes	-	460-500 on each subtest (plus CASAS Level C-D; 236-250 for Reading and Mathematics and 4-5 for Writing)
Kansas	22	None	Kansas State High School Diploma	\$85	\$75 - \$85 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes	\$40-\$50	500 average, with no subtest score below 450.
Kentucky	41	State mailing address	Diploma	\$60	\$30 per sub-session (3 sub-sessions: Writing, Math, Social Studies/ Science/ Reading)	410 min. & 450 avg.	Must pass the official practice test	No	Yes, if less than 19 years of age	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.
Louisiana	40	None	Louisiana High School Equivalency Diploma	\$90 approx.	\$60 approx.	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	Yes, if less than 18 years of age	Yes, if less than 19 years of age	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.
Maine	78	None	Maine High School Equivalency Diploma	\$0	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes	-	Varies
Maryland	25	Resident	Maryland High School Diploma	\$45	\$45 per battery regardless of subtests	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Massachusetts	31	Resident	High School Equivalency Credential	\$65	\$17 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Michigan	103	No	High School Equivalency Certificate	\$0-\$380	\$10-\$50 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	Must be 18 years of age and class graduated, unless Michigan Youth Challenge participant.	No	No	-	-
Minnesota	59	Resident	State of Minnesota GED Diploma	\$60-\$125	\$10-\$25 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Varies	Varies	Varies
Mississippi	37	None	State of Mississippi High School Equivalency Diploma	\$75	\$15 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Missouri	28	State mailing address	Missouri Certificate of High School Equivalence	\$40	\$40	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-

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		Without Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation	With Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation ⁴				Must Complete Battery Before Retesting the Failed Area?	Wait Period Required?	Remediation Required?	Language Versions Offered	ESL Test Required for Spanish/French Language Candidates?	Languages with Scores Combined
United States (continued)												
Illinois	17	17	16 (if enrolled in Lincoln's challenge)	17	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Indiana	18	18	16	16	Yes (60 days)	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
Iowa	16	19	17	18	Yes (2 years; may be waived)	No	No	Yes (varies)	Yes (passing CASAS or OPT scores)	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Kansas	18	18	16	16	No	Yes (2 years)	No	No	No	E + S	No	None
Kentucky	16	19	16	16	No	No	Yes	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Louisiana	18	19	16	16	No	Yes (5 years)	No	Yes (30 days)	Yes, if under 19 years old with instruction	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Maine	16	18	17	17	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
Maryland	16	19	16	16	Yes (5 years)	Yes (5 years)	No	Yes (2 months)	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Massachusetts	16	18	16	16	No	Yes (3 years)	Yes	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
Michigan	16	18	16	18	No	No	No	No (May only test 3 times per calendar year)	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Minnesota	16	19	16	16	No	No	No	No (Varies by testing center)	No	E + S	No	None
Mississippi	17	18	16	17	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Missouri	17	17	16	16	Yes (2 years)	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F

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				First Testing (Battery)	Retesting Fee	Minimum Score	Other Requirements	Instruction Required?	Must Take the OPT? ²	OPT Fee	OPT Scores Required
United States (continued)											
Montana	245	Resident	State of Montana Equivalency Diploma	\$55.00	\$0 for one year if retest is taken at same site	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Nebraska	31	30 days resident	State of Nebraska Dept. of Ed. High School Diploma	\$0 - \$75	\$10 max. per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	Yes, if under 18 years of age	No	-	-
Nevada	20	Resident	Certificate of High School Equivalency	\$65	\$0 for one year if retest is taken at same site	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
New Hampshire	19	Resident	Certificate of High School Equivalency	\$65	\$15 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes, if less than 18 years of age; varies if 18 or older	Varies	410 min. & 450 avg. if less than 18 years of age; varies if 18 or older
New Jersey	32	Resident	NJ State issued high school diploma	\$50	\$10 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
New Mexico	29	None	New Mexico High School Diploma	25 to \$100	\$7-\$20	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
New York	199	30 days resident	New York State High School Equivalency Diploma	\$0	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
North Carolina	72	Resident	North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges General Development D	\$35	None	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
North Dakota	21	None	GED High School Diploma	\$0 - \$150	\$0 - \$150 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	must be 16 years of age, present a valid photo ID, not currently enrolled in HS	No	No	-	-
Ohio	98	None	Ohio High School Equivalency Diploma	\$40	\$10 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	16 years old/ parental waiver/ school age waiver	No	No	-	-
Oklahoma	57	Resident	Oklahoma High School Diploma	\$50-\$150	\$5-\$25	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Oregon	44	None	General Educational Development Certificate	\$35-\$145	\$10 - \$20	410 min. & 450 avg.	none	No	No	-	-
Pennsylvania	118	Resident	Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma	varies	varies	410 min. & 450 avg.	Must be 18 years of age.	No	No	-	-
Rhode Island	8	Resident	Senior High School Equivalency Diploma	\$55	\$4 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	\$0-\$20	Scores between 450-500

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		Without Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation	With Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation ⁴				Must Complete Battery Before Retesting the Failed Area?	Wait Period Required?	Remediation Required?	Language Versions Offered	ESL Test Required for Spanish/French Language Candidates?	Languages with Scores Combined
United States (continued)												
Montana	16	19	17	16	No	No	Yes	Yes (30-90 days)	No	E + S	No	E + S
Nebraska	18	18	16	18	No	No	No	Yes (60 days or concentrated study and retesting referral to waive wait period)	Yes (concentrated study and retesting referral in order to waive wait period)	E + S	No	None
Nevada	18	18	16	16	No	No	Yes	No	No	E + S	No	None
New Hampshire	18	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
New Jersey	16	16	Parental consent required if less than 18 years of age	16	No	No	Yes	No	No	E + S	Yes	None
New Mexico	18	18	16	16	Yes (3 years)	Yes (3 years)	Yes	No	Yes (if failed twice)	E + S	No	None
New York	16	19	16	16	No	No	Yes	Yes (60 days)	No	E + S + F	No	None
North Carolina	16	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
North Dakota	16	16	16	16	No	No	No	Yes (15 business days)	No	E + S	No	None
Ohio	18	19	16	16	Yes (2 days)	No	No	No	No	E + S	No	E + S
Oklahoma	18	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S	No	None
Oregon	18	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S	No	E + S + F
Pennsylvania	16	18	16	18	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	None
Rhode Island	18	18	16	18	Yes (3 years)	Yes (3 Years)	Yes	Yes (varies)	Yes (varies)	E + S	No	E + S

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Jurisdiction ¹	Active Official GED Testing Centers (N)	Residency Requirements	Title of GED Credential	Testing Fee		Requirements to Receive Credential		Requirements Prior to Testing			
				First Testing (Battery)	Retesting Fee	Minimum Score	Other Requirements	Instruction Required?	Must Take the OPT? ²	OPT Fee	OPT Scores Required
United States (continued)											
South Carolina	8	None	South Carolina High School Equivalency Diploma	\$80	\$16 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
South Dakota	13	None	GED Certificate	\$130	\$26 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	Under 18 years of age, must have approval to test	No	No	-	-
Tennessee	36	None	High School Equivalency Diploma	\$55-\$75	\$11-\$15	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes	-	-
Texas	136	Resident	Certificate of High School Equivalency	\$50 - \$150	\$5-\$30 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Utah	15	None	Utah High School Completion Diploma	\$120	\$24 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes, if 16 years of age or incarcerated	Varies (no fee if incarcerated)	Varies
Vermont	12	None	Vermont Secondary School Equivalency Certificate	\$85	\$17 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Virginia	80	None	GED Certificate	\$58	\$10	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Washington	55	None for testing; resident for issuance of a credential	Certificate of Educational Competency	\$75	\$15 approx.	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
West Virginia	72	None	The State of West Virginia GED Diploma	\$0	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes	-	420 min. & 450 avg.
Wisconsin	76	10 days resident	Certificate of GED or HSED	Varies	Varies	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Wyoming	30	None	Wyoming Certificate of High School Equivalency	\$50-\$75 approx.	\$15 approx. per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-

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Jurisdiction ¹	Age of Required School Attendance Without Exceptions	Minimum Age for Testing		Min. Age for Credential With Exceptions	Time Limit for Battery Completion	Scores Ever Expire Before a New Test Series?	Requirements for Retesting			Language Versions		
		Without Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation	With Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation ⁴				Must Complete Battery Before Retesting the Failed Area?	Wait Period Required?	Remediation Required?	Language Versions Offered	ESL Test Required for Spanish/French Language Candidates?	Languages with Scores Combined
United States (continued)												
South Carolina	17	17	16	16	Yes (3 years)	Yes (3 years)	Yes	No	No	E	-	-
South Dakota	18	16	In-school prep or home schooled	16	No	No	No	No	No	E	-	-
Tennessee	18	18	17	17	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Texas	18	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	-
Utah	18	17 or 18 years of age and peers have graduated	16	16	Yes (before rollout of new test series)	No	No	No	No	E + S	No	E + S
Vermont	16	16	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Virginia	18	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Washington	18	19	16	16	No	No	No	No	No	E + S + F	No	-
West Virginia	17	19	16	16	No	No	Yes	No	Yes (OPT)	E + S + F	No	E + S + F
Wisconsin	18	18.5 years or 9 th grade class has graduated	17	17	Yes (6 weeks)	No	No	Yes (varies)	No	E + S	No	E + S
Wyoming	16	18	16	16	No	No	No	No	Yes (instruction and proof of proficiency for 3rd retest and beyond)	E + S	No	-

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Jurisdiction ¹	Active Official GED Testing Centers (N)	Residency Requirements	Title of GED Credential	Testing Fee		Requirements to Receive Credential		Requirements Prior to Testing			
				First Testing (Battery)	Retesting Fee	Minimum Score	Other Requirements	Instruction Required?	Must Take the OPT? ²	OPT Fee	OPT Scores Required
Insular Areas											
American Samoa	1	Resident	American Samoa High School Diploma	\$30 (free if enrolled in community college under ABE)	\$10 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Federated States of Micronesia	4	Resident	High School Equivalency Diploma	\$25	\$5 per battery	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Guam	1	Resident	High School Equivalency Diploma	\$60	\$25 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Marshall Islands	1	Resident	GED Diploma	\$35	\$25 per subtest	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Northern Mariana Islands	1	Resident	GED diploma	\$20	\$20 per battery	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	No	-	-
Palau	1	Resident	High School Equivalency Diploma	\$25	\$5	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	Yes (60 hours)	Yes	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.
Puerto Rico ⁴	10	U.S. Citizen	Diploma de Equivalencia de Escuela Superior	\$0	\$0	Spanish language version: 410 min. and 2,700 total; English language version: 410 min. & 2,500 total	8 th grade min.	Yes (180 hours)	Yes	\$0	2,500 total
Virgin Islands	1	None	High School Diploma	\$25	\$2	410 min. & 450 avg.	-	No	Yes (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics subtests)	\$15	410 min. & 450 avg.
Canada											
Alberta	15	Resident	High School Equivalency Diploma	Varies	Varies	450	-	No	No	-	-
British Columbia	1	Resident	BC Secondary School Equivalency Certificate	\$60	\$40 for 1 subtest, \$45 for 2 subtests, \$50 for 3 subtests, \$55 for 4 subtests	450	-	No	No	-	-
Manitoba	1	None	Manitoba High School Equivalency Certificate	\$75	\$75	450	-	No	No	-	-
New Brunswick	2	None	High School Equivalency Diploma	\$0	\$40	450	-	No	No	-	-
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	6 months Resident	Diploma - GED High School Equivalency	\$30	\$30 per battery	450	-	No	No	-	-
Northwest Territories	1	6 months resident or Canadian citizen	Northwest Territories High School Equivalency Diploma	\$35	\$35 per battery	450	-	No	No	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	None	GED High School Equivalency Certificate	\$41.41	\$41.41	450 min.	19 and older, out of school for one year, no high school diploma	No	No	-	-

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		Without Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation	With Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation ⁴				Must Complete Battery Before Retesting the Failed Area?	Wait Period Required?	Remediation Required?	Language Versions Offered	ESL Test Required for Spanish/French Language Candidates?	Languages with Scores Combined
Insular Areas												
American Samoa	18	18 and class graduated	16	18	Yes (2 days)	No	Yes	Yes (30 days)	Yes, if enrolled in ABE	E	-	-
Federated States of Micronesia	16	16	16	16	No	No	Yes	No	Yes (OPT)	E	-	-
Guam	16	18	16	16	Yes (2 days)	No	Yes	Yes (60 days with instruction)	No	E	-	-
Marshall Islands	16	19	17	17	Yes (2 half-days)	No	No	Yes (90 days)	No	E	-	-
Northern Mariana Islands	16	16	-	16	Yes (Varies)	No	Yes	Yes (90 days)	No	E	-	-
Palau	18	18	18	18	Yes	No	Yes	Yes (varies)	Yes (instruction)	E	-	-
Puerto Rico ⁵	18	18	18	18	Yes (2 days)	No	Yes	Yes (30 days per subtest)	No	E + S	Yes	None
Virgin Islands	16	18	16	16	NA	No	No	No	No	E + S	No	E + S
Canada						No						
Alberta	16	18	17	17	No	No	No	Yes (90 days)	No	E + F	No	E + F
British Columbia	18	18	18	18	No	No	No	No	No	E + F	No	None
Manitoba	19	19	17	17	Yes (Varies)	No	Yes	No	No	E + F	No	None
New Brunswick	18	19	18	18	Yes	No	No	Yes (90 days for 3 rd and subsequent retests)	No	E + F	No	None
Newfoundland and Labrador	16	19	18	18	Yes (2 days)	No	Yes	Yes (90 days)	No	E + F	No	None
Northwest Territories	16	18	-	18	Yes (3-4 days)	No	No	Yes (180 days)	Yes (instruction)	E	No	None
Nova Scotia	16	19	-	19	No	No	No	Yes (90 days)	No	E + F	No	None

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				First Testing (Battery)	Retesting Fee	Minimum Score	Other Requirements	Instruction Required?	Must Take the OPT? ²	OPT Fee	OPT Scores Required
Canada (continued)											
Nunavut	1	Resident	High School Equivalency Certificate	\$0	\$0	450	-	No	No	-	-
Ontario	1	Resident	Grade 12 Equivalency Certificate	\$100	\$100	450	-	No	No	-	-
Prince Edward Island	1	Resident or Canadian citizen	Grade 12 High School Equivalency Certificate	\$0	\$0	450	-	No	No	-	-
Quebec	1	Resident or Canadian citizen	certificat d'équivalence d'études secondaires	\$0	\$0	450	-	No	No	-	-
Saskatchewan	25	Fixed address in Canada	GED Diploma	\$35	\$35 per battery	450	-	No	No	-	-
Yukon Territory	1	Resident or Canadian citizen	Secondary School Equivalency Certificate	\$65	\$40 per battery	450	-	No	No	-	-
Inter-Regional Contracts											
DANTES ⁵	59	See credentialing jurisdiction	See credentialing jurisdiction.	\$0	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.	No	Yes	-	450 on each subtest	No
Federal Bureau of Prisons	117	Incarcerated in a FBOP facility	See credentialing jurisdiction.	\$0	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.	Yes (varies)	Yes	-	Varies	Yes (varies)
Michigan Prisons	31	Incarcerated in a MI Department of Corrections Facility	High School Equivalency Certificate	\$0	\$0	410 min. & 450 avg.	Yes (varies)	Yes	-	410 min. on 3 out of 5 subtests	Yes (varies)

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		Without Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation	With Exceptions/Waiver of Additional Documentation ⁴				Must Complete Battery Before Retesting the Failed Area?	Wait Period Required?	Remediation Required?	Language Versions Offered	ESL Test Required for Spanish/French Language Candidates?	Languages with Scores Combined
Canada (continued)												
Nunavut	18	19	19	19	No	No	No	Yes (3-6 months)	No	E + F	No	None
Ontario	18	19	18	18	No	No	Yes	No	Yes, if score below 400	E + F	No	None
Prince Edward Island	18	18	16	16	No	No	Yes	No	No	E + F	No	None
Quebec	16	16	16	16	Yes (2 days)	No	No	Yes (varies)	No	E + F	No	None
Saskatchewan	16	18	17	17	Yes (1 year)	No	Yes	Yes (30 days)	No	E + F	No	E + F
Yukon Territory	16	18	17	17	Yes (2 days)	No	No	Yes (varies)	No	E + F	No	None
Inter-Regional Contracts												
DANTES ⁶	17	17	See credentialing jurisdiction.	See credentialing jurisdiction.	Yes (30 days)	No	No	No	No	E + S	No	NA
Federal Bureau of Prisons	-	-	See credentialing jurisdiction.	See credentialing jurisdiction.	No	No	No	Yes (varies)	Yes (instruction)	E + S + F	Yes	None
Michigan Prisons	16	16	16		No	No	No	Yes (30 days)	Yes (instruction)	E + S	No	E + S

NA = Not available.

- = Not applicable.

E = English

S = Spanish

F = French

¹ Candidates who tested in St. Martin, Cayman Island, and Jamaica must adhere to the Maine testing requirements, but exceptions may apply on a case-by-case basis.

² OPT = Official GED Practice Tests.

³ See jurisdictional requirements in the GED Policies and Procedures Manual for exceptions, limitations, and additional fees, or contact the jurisdictional GED Administrator™.

⁴ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

⁵ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

Note: Information was self-reported by jurisdictional GED Administrators™ or GED state office staff as of December 31, 2012, and might have changed during the course of 2012. For more information, contact the jurisdictional GED Administrator™.

TABLE 4

Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Age Group and Mean Age: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Age		Age Group								Mean Age	Std. Dev.
			16-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+		
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		
Alabama	14,724	99.9	23.7	36.2	14.4	10.2	6.4	6.3	2.4	0.4	26.0	9.3
Alaska	2,807	100.0	29.3	36.6	14.8	7.6	3.7	5.0	2.7	0.3	24.8	8.8
Arizona	18,234	100.0	22.7	35.5	14.7	9.6	6.2	7.6	3.0	0.6	26.5	9.7
Arkansas	7,580	99.8	37.3	28.6	11.3	8.4	5.3	5.8	2.7	0.7	25.0	9.8
California	53,009	100.0	16.7	35.6	14.9	11.0	7.4	10.2	3.8	0.5	28.0	10.1
Colorado	15,540	100.0	21.1	34.3	16.0	10.7	6.5	7.8	3.2	0.4	26.9	9.6
Connecticut	5,351	100.0	11.2	42.6	15.0	11.8	6.7	8.9	3.4	0.4	27.7	9.7
Delaware	787	99.9	17.0	42.4	15.1	11.2	6.4	6.6	0.8	0.5	26.0	8.4
District of Columbia	811	93.3	17.8	42.4	13.3	10.0	5.4	7.4	3.3	0.4	26.6	9.8
Florida	44,790	100.0	27.7	38.8	12.2	7.8	4.6	6.1	2.5	0.4	25.1	9.2
Georgia	30,361	100.0	21.5	38.1	14.0	10.0	5.9	7.0	2.9	0.6	26.4	9.6
Hawaii	1,629	100.0	51.6	25.1	8.5	5.5	3.1	4.0	1.9	0.2	22.7	8.5
Idaho	5,379	100.0	27.7	32.5	13.3	10.2	6.1	7.0	2.8	0.4	26.0	9.6
Illinois	27,095	100.0	21.8	37.3	13.9	9.7	6.3	7.2	3.4	0.5	26.5	9.7
Indiana	14,633	100.0	26.5	37.2	13.4	8.8	5.3	5.9	2.4	0.4	25.4	9.0
Iowa	5,268	100.0	21.0	37.4	14.9	10.5	5.4	7.2	3.1	0.5	26.5	9.6
Kansas	3,057	100.0	30.0	35.9	14.4	9.1	4.8	4.2	1.4	0.2	24.5	8.0
Kentucky	11,638	100.0	20.4	34.7	15.1	11.3	7.0	7.7	3.2	0.6	27.1	9.9
Louisiana	10,935	100.0	32.9	33.8	12.2	9.3	5.0	5.1	1.4	0.3	24.4	8.5
Maine	3,456	99.9	24.6	42.5	12.7	7.8	3.8	5.5	2.6	0.5	25.1	9.1
Maryland	8,561	100.0	25.6	36.9	13.6	8.1	5.0	7.0	3.2	0.6	25.9	9.8
Massachusetts	12,088	99.7	21.3	39.5	14.4	9.6	5.2	6.7	2.7	0.5	26.1	9.5
Michigan	19,774	99.6	20.8	44.3	12.5	8.5	5.3	5.8	2.3	0.4	25.4	8.9
Minnesota	9,672	99.6	12.6	41.7	17.2	11.7	6.5	7.1	2.8	0.5	27.1	9.2
Mississippi	12,544	100.0	32.4	34.0	11.7	8.9	5.2	5.1	2.2	0.5	24.8	9.1
Missouri	12,577	100.0	32.2	30.1	13.3	9.9	5.4	6.1	2.6	0.4	25.4	9.3
Montana	3,340	99.9	36.5	34.6	11.7	6.3	3.7	4.6	2.2	0.4	24.0	8.7
Nebraska	3,602	99.9	15.2	36.4	17.5	13.4	6.9	7.7	2.6	0.4	27.3	9.2
Nevada	5,888	100.0	21.9	38.0	14.2	9.5	5.0	7.5	3.4	0.6	26.5	9.8
New Hampshire	2,114	100.0	30.1	33.1	14.2	8.1	4.3	6.6	3.1	0.5	25.5	9.7
New Jersey	13,591	100.0	25.9	33.3	12.2	9.5	6.6	8.6	3.3	0.6	26.6	10.2
New Mexico	7,990	100.0	31.5	33.1	13.0	8.7	5.2	5.9	2.1	0.4	25.0	9.1
New York	44,193	100.0	13.1	41.5	16.2	10.4	6.2	8.4	3.6	0.7	27.5	9.9
North Carolina	23,256	100.0	16.8	36.5	14.3	11.2	7.1	9.1	4.1	0.9	27.9	10.4
North Dakota	1,699	98.5	33.6	36.3	11.8	6.9	4.1	4.2	2.5	0.5	24.2	8.9
Ohio	19,515	100.0	8.5	44.0	17.2	12.1	7.0	7.2	3.4	0.7	27.7	9.4
Oklahoma	9,050	100.0	27.3	34.5	14.1	9.7	6.0	5.7	2.3	0.3	25.5	9.0
Oregon	12,686	100.0	31.7	31.2	11.3	8.8	5.8	7.9	3.1	0.3	25.7	9.8
Pennsylvania	20,956	100.0	20.6	39.0	14.4	9.3	5.5	7.5	3.2	0.6	26.5	9.7
Rhode Island	2,791	99.7	28.1	41.5	10.6	7.8	4.0	5.3	2.1	0.5	24.6	8.9
South Carolina	10,605	99.2	22.8	38.7	13.4	9.7	5.6	6.4	2.7	0.6	26.0	9.5
South Dakota	1,489	99.9	25.4	41.5	14.9	8.0	4.4	3.6	2.1	0.1	24.6	8.0
Tennessee	13,831	99.9	16.9	31.6	16.3	12.5	8.3	9.7	3.9	0.7	28.4	10.2
Texas	49,513	99.5	20.3	33.1	15.0	11.2	7.5	8.9	3.5	0.6	27.5	10.0
Utah	7,236	100.0	25.1	39.6	13.4	8.9	5.2	5.5	2.0	0.3	25.2	8.7
Vermont	897	99.7	38.8	34.9	9.9	6.4	3.3	4.2	2.1	0.3	23.5	8.5
Virginia	19,655	100.0	25.1	30.4	13.0	10.1	6.1	9.3	4.7	1.2	27.6	11.1
Washington	22,325	99.5	20.6	40.7	14.1	9.4	5.5	6.5	2.8	0.3	26.0	9.2
West Virginia	6,032	100.0	40.7	32.1	9.9	7.0	3.6	4.7	1.5	0.4	23.6	8.5
Wisconsin	17,026	99.7	25.0	30.6	14.8	11.0	6.9	7.9	3.3	0.4	26.9	9.7
Wyoming	1,640	100.0	27.0	37.0	13.1	8.7	5.3	5.9	2.5	0.5	25.4	9.3
U.S. Subtotal	673,220	99.9	22.2	36.6	14.1	9.9	6.1	7.4	3.1	0.5	26.5	9.7

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Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Age Group and Mean Age: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Age		Age Group								Mean Age	Std. Dev.
			16-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+		
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(years)	
American Samoa	30	100	26.7	43.3	6.7	10	3.3	10	0	0	25	8.9
Federated States of Micronesia	45	91.8	17.8	55.6	13.3	6.7	4.4	0	2.2	0	23.9	6.8
Guam	307	100	15	45.6	16.3	6.8	7.5	5.9	2.9	0	26	8.5
Marshall Islands	66	100	13.6	33.3	27.3	9.1	6.1	6.1	3	1.5	27.4	9.5
Northern Mariana Islands	31	96.9	19.4	58.1	3.2	9.7	3.2	6.5	0	0	23.9	7.1
Palau	57	100	5.3	52.6	21.1	8.8	8.8	3.5	0	0	25.4	6.4
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	209	100	20.6	33	14.8	8.1	7.2	8.1	6.2	1.9	28.3	11.3
Insular Areas Subtotal	745	99.3	16.5	42.6	16.1	7.8	6.8	6.2	3.4	0.7	26.5	9.3
Alberta	1,709	100	4	31	17.7	13.6	10.6	14.8	7.4	0.9	31.9	10.7
British Columbia	835	73.9	6.5	29.3	17.6	13.9	11.5	14.1	6.6	0.5	31.3	10.6
Manitoba	236	100	0.8	32.2	17.4	10.2	9.7	19.1	8.5	2.1	33.2	11.7
New Brunswick	1,452	99.9	1.7	36.6	15.9	10.7	9.7	15.2	8.7	1.4	32.3	11.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	140	100	0	43.6	12.9	8.6	8.6	20	5.7	0.7	31.3	11.1
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	833	100	0	37.8	16.8	11.6	8.9	18	5.9	1	31.8	11
Nunavut	73	98.6	0	41.1	28.8	13.7	9.6	5.5	1.4	0	27.8	7.4
Ontario	3,859	100	3.1	39.9	21.6	10.5	7.4	10.9	6.2	0.4	29.8	10.1
Prince Edward Island	401	100	4.7	35.7	11	7.5	7.5	19.5	12.7	1.5	33.4	12.8
Quebec	126	100	27.8	38.1	14.3	4	7.9	7.1	0.8	0	24.9	8.1
Saskatchewan	1,396	100	5.5	33	19.8	13.9	8.7	12.8	5.8	0.5	30.6	10.3
Yukon Territory	15	100	20	53.3	13.3	13.3	0	0	0	0	23.2	4.4
Canada Subtotal	11,075	97.4	3.6	36	18.7	11.6	8.9	13.6	6.8	0.7	31	10.8
Bermuda	278	100	40.6	24.1	9	5.8	4	7.9	5.8	2.9	26.7	12.9
DANTES ²	713	100	18	55.7	15	7.4	2.2	1.7	0	0	23.2	5.3
Federal Bureau of Prisons	9,612	99.9	0.1	12.7	21	24.3	16.6	18.1	5.8	1.4	34.8	9.2
GEDTS Proctored	129	99.2	27.9	55.8	7.8	3.9	1.6	3.1	0	0	22.1	5.8
Michigan Prisons	3,299	100	5.7	36.8	19	12.9	9.2	11.2	4.7	0.6	29.8	10
Prometric ³	2,627	99.1	59.4	34.3	3.8	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0	19.6	3.9
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	16,658	99.8	12.2	23.3	17.3	17.2	11.7	13	4.4	1	30.7	10.4
Program Total⁴	701,698	99.8	21.7	36.3	14.3	10.1	6.3	7.7	3.2	0.5	26.7	9.8

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

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² DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

³ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁴ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Notes: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

Due to rounding procedures, percentages may not equal 100 percent.

TABLE 5

Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Gender: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Gender		Gender	
	(N)	Response Rate %	Male (%)	Female (%)
Alabama	14,723	99.9	51	49
Alaska	2,805	99.9	56.8	43.2
Arizona	18,237	100	56.4	43.6
Arkansas	7,549	99.4	58.6	41.4
California	52,616	99.3	56.9	43.1
Colorado	15,539	100	57	43
Connecticut	5,351	100	56.7	43.3
Delaware	785	99.6	62.7	37.3
District of Columbia	802	92.3	55.4	44.6
Florida	44,772	100	54.5	45.5
Georgia	30,183	99.4	52.7	47.3
Hawaii	1,610	98.8	56.1	43.9
Idaho	5,379	100	54.5	45.5
Illinois	26,576	98.1	53.6	46.4
Indiana	14,582	99.6	57.4	42.6
Iowa	5,268	100	57.8	42.2
Kansas	3,057	100	55.2	44.8
Kentucky	11,638	100	57.6	42.4
Louisiana	10,849	99.2	58.6	41.4
Maine	3,302	95.4	57.1	42.9
Maryland	8,561	100	58.9	41.1
Massachusetts	11,906	98.2	51.7	48.3
Michigan	19,503	98.3	55.1	44.9
Minnesota	9,574	98.6	59.8	40.2
Mississippi	12,524	99.8	52.8	47.2
Missouri	12,525	99.6	58.3	41.7
Montana	3,317	99.3	55.5	44.5
Nebraska	3,549	98.4	53.9	46.1
Nevada	5,774	98.1	54.6	45.4
New Hampshire	2,090	98.9	61	39
New Jersey	13,591	100	52.9	47.1
New Mexico	7,929	99.2	52.5	47.5
New York	43,939	99.4	50.5	49.5
North Carolina	23,087	99.3	55.6	44.4
North Dakota	1,677	97.2	56.1	43.9
Ohio	19,495	99.9	55.8	44.2
Oklahoma	8,966	99	53.2	46.8
Oregon	12,690	100	59.1	40.9
Pennsylvania	20,955	100	56.4	43.6
Rhode Island	2,794	99.8	52.7	47.3
South Carolina	10,601	99.2	54.6	45.4
South Dakota	1,480	99.3	54.7	45.3
Tennessee	13,744	99.3	53	47
Texas	49,495	99.5	51.9	48.1
Utah	7,224	99.8	54	46
Vermont	893	99.2	52.7	47.3
Virginia	19,655	100	57	43
Washington	22,075	98.4	56	44
West Virginia	6,009	99.6	57.1	42.9
Wisconsin	16,764	98.1	58.2	41.8
Wyoming	1,640	100	55.5	44.5
U.S. Subtotal	669,649	99.3	55	45

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Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Gender: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Gender		Gender	
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	Male (%)	Female (%)
American Samoa	29	96.7	48.3	51.7
Federated States of Micronesia	33	67.3	66.7	33.3
Guam	307	100	45.9	54.1
Marshall Islands	66	100	30.3	69.7
Northern Mariana Islands	28	87.5	39.3	60.7
Palau	55	96.5	61.8	38.2
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	200	95.7	51	49
Insular Areas Subtotal	718	95.7	47.9	52.1
Alberta	1,709	100	55.1	44.9
British Columbia	835	73.9	67.2	32.8
Manitoba	231	97.9	69.3	30.7
New Brunswick	1,425	98.1	54.1	45.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	140	100	59.3	40.7
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	833	100	53.9	46.1
Nunavut	72	97.3	31.9	68.1
Ontario	3,859	100	61.9	38.1
Prince Edward Island	401	100	53.9	46.1
Quebec	126	100	50	50
Saskatchewan	1,396	100	55.8	44.2
Yukon Territory	8	53.3	37.5	62.5
Canada Subtotal	11,035	97	58.3	41.7
Bermuda	275	98.9	60.7	39.3
DANTES ²	712	99.9	75.3	24.7
Federal Bureau of Prisons	9,472	98.5	90.3	9.7
GEDTS Proctored	128	98.5	53.1	46.9
Michigan Prisons	3,252	98.6	96.1	3.9
Prometric ³	2,449	92.4	57.7	42.3
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	16,288	97.6	85.1	14.9
Program Total⁴	697,690	99.3	55.7	44.3

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

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Note: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

TABLE 6

Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Ethnicity: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Ethnicity ¹		Ethnicity ¹						
			Hispanic Origin	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	African American	Pacific Islander / Hawaiian	White	Other
			(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Alabama	14,379	97.6	16.6	1.1	0.4	52.2	1.6	28.2	0.1
Alaska	2,784	99.1	5.6	36.1	2.5	7	2.9	45.3	0.5
Arizona	16,961	93	31.6	9.2	1.3	9	1	47.9	0.1
Arkansas	7,549	99.4	7.2	1.6	0.8	20.1	0.2	69.8	0.2
California	46,967	88.6	56.2	1.6	4.5	11.8	1.7	24.2	0.1
Colorado	15,479	99.6	40.7	2.7	1.2	10.9	0.7	43.7	0.1
Connecticut	5,350	100	33.7	0.5	2.1	27.4	0.3	34.3	1.6
Delaware	773	98.1	7.8	0.5	0.6	36.9	0.3	53.4	0.5
District of Columbia	790	90.9	20.3	0.5	1.1	75.3	0	2.8	0
Florida	44,626	99.6	19.3	0.9	2.1	29.2	0.5	47.9	0
Georgia	27,180	89.5	8.7	0.4	1.8	46.1	0.3	42.6	0
Hawaii	1,574	96.6	8.4	1.7	22.2	3.7	34.2	27.2	2.5
Idaho	4,902	91.1	18.4	3.8	1	1.7	0.6	74.5	0
Illinois	25,254	93.2	27	0.6	1.2	30.7	0.2	40.3	0.1
Indiana	14,199	97	7.5	0.6	0.6	20.6	0.2	70	0.6
Iowa	5,261	99.9	12.5	1.7	1.4	18	0.3	66.1	0
Kansas	2,938	96.1	18.3	2.7	1.6	12.6	0.2	64.6	0
Kentucky	11,623	99.9	4	0.6	0.6	17	0.2	77.6	0
Louisiana	10,533	96.3	3	1.3	0.7	43.3	0.1	51.3	0.3
Maine	3,184	92	4.8	2.1	1.2	10.6	0.5	79.7	1.1
Maryland	7,574	88.5	7.8	0.8	2.1	49.6	0.4	38.6	0.8
Massachusetts	9,792	80.8	32	0.6	3.7	17.8	0.2	44.3	1.4
Michigan	18,119	91.3	7.9	2.1	0.9	32.9	0.2	55.1	0.9
Minnesota	9,183	94.6	10.5	7.6	4	24.3	0.3	52.5	0.8
Mississippi	12,359	98.5	2.4	1.5	0.5	48.7	0.1	46.7	0
Missouri	11,331	90.1	3.5	1.1	0.8	23.2	0.2	70.8	0.5
Montana	3,271	97.9	5.7	22.4	0.6	2.2	0.3	68.2	0.6
Nebraska	3,460	96	22.2	4.7	1.4	16	0.5	54.4	0.8
Nevada	5,649	95.9	34.9	2.7	3	15	1.7	42.4	0.3
New Hampshire	2,027	95.9	6.9	1.1	1.9	4	0.1	85.4	0.5
New Jersey	12,766	93.9	33	0.5	2	35.9	0.3	28	0.2
New Mexico	7,746	96.9	58	13.5	0.9	2.8	0.3	24.1	0.4
New York	38,092	86.2	29.5	1	3.9	38.2	0.3	27.1	0
North Carolina	21,271	91.5	11.8	1.5	1	35.9	0.2	49.6	0
North Dakota	1,569	91	5.1	31.5	0.6	4.6	0.8	56.5	0.8
Ohio	19,499	99.9	4.5	0.5	0.7	34.5	0.2	59.6	0
Oklahoma	8,802	97.2	11.7	16.1	1	13.9	0.7	56	0.5
Oregon	12,360	97.4	21.7	3.7	1.9	5.7	1.2	65.7	0
Pennsylvania	19,770	94.3	14	0.6	1.8	33.7	0.3	49.5	0.1
Rhode Island	2,784	99.5	27.5	2.3	1.5	37.6	10.5	20.3	0.3
South Carolina	10,562	98.8	3.7	0.7	0.9	38.3	0.3	56.1	0
South Dakota	1,434	96.2	3.8	33.1	0.7	3.1	0.6	58.2	0.6
Tennessee	13,010	94	5.6	0.7	0.9	26	0.2	66.2	0.4
Texas	49,250	99	50	0.8	1.3	16.8	0.3	28.7	2.1
Utah	7,188	99.3	21.7	2.5	1.4	2.4	2.1	69.8	0
Vermont	863	95.9	4.6	0.9	1.4	9.7	0.5	82.2	0.7
Virginia	18,481	94	9	0.7	1.9	44.6	0.4	43.4	0.1
Washington	21,909	97.6	20.2	6.2	3.6	10.4	2	57.5	0
West Virginia	6,015	99.7	1.5	0.7	0.4	10	0.4	86.9	0
Wisconsin	15,712	92	14	3.2	1.7	30.7	0.3	49.7	0.4
Wyoming	1,627	99.2	14	8.5	0.6	2.9	0.6	73.4	0
U.S. Subtotal	635,781	95.3	16.7	4.8	1.9	22.7	1.4	52.1	0.4

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Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Ethnicity: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Ethnicity ¹		Ethnicity ²						
			Hispanic Origin	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	African American	Pacific Islander / Hawaiian	White	Other
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
American Samoa	27	90	0	0	3.7	0	85.2	7.4	3.7
Federated States of Micronesia	29	59.2	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
Guam	307	100	2.3	0.7	12.4	0.3	82.4	2	0
Marshall Islands	61	92.4	0	0	3.3	0	96.7	0	0
Northern Mariana Islands	28	87.5	0	0	14.3	0	85.7	0	0
Palau	54	94.7	0	1.9	0	0	98.1	0	0
Puerto Rico ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	194	92.8	10.8	0	0	84.5	0	3.1	1.5
Insular Areas Subtotal	700	93.3	4	0.4	6.4	23.6	63	2	0.6
Bermuda	265	95.3	1.1	0.4	1.1	85.7	0	10.9	0.8
DANTES ³	700	98.2	17.7	1.3	3.4	11.1	1.9	64.3	0.3
Federal Bureau of Prisons	6,589	68.5	30	2.1	0.8	51.5	0.3	15	0.2
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁴	112	86.2	11.6	1.8	1.8	83.9	0.9	0	0
Michigan Prisons	2,891	87.6	4.7	1.6	0.4	60	0.1	32.5	0.6
Prometric ⁵	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	10,557	75.2	21.3	1.9	0.9	52.3	0.4	22.8	0.4
Program Total⁶	647,038	93.9	14.7	4.0	2.2	24.3	9.9	44.3	0.4

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Percentages of candidates of other ethnicities are not reported because such percentages are below 1 percent in all jurisdictions except Hawaii (1.3 percent), Massachusetts (1.1 percent), Michigan and Minnesota (1.0 percent each), American Samoa (2.0 percent), and Virgin Islands (1.6 percent).

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³ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁴ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁵ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁶ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Notes: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

No ethnicities are reported for Canada as Canadian policies prohibit collection and reporting of such data.

TABLE 7

Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Highest Grade Completed and Mode Highest Grade Completed: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Highest Grade Completed ¹ Response Rate (N) (%)		Highest Grade Completed								Mode Highest Grade Completed
			None-5th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	
			(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Alabama	14,094	95.6	0.5	0.8	2	8.6	18.7	27.6	28.9	13	11
Alaska	2,589	92.2	0.2	0.4	0.8	6.2	17.2	30.7	35.2	9.3	11
Arizona	16,220	88.9	1.2	0.9	1.1	7.5	14.6	24.5	37.5	12.7	11
Arkansas	7,469	98.3	0.4	0.8	1.8	7.7	18.6	29.6	34.5	6.6	11
California	46,332	87.4	0.8	1.2	0.8	3.2	10.4	19.9	45	18.7	11
Colorado	15,539	100	1.1	1.4	1.3	6.6	17	27	35.5	10.1	11
Connecticut	5,285	98.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	7.3	21	29.9	33.5	6.1	11
Delaware	776	98.5	0.4	0.4	1	14.2	23.6	32.5	24.2	3.7	10
District of Columbia	803	92.4	1.6	0.9	1.5	5	23	28.8	32	7.2	11
Florida	44,553	99.5	3.5	0.6	1.5	7.2	15.9	25	31.6	14.8	11
Georgia	27,153	89.4	1.7	0.6	2	9.8	21.2	28.1	25	11.5	10
Hawaii	1,564	96	0.5	0.1	0.9	7	16.8	29.2	37	8.6	11
Idaho	4,837	89.9	1.1	0.9	1.6	9.3	18.5	27.9	32.5	8.1	11
Illinois	23,067	85.1	0.6	1.1	1	7	17.6	28.3	36	8.3	11
Indiana	14,247	97.3	0.4	0.5	1.3	8.1	17.9	29.8	35.3	6.7	11
Iowa	4,911	93.2	0.4	0.5	0.8	6.5	16	32.1	39.5	4.3	11
Kansas	2,291	74.9	0.7	0.7	1	7.8	19	29.9	34.3	6.6	11
Kentucky	10,922	93.8	0.5	0.7	1.7	10.3	20.3	29.6	33	4	11
Louisiana	10,593	96.9	0.5	1	3.3	14.9	23.3	25.9	25.2	5.9	10
Maine	3,157	91.2	0.3	0.3	1.2	10.7	19.5	29.1	33.3	5.5	11
Maryland	7,912	92.4	0.6	0.6	1.2	9.6	20	29.9	31.4	6.7	11
Massachusetts	9,565	78.9	0.9	0.6	1.2	9.1	21	29.3	29.7	8.3	11
Michigan	16,314	82.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	6.6	17.1	30.3	39.1	5.4	11
Minnesota	9,153	94.2	0.5	0.4	0.7	4	11.6	25.5	46.7	10.6	11
Mississippi	11,951	95.2	0.5	1	3	11.9	22.7	27.5	24.8	8.6	10
Missouri	11,669	92.8	0.6	0.5	1.1	8.2	16.3	30.3	36.4	6.5	11
Montana	3,184	95.3	0.6	0.5	1.2	9.3	19.9	29.2	32.8	6.5	11
Nebraska	3,293	91.3	0.5	1.3	1.2	5.8	17.7	27.7	35.4	10.4	11
Nevada	5,441	92.4	0.8	0.6	0.7	4	13.2	23.8	38.7	18.1	11
New Hampshire	2,021	95.6	0.3	0.5	0.9	7.3	19.9	30.9	34.7	5.4	11
New Jersey	12,209	89.8	1.2	0.7	1.1	6.3	16.4	27.3	34.6	12.3	11
New Mexico	7,271	91	0.5	1.3	1.1	8.4	20.8	27.2	30.8	9.9	11
New York ²	9,426	21.3	0.8	0.4	0.7	5.1	15.2	26.1	36.7	15.1	11
North Carolina	19,495	83.8	0.6	0.7	2.6	14	24.8	29.1	24.1	4	10
North Dakota	1,488	86.3	0.3	0.1	0.9	8.4	23.4	30.2	33.1	3.7	11
Ohio	19,507	100	0.2	0.3	0.8	7.6	17.6	28.8	37.3	7.4	11
Oklahoma	8,359	92.3	0.6	0.8	1.7	10.7	21.3	28.1	31.8	5	11
Oregon	12,357	97.4	1.6	1.8	1.3	6.2	16.2	25.9	36.8	10.1	11
Pennsylvania	19,493	93	0.4	0.5	0.8	6.4	17.7	30	36.3	7.9	11
Rhode Island	2,613	93.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	9	21.3	28.7	33.3	5.8	11
South Carolina	10,033	93.9	0.1	0.2	0.7	6.9	20.9	31.8	32.7	6.8	11
South Dakota	1,428	95.8	0.4	0.3	1.5	11.8	22.8	29.1	30.4	3.7	11
Tennessee	13,152	95	0.4	0.5	1.4	7.2	16.8	29.3	37.4	7	11
Texas	49,144	98.8	0.7	1.7	1.7	9.3	21.7	25.4	27.5	12	11
Utah	6,350	87.7	1.3	0.4	0.9	3.8	11.2	24.4	41	17	11
Vermont	852	94.7	1.1	0.5	0.7	7.5	17.4	32	35.2	5.6	11
Virginia	18,080	92	0.6	0.7	1.7	8.6	20.8	29	31.6	6.9	11
Washington	21,588	96.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	5.5	15.3	26.1	39.1	10.7	11
West Virginia	5,889	97.6	0.3	0.2	1.6	8.4	19.2	29.2	35.3	5.8	11
Wisconsin	13,983	81.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	6.1	14.3	24.8	47.5	5.7	11
Wyoming	1,640	100	0.5	0.7	1.8	6.8	17.7	30.3	34.7	7.5	11
U.S. Subtotal	591,262	87.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	7.7	17.8	27	34.3	10	11

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Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Highest Grade Completed and Mode Highest Grade Completed: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Highest Grade Completed ¹		Highest Grade Completed								Mode Highest Grade Completed
			None-5th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	
			(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
American Samoa	29	96.7	0	0	0	0	10.3	17.2	44.8	27.6	11
Federated States of Micronesia	32	65.3	0	0	0	0	6.3	25	50	18.8	11
Guam	279	90.9	0	0	0	2.2	5.7	29	55.6	7.5	11
Marshall Islands	66	100	0	1.5	4.5	4.5	10.6	28.8	30.3	19.7	11
Northern Mariana Islands	28	87.5	0	0	0	10.7	21.4	21.4	46.4	0	11
Palau	53	93	1.9	1.9	3.8	9.4	32.1	24.5	24.5	1.9	9
Puerto Rico ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	196	93.8	0.5	1	1.5	5.6	17.3	19.9	28.6	25.5	11
Insular Areas Subtotal	683	91.1	0.3	0.6	1.2	4.1	12.4	25	41.9	14.5	11
Bermuda	260	93.5	1.9	0.4	0.4	1.9	11.5	26.2	40.4	17.3	11
DANTES ⁴	633	88.8	0.2	0	0.3	1.4	11.8	29.1	39.8	17.4	11
Federal Bureau of Prisons	8,738	90.8	1.2	2.4	3.4	12.7	24.4	25.6	24.6	5.6	10
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	121	93.1	1.7	1.7	0	3.3	16.5	49.6	11.6	15.7	10
Michigan Prisons	2,897	87.8	0.3	1.1	2	9.2	19.8	28.7	33.7	5.2	11
Prometric ⁶	2,071	78.2	5.6	0.5	0.6	2.2	8.6	32.9	28.9	20.6	10
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	14,720	88.2	1.6	1.7	2.5	9.8	20.5	27.6	27.8	8.5	11
Program Total ⁷	606,665	87.7	0.9	0.9	1.4	7.7	17.9	27.1	34.2	10	11

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Canadian data on highest grade completed were not available because of legal restrictions on collecting such data.

² Data indicated as NA for New York due to low response rate (>50%).

³ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

⁴ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁵ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁶ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Notes: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

Due to rounding procedures, percentages may not equal 100 percent.

No highest grade completed demographics are reported for Canada as Canadian policies prohibit collection and reporting of such data.

TABLE 8

Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Years Out of School and Mean Years Out: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Years Out ¹		Years Out of School							Mean Years Out	Std. Dev.
			<1	1	2	3-5	6-10	11-20	21+		
			(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		
Alabama	10,076	68.4	10	14.6	10.4	18.4	17	19.3	10.4	8.2	9.1
Alaska	2,477	88.2	16.2	15.5	10.3	17.6	16.9	15.3	8.2	7.1	9
Arizona	15,622	85.7	9.4	13.1	9.7	16.8	17.8	20.5	12.8	9.1	9.6
Arkansas	7,061	92.9	18.8	17.2	9	13.9	13.2	17	11	7.7	9.8
California	40,809	77	7.5	11.3	9.4	17.6	17.4	20.7	16.1	10	10
Colorado	14,321	92.2	8.4	12.5	9.2	16.5	17.5	22.4	13.4	9.6	9.7
Connecticut	5,351	100	2.3	8.4	9.8	20.9	19.7	22.9	16.1	10.7	9.9
Delaware	752	95.4	3.9	11.8	12.6	18.1	20.5	23.5	9.6	8.7	8.4
District of Columbia	721	83	4	12.5	11	24	18.9	18.3	11.4	8.9	9.6
Florida	39,118	87.3	11.5	17.6	12.8	18.2	15	15.2	9.7	7.4	11.8
Georgia	22,072	72.7	8.4	14.6	11.5	19.4	17.1	18	10.9	8.5	42.8
Hawaii	1,489	91.4	21.6	24.5	10.8	14.4	11.3	10.9	6.4	5.3	7.8
Idaho	4,315	80.2	11.5	14.9	9.1	14.9	17.3	20.4	11.8	8.7	9.6
Illinois	20,069	74.1	8.2	13.6	11.5	18.9	16.4	19.1	12.4	8.8	9.5
Indiana	13,612	93	10.8	17.1	12.4	17.6	14.7	17.4	9.9	7.7	9.4
Iowa	5,229	99.3	7	13.1	11.1	19.5	16.9	19.9	12.3	9	9.6
Kansas	2,185	71.5	9.7	16.8	11.4	18.7	17.5	18	7.9	7.3	8
Kentucky	10,084	86.6	8	12.3	8.9	17.5	17.5	22.2	13.5	9.6	9.7
Louisiana	10,216	93.4	13.4	18	11.1	17.8	14.4	17.1	8.1	7.1	8.9
Maine	2,952	85.3	8.5	17.8	13.2	20.7	15	15.8	9.1	7.4	9.3
Maryland	7,192	84	9.1	16.2	13	18.5	16.2	16.5	10.5	8	9.9
Massachusetts	8,621	71.1	8.8	16	13.1	19.9	15.6	16.9	9.8	7.8	9.2
Michigan	15,377	77.5	8	14.8	14.3	21	15.2	16.6	10	7.8	9
Minnesota	8,629	88.8	7.7	12.3	11.4	19.1	17.6	20.6	11.2	8.8	9.5
Mississippi	11,817	94.2	15.1	17.9	11.4	15.4	13.9	17.1	9.3	7.3	9.1
Missouri	11,025	87.7	14.1	18.1	10.5	14.3	14.6	18.1	10.3	7.9	9.8
Montana	3,117	93.3	14.4	18.5	12.5	17.7	14.3	14.3	8.2	6.8	8.9
Nebraska	3,270	90.7	5.1	11.1	8.5	19	18.3	25.2	12.9	9.8	9.3
Nevada	5,399	91.7	10.4	12.7	10.9	17.8	17.1	18	13	8.9	10
New Hampshire	1,832	86.7	18.3	15.7	10.5	14.9	15.1	14.7	10.9	7.6	10
New Jersey	10,921	80.4	10.6	16.7	10.8	15	14.2	18.8	13.8	8.9	9.9
New Mexico	7,217	90.3	13	16.5	11.4	17.2	15.4	16.7	9.7	7.6	9.2
New York ²	6,055	13.7	5.9	12	10.7	19	19.2	21.2	11.9	9.1	9.2
North Carolina	19,201	82.6	4.5	9.8	9.7	19.9	17.4	22	16.7	10.7	10.6
North Dakota	1,486	86.1	13.8	16.9	12.4	18.3	15.7	14.5	8.3	7	9
Ohio	17,935	91.9	5.7	8.8	9.1	19.9	19.6	23.1	13.8	10	9.7
Oklahoma	8,207	90.7	10.3	15.1	10.8	17.6	15.4	20.1	10.7	8.3	9.3
Oregon	11,602	91.4	12.3	16.6	11.3	15.6	13.7	17.1	13.4	8.6	21
Pennsylvania	17,673	84.3	8.7	13.5	11.3	18.8	16.7	18.7	12.5	8.9	17.9
Rhode Island	2,404	85.9	10.1	18.8	14.5	20	13.6	13.3	9.7	8	13.5
South Carolina	10,214	95.5	8.8	14.8	11.3	18.4	15.3	19.3	12.1	8.7	9.7
South Dakota	1,389	93.2	13.5	15.2	10.4	21.4	16.2	16.8	6.5	6.8	8.3
Tennessee	12,350	89.2	6.9	11.3	9.3	16	17.5	23	16	10.5	10.6
Texas	48,471	97.4	8.4	11.1	8.5	17	17	22.5	15.5	10.1	10.1
Utah	5,869	81.1	11.7	14.7	10.2	19.6	17.4	17	9.3	6.6	78.9
Vermont	777	86.3	13.6	19.7	14.8	18.5	13.6	12.6	7.1	6.3	8.8
Virginia	16,816	85.6	12.7	13.1	8.4	14.2	14.5	20.3	16.8	10.2	19
Washington	15,939	71	10.2	14.3	11.5	19.8	16.8	17.2	10.2	7.9	9
West Virginia	5,886	97.6	19.4	20.7	10.7	14.5	13	13.7	8	6.6	27.5
Wisconsin	13,475	78.9	12.8	15	8.4	13.7	15.6	21.2	13.3	9	9.8
Wyoming	1,636	99.8	10.8	15.3	10.7	16.7	17.1	18.6	10.8	8.8	22.1
U.S. Subtotal	540,333	80.2	9.7	14	10.6	17.7	16.3	19.2	12.4	8.8	16.4

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Percentage of GED® Test Candidates, by Years Out of School and Mean Years Out: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates with Reported Years Out ¹ Response Rate		Years Out of School							Mean Years Out	Std. Dev.
			<1	1	2	3-5	6-10	11-20	21+		
			(N)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		
American Samoa	28	93.3	14.3	7.1	21.4	17.9	17.9	10.7	10.7	6.8	8.1
Federated States of Micronesia	29	59.2	6.9	13.8	13.8	24.1	17.2	20.7	3.4	6.3	6.3
Guam	288	93.8	5.6	10.8	14.2	20.5	21.5	14.9	12.5	8.5	8.8
Marshall Islands	64	97	10.9	9.4	7.8	15.6	25	18.8	12.5	11.8	17.2
Northern Mariana Islands	28	87.5	3.6	17.9	32.1	17.9	14.3	10.7	3.6	5.7	6.9
Palau	49	86	0	4.1	8.2	30.6	26.5	22.4	8.2	8.4	6.6
Puerto Rico ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	188	90	6.9	11.7	9	22.3	12.8	21.8	15.4	10	10.7
Insular Areas Subtotal	674	89.9	6.4	10.7	12.8	21.2	19.1	17.7	12.2	9	10.2
Bermuda	246	88.5	11	20.7	13	15.4	10.2	13	16.7	9.3	12.1
DANTES ⁴	629	88.2	5.7	16.5	16.5	26.1	19.7	13.2	2.2	5.4	5.3
Federal Bureau of Prisons	7,565	78.6	0.7	1.5	3	6.7	15.2	42.2	30.7	17	10.2
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	114	87.7	5.3	24.6	18.4	23.7	14	11.4	2.6	5.1	6
Michigan Prisons	2,735	82.9	1.9	7.4	8.7	18.5	19.5	24	20	11.9	10.5
Prometric ⁶	1,821	68.7	23.3	26.1	17.4	20	8	4.1	1	2.8	4.1
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	13,110	78.6	4.6	7.4	7.2	12.2	15.2	30.9	22.5	13.1	10.8
Program Total⁷	554,117	80.1	9.6	13.9	10.5	17.6	16.3	19.5	12.7	8.9	16.3

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

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TABLE 9a

Percentage of Candidates Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the United States: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates Indicating Reasons for Testing ¹		Educational Reasons						Military Reasons		
			Four-Year College	Two-Year College	Technical or Trade Prog.	Skills Certification	Job Training	Any Educ. Reason	Military Entrance	Military Career	Any Military Reason
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Alabama	13,562	92	13.4	27.7	31.9	8.5	11.7	62.7	4.6	2.5	6.3
Alaska	2,572	91.6	16.8	15	17.6	13.1	19.4	49.3	8.6	5.8	10
Arizona	16,069	88.1	18.1	25.2	15.7	9.4	9	54.2	4.2	2.2	4.8
Arkansas	7,455	98.1	24.4	26.5	15.8	7.6	7.2	54.7	5.7	3.2	6.7
California	46,041	86.9	19.2	30.5	17.4	9.5	9.1	59.6	4	1.7	4.4
Colorado	15,529	99.9	21.6	30.4	19	13.2	12.6	59.6	3.5	2.1	4.2
Connecticut	5,351	100	18.9	28.8	16.6	12.7	9.1	60	2.2	1.5	2.7
Delaware	776	98.5	22.9	33.5	33.9	14.7	13.9	69.7	5.3	2.4	5.9
District of Columbia	718	82.6	35.4	30.4	20.9	15.2	15.3	72.4	2.9	1.7	3.2
Florida	42,951	95.9	29.3	34.3	23.7	7.3	13	71.5	5.4	3	6.3
Georgia	25,384	83.6	21.8	28.7	32.6	8.6	6	67.9	5.6	3.5	7
Hawaii	1,590	97.6	29.2	33.3	11.9	8.1	7.2	61.1	11	5.8	12.6
Idaho	4,749	88.3	22.6	27.1	16.3	10.4	10.9	56	3.6	1.7	4
Illinois	23,746	87.6	10.4	20.2	97.4	11.1	11.5	98.8	4.5	3.9	7.1
Indiana	14,281	97.6	24.1	31.9	17.8	9.6	9.6	60.2	5	2.7	5.8
Iowa	4,425	84	14.2	32.4	10.8	6.9	6.9	49.5	2.6	1.3	3.1
Kansas	2,254	73.7	24.3	35.8	21.6	9.9	10.6	66.5	3.1	2.2	3.9
Kentucky	10,647	91.5	20.9	27.7	18.9	9.6	10.9	56	3.1	2	3.8
Louisiana	10,565	96.6	21.8	25.9	33.8	8.9	8.4	67.3	6.4	3.8	7.7
Maine	3,175	91.8	18.7	25.4	19.5	9.6	15.6	60.4	3.9	1.9	4.5
Maryland	7,921	92.5	29.9	28.7	19.6	8.8	8.5	65.1	6.1	3.2	7.2
Massachusetts	9,569	78.9	24.3	35.7	19.3	11.2	12.2	67.9	4	2	4.5
Michigan	16,256	81.9	22.4	31.5	15	9.5	10.3	57.7	4.5	2.2	5.1
Minnesota	9,104	93.7	22.1	36.6	22.6	10.1	8.1	64.8	3.1	1.4	3.6
Mississippi	12,056	96.1	23.5	47.7	18.3	9.4	11.5	71.5	6.5	3.2	7.9
Missouri	11,534	91.7	24.3	31.9	22	9.2	8.9	61.4	4.6	2.7	5.5
Montana	3,215	96.2	22.3	25.5	16.4	10.8	15.6	59.8	5.1	3.2	6.2
Nebraska	3,357	93.1	23.8	34.8	14.4	10.4	8.5	58.8	3.5	1.8	4
Nevada	5,523	93.8	21.4	28.1	17.2	10.8	11.1	56.8	3.9	2.3	4.5
New Hampshire	2,018	95.5	17.4	26.9	18.6	6.9	7.1	53.6	4.2	2	4.7
New Jersey	12,134	89.3	28.4	37	27.3	15	14.9	73.5	4.8	2.7	5.6
New Mexico	7,345	91.9	29.7	33.3	14.4	11	13.4	64.8	4.3	2.7	5.1
New York	9,610	21.7	24.8	31.6	12.3	6.8	7.6	60.5	3	1.7	3.7
North Carolina	19,194	82.5	20.6	35.7	19.9	11.7	10.1	63.1	6.1	2.7	7.2
North Dakota	1,473	85.4	19.6	29.1	15.9	6.5	7.1	52.7	3.5	2.4	4.5
Ohio	19,507	100	26.9	38.1	20	9.4	13.6	66.6	3.1	1.7	3.6
Oklahoma	8,411	92.9	17.3	22	21.7	8.9	10.5	53.8	4	2.9	5.2
Oregon	12,226	96.3	21.1	34.6	15	13.9	13.5	60.7	3.2	1.8	3.7
Pennsylvania	18,999	90.7	20.5	27.3	27.5	13.4	14.7	62.7	4	2.5	4.8
Rhode Island	2,391	85.4	11.4	28.6	34.9	14.1	14.2	64.7	2.4	1.8	4.1
South Carolina	10,233	95.7	22.1	38.5	43.3	13.3	14.4	73.1	6	3.5	7
South Dakota	1,431	96	19.6	26.4	20.6	8.9	13.8	61.3	5.7	2.4	6.5
Tennessee	13,125	94.8	21.5	27	25.7	8.5	8.6	60.6	3.6	1.9	4.3
Texas	49,196	98.9	21.8	32.9	20.9	14.4	14.5	62.3	3.5	2.1	4.2
Utah	6,095	84.2	26.5	29	19.3	14.5	12.2	61.7	3.4	1.8	3.8
Vermont	815	90.6	17.5	20.5	17.4	8.8	11.7	52.3	3.9	2.6	4.9
Virginia	17,602	89.6	18.3	31	17.9	10.6	10.5	56.5	5.4	3.6	6.9
Washington	15,817	70.5	19.6	34.2	19.2	13.2	14.9	62.7	6.6	4.2	8.8
West Virginia	5,881	97.5	19.4	21.1	20.5	10.5	12.1	52.9	4.7	3.8	5.8
Wisconsin	13,850	81.1	17.7	28.5	26.8	10.6	10.9	59.2	3.2	2.1	3.9
Wyoming	1,639	99.9	19.2	30.1	13.1	10.6	9.1	54.1	4.3	2	4.8
U.S. Subtotal	579,367	89.7	21.6	30.1	22.2	10.5	11.2	61.9	4.5	2.6	5.4

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Percentage of Candidates Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the United States: 2012

Jurisdiction	Employment Reasons					Social Reasons				Personal Reasons			Any Other Reason (%)
	Get First Job	Keep Current Job	Get Better Job	Employer Required	Any Employ. Reason	Early Release	Court Order	Public Asst. Requirement	Any Social Reason	Positive Role Model	Personal Satisfaction	Any Personal Reason	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Alabama	5.5	28.7	19.7	6.8	51.8	2.9	1.5	16	19.5	38.1	24.4	51.8	4.6
Alaska	14.7	3.3	42	11.4	56.9	3.5	1.2	2.3	6.5	22.1	55.9	59.4	22.2
Arizona	14.3	3	38.3	9	54.4	3.4	2.1	0.9	5.8	26.6	48.5	54.1	12.1
Arkansas	12.7	2.3	35.9	7.3	49.4	6.9	7.3	0.7	13.8	23.7	54	57.6	19.8
California	13.2	2.5	37.8	10.2	52.6	2.9	0.8	1.3	4.7	24.9	49.1	52.8	14.1
Colorado	11.9	2.8	45	9.6	56.8	4	5.7	1.9	10.5	28.3	55.5	59.2	15.8
Connecticut	0	2.4	8.2	10.7	19.1	1.6	1.5	1.1	3.7	20.8	53	56.7	14.8
Delaware	11.5	1.7	47.3	13.9	61.1	4.6	4.1	0.1	7.6	36.2	61.3	66.5	14.3
District of Columbia	15.7	3.2	37.5	13	53.6	1.9	1.9	1.5	5.2	23.4	41.8	45.3	11.6
Florida	8.6	2.2	32.5	8.6	40.5	1.6	1.2	0.4	3.1	20	44.8	48.4	14.8
Georgia	12.5	2.5	35.4	6.2	49.1	2.1	2.7	0.4	4.7	19	38.4	43	5.7
Hawaii	18.6	2	33.5	10.9	52	5.7	2.9	0.7	8.3	20.4	46.7	50.4	23.8
Idaho	14	2.7	40.6	8.1	54.5	1.4	12	0.8	13.6	26	55	57.9	15.9
Illinois	9.3	15	17.3	11.2	41.9	4.1	5.8	15	20.5	23.3	13.9	29.1	2.1
Indiana	14.5	2.5	46.8	11.4	62.5	9.8	5.3	0.5	14.2	28	56	59.9	15.4
Iowa	9.3	2.2	46.4	7.8	57.3	1.6	8.7	2.7	12.5	22.8	57.4	60.5	14.6
Kansas	7.6	2.7	45.7	6.1	53.5	3	4.9	0.8	8.4	27.6	55.5	59	11.7
Kentucky	12.3	2.4	40.4	7	52.2	5.2	4.5	0.8	9.8	25.2	53.5	56.9	12.4
Louisiana	14.5	1.6	34	7.1	49.3	7.9	3.4	0.4	10.9	24.6	46.8	51.8	14
Maine	12.4	4	38.4	7.9	53.7	1	0.6	4.2	5.7	23.1	48.9	54.5	13.2
Maryland	11.7	2.3	38.2	9.3	51.7	2	2.2	0.2	4.2	21.5	45.2	49.6	13
Massachusetts	9.3	2.2	40.5	7.8	50.5	0.9	1.5	2.2	4.6	22.7	45.2	49.8	13.3
Michigan	14.8	2.5	40.3	10.5	56.3	1.5	6.1	0.8	8	24.7	51	55.2	16.9
Minnesota	8.9	2.4	44.7	10.5	55.3	0.7	2.4	1.8	4.8	25.5	55	58.3	15.2
Mississippi	16.6	2.6	38.8	7.4	55.2	2.4	3	0.5	5.5	23.5	41.3	47.5	14.3
Missouri	10.3	3	43	8.5	54	2.5	5.8	0.5	8.4	28.4	55.5	59	21.1
Montana	12.1	2.4	38.6	9.1	51.3	2.1	5.8	1.9	9.3	21.2	51	54	18.8
Nebraska	7.8	3.2	52.7	8.8	60.8	1.4	5.5	1.3	7.8	30.4	58.6	63.4	15.8
Nevada	13	2.5	39.9	16.1	56.4	4.4	2.2	1.1	7.4	20.9	46.4	48.9	18.5
New Hampshire	9.8	2.3	42.9	7.4	55	3.4	2.1	0.5	5.7	20.1	54.1	56.3	18.9
New Jersey	14.1	3	42.2	9.5	55.5	1.4	1.5	1.7	4.3	27.6	50.2	55	11.1
New Mexico	15.4	4.1	39.4	11.1	53.4	2.8	1.5	0.9	5	22.4	45.4	49.1	18.6
New York	7.5	2	37.4	6.6	46.8	1.4	0.6	1.5	3.4	22.6	42.3	47.4	11.3
North Carolina	11.4	1.8	41.9	8	53.6	4.8	3.4	1.4	9.1	25.8	50.6	55	14.1
North Dakota	7.8	3.6	40.6	17.9	59.5	5	5.7	1.4	10.3	20.4	48.3	51.8	16
Ohio	8.6	3.4	43.9	8.8	53.4	0.9	4.4	0.8	5.8	29.3	54.6	59.6	14.1
Oklahoma	10.2	5	39.7	9	53.1	5.4	6	2.3	12.7	25.1	47.1	52.8	15
Oregon	20.4	2.5	38.9	9.3	58.2	3.1	2.1	1	5.9	24.6	55.8	59.2	19.5
Pennsylvania	12.4	2.9	46.2	11	59.6	2.4	6.1	1.1	8.7	27.6	54.3	58.6	11.6
Rhode Island	2.2	39.8	12.6	4.3	50.1	0.6	1.3	21.4	22.4	46.2	16.9	56.3	0
South Carolina	13.4	2.7	44.3	10.2	57.3	0.9	1.6	0.6	3	24.7	49.3	52.6	11.8
South Dakota	10.1	1.7	42	8.4	51.2	3.6	7.2	1.5	11.7	23.1	54.5	57.7	19.8
Tennessee	10.6	2.3	45.4	9.1	57.8	3.3	2.9	0.7	6.7	26.3	50	54.3	14
Texas	11.2	3.1	41.2	7.3	51.6	4.8	7.1	0.7	11.9	28.1	48.1	53.1	15.6
Utah	10.6	3	53.3	10.3	63.4	2.3	4.7	1.4	7.8	32.8	61.6	64.1	16.8
Vermont	13.7	2.3	31.8	8.1	46.3	1.5	2.7	1.5	5.6	16.3	49.2	50.7	22.6
Virginia	12.1	2.6	41.1	7.9	54	3	2.8	0.7	6	22.7	48.2	52.7	14.5
Washington	19.2	5.2	40.3	13.4	60.1	3.6	6.2	6.4	13.1	20.5	45.2	49	16.3
West Virginia	14.7	2.2	37.6	8.2	52.1	3.6	5.4	2.3	9.8	19.4	44	46.9	24
Wisconsin	9.6	2.5	42.5	9.2	52.6	2.4	3.2	1.1	6.3	25.1	53.1	57	21.5
Wyoming	7.6	3.6	43.5	6.7	52.7	1.7	9.5	0.9	11.7	21.4	54.5	58.3	15.4
U.S. Subtotal	11.6	4.2	39.0	9.3	53.2	3.0	3.9	2.2	8.5	25.0	48.8	54.1	14.9

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

† Candidates could report more than one reason for testing.

TABLE 9b

Percentage of Candidates Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test
in the Insular Areas and Inter-Regional Contracts: 2012

Jurisdiction	Candidates Indicating Reasons for Testing ¹		Educational Reasons						Military Reasons		
			Four- Year College	Two- Year College	Technical or Trade Prog.	Skills Certification	Job Training	Any Educ. Reason	Military Entrance	Military Career	Any Military Reason
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
American Samoa	29	96.7	27.6	44.8	6.9	13.8	10.3	62.1	6.9	3.4	6.9
Federated States of Micronesia	33	67.3	45.5	45.5	18.2	21.2	12.1	87.9	24.2	12.1	27.3
Guam	288	93.8	32.6	17	14.9	17	10.8	55.6	16.7	11.8	20.8
Marshall Islands	63	95.5	54	34.9	0	12.7	4.8	76.2	6.3	4.8	9.5
Northern Mariana Islands	27	84.4	29.6	33.3	3.7	0	3.7	59.3	7.4	3.7	7.4
Palau	52	91.2	21.2	34.6	7.7	15.4	13.5	71.2	21.2	17.3	32.7
Puerto Rico ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N
Virgin Islands	194	92.8	35.1	25.3	16	12.4	8.2	67.5	8.8	4.6	10.3
Insular Areas Subtotal	686	91.5	34.7	25.5	12.7	14.6	9.5	64	13.4	8.9	16.9
Bermuda	259	93.2	27.8	25.9	15.1	16.2	9.7	64.1	1.2	0.8	1.2
DANTES ³	646	90.6	30	19.8	6.5	4.5	2.8	43.8	52.2	18.4	60.4
Federal Bureau of Prisons	8,524	88.6	12	17.7	26.5	15.4	14.7	47.8	0.6	0.4	0.8
GED Testing Service- Proctored ⁴	125	96.2	53.6	22.4	4.8	8	1.6	76	0	0.8	0.8
Michigan Prisons	2,802	84.9	14.9	20.5	29.4	17.5	17.2	50.4	1.9	1	2.1
Prometric ⁵	2,093	79	76.3	19.2	4.8	18.4	5.7	87.5	2.4	1.5	2.8
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	14,449	86.6	23.3	18.8	22.7	15.7	13.2	54.4	3.4	1.5	4
Program Total^{6,7}	594,502	89.5	24.4	29.6	20.1	11.1	10.7	62.6	5.9	3.3	7.2

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Percentage of Candidates Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the Insular Areas and Inter-Regional Contracts: 2012

Jurisdiction	Employment Reasons					Social Reasons				Personal Reasons			Any Other Reason (%)
	Get First Job	Keep Current Job	Get Better Job	Employer Required	Any Employ. Reason	Early Release	Court Order	Public Asst. Requirement	Any Social Reason	Positive Role Model	Personal Satisfaction	Any Personal Reason	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
American Samoa	13.8	3.4	37.9	13.8	51.7	0	0	3.4	3.4	13.8	24.1	24.1	20.7
Federated States of Micronesia	9.1	6.1	48.5	21.2	60.6	0	3	9.1	9.1	21.2	15.2	30.3	6.1
Guam	17.7	4.5	43.4	14.6	60.4	0.7	0.7	0.3	1.7	37.2	52.8	58.7	22.9
Marshall Islands	11.1	0	49.2	4.8	60.3	0	1.6	6.3	6.3	27	12.7	36.5	15.9
Northern Mariana Islands	14.8	0	18.5	11.1	37	0	0	0	0	14.8	33.3	44.4	18.5
Palau	13.5	1.9	36.5	9.6	50	0	1.9	0	1.9	23.1	23.1	38.5	17.3
Puerto Rico ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	13.4	3.1	39.2	10.8	54.1	0	2.1	1	3.1	18	39.7	42.8	9.3
Insular Areas Subtotal	14.9	3.4	41.3	12.4	56.6	0.3	1.3	1.6	2.9	27.1	39.4	47.2	16.9
Bermuda	15.4	1.5	31.3	5.4	46.3	3.1	0	1.2	4.2	18.1	44	46.7	13.5
DANTES ³	3.3	0.9	18.9	7.6	24.5	1.1	0	0.2	1.2	11.9	29.7	31	9.6
Federal Bureau of Prisons	7.9	2.1	41.5	15.4	49.1	4	8.5	1	12.2	37.7	69	75.3	16.3
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁴	6.4	3.2	24.8	2.4	33.6	0.8	0	0	0.8	4	27.2	28.8	6.4
Michigan Prisons	14.2	2	30.5	11.9	43.6	13.5	29.9	1.2	38	31.7	58.2	64.4	21.7
Prometric ⁵	8.2	1.8	11.1	5.4	17.2	4.6	0.5	1.1	5.6	7.9	22.4	24.1	23.9
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	9.1	2	33.6	12.6	42.1	5.8	10.9	1.1	15.5	30.4	57.6	62.9	18
Program Total^{6,7}	11.5	3.8	37.8	9.5	51.6	2.9	3.9	2.2	8.2	24.1	45.9	51.6	15.1

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Candidates could report more than one reason for testing.

² Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

³ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁴ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁵ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁶ Canadian data on reasons for testing were not available because of legal restrictions on collecting such data.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Note: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

TABLE 10

Number of GED® Test Candidates Tested, by Language Version: 2012

Jurisdiction	Total Number Tested (N)	Language Version ¹		
		English (N)	French (N)	Spanish (N)
Alabama	14,737	14,696	2	39
Alaska	2,808	2,793	4	11
Arizona	18,237	17,126	2	1,109
Arkansas	7,597	7,450	0	147
California	53,011	47,382	0	5,629
Colorado	15,540	14,340	3	1,197
Connecticut	5,351	5,043	0	308
Delaware	788	782	0	6
District of Columbia	869	706	8	155
Florida	44,794	43,748	14	1,032
Georgia	30,373	29,867	14	492
Hawaii	1,629	1,629	0	0
Idaho	5,379	5,279	0	100
Illinois	27,096	24,986	23	2,087
Indiana	14,635	14,491	1	143
Iowa	5,268	5,092	0	176
Kansas	3,057	2,913	0	144
Kentucky	11,638	11,454	0	184
Louisiana	10,935	10,880	1	54
Maine	3,460	3,458	1	1
Maryland	8,562	8,524	9	29
Massachusetts	12,124	11,328	1	795
Michigan	19,848	19,693	5	150
Minnesota	9,712	9,630	2	80
Mississippi	12,549	12,531	0	18
Missouri	12,578	12,561	0	17
Montana	3,342	3,340	0	2
Nebraska	3,605	3,277	0	328
Nevada	5,888	5,570	0	318
New Hampshire	2,114	2,099	0	15
New Jersey	13,591	12,641	0	950
New Mexico	7,991	7,055	0	936
New York	44,200	41,515	372	2,313
North Carolina	23,256	22,374	0	882
North Dakota	1,725	1,724	0	1
Ohio	19,516	19,403	0	113
Oklahoma	9,052	8,871	0	181
Oregon	12,691	11,638	0	1,053
Pennsylvania	20,956	20,486	35	435
Rhode Island	2,799	2,608	0	191
South Carolina	10,690	10,690	0	0
South Dakota	1,490	1,490	0	0
Tennessee	13,838	13,632	7	199
Texas	49,740	45,200	2	4,538
Utah	7,237	7,022	0	215
Vermont	900	897	3	0
Virginia	19,655	19,294	16	345
Washington	22,442	21,488	0	954
West Virginia	6,033	6,030	0	3
Wisconsin	17,085	16,294	2	789
Wyoming	1,640	1,624	0	16
U.S. Subtotal	674,051	644,644	527	28,880

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Number of GED® Test Candidates Tested, by Language Version: 2012

Jurisdiction	Total Number Tested (N)	Language Version ¹		
		English (N)	French (N)	Spanish (N)
American Samoa	30	30	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	49	49	0	0
Guam	307	307	0	0
Marshall Islands	66	66	0	0
Northern Mariana Islands	32	32	0	0
Palau	57	57	0	0
Puerto Rico ²	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	209	201	2	6
Insular Areas Subtotal	750	742	2	6
Alberta	1,709	1,707	2	0
British Columbia	1,130	1,123	7	0
Manitoba	236	236	0	0
New Brunswick	1,453	1,079	374	0
Newfoundland and Labrador	140	140	0	0
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	833	832	1	0
Nunavut	74	74	0	0
Ontario	3,859	3,841	18	0
Prince Edward Island	401	400	1	0
Quebec	126	25	101	0
Saskatchewan	1,396	1,394	2	0
Yukon Territory	15	14	1	0
Canada Subtotal	11,372	10,865	507	0
Bermuda	278	278	0	0
DANTES ³	713	707	0	6
Federal Bureau of Prisons	9,619	8,620	1	998
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁴	130	130	0	0
Michigan Prisons	3,299	3,296	0	3
Prometric ⁵	2,650	2,650	0	0
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	16,689	15,681	1	1,007
Program Total⁶	702,862	671,932	1,037	29,893

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Candidates who tested in multiple languages were classified according to their predominant test language.

² Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

³ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁴ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁵ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁶ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

TABLE 11

Number of GED® Test Candidates Tested, by Special Edition of the GED® Test: 2012

Jurisdiction	Total Number Tested	Standard Print Paper-based Testing ¹	Computer-based Testing	Special Edition ¹		
				Audiocassette	Braille	Large Print
	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)
Alabama	14,737	14,694	0	28	0	15
Alaska	2,808	2,806	0	2	0	0
Arizona	18,237	18,225	0	2	0	10
Arkansas	7,597	7,571	15	8	0	3
California	53,011	52,993	0	5	1	12
Colorado	15,540	15,254	278	7	0	1
Connecticut	5,351	5,351	0	0	0	0
Delaware	788	786	0	0	0	2
District of Columbia	869	816	47	1	0	5
Florida	44,794	44,069	709	10	0	6
Georgia	30,373	26,325	3,943	47	0	58
Hawaii	1,629	1,628	0	1	0	0
Idaho	5,379	5,377	1	1	0	0
Illinois	27,096	27,026	40	15	0	15
Indiana	14,635	14,271	345	19	0	0
Iowa	5,268	5,242	18	5	0	3
Kansas	3,057	3,029	20	2	0	6
Kentucky	11,638	11,561	28	11	0	38
Louisiana	10,935	10,854	60	7	0	14
Maine	3,460	3,457	0	3	0	0
Maryland	8,562	8,555	0	1	2	4
Massachusetts	12,124	12,086	0	6	0	32
Michigan	19,848	19,809	18	4	0	17
Minnesota	9,712	9,688	19	4	1	0
Mississippi	12,549	12,377	163	7	0	2
Missouri	12,578	12,264	304	9	0	1
Montana	3,342	3,335	0	3	0	4
Nebraska	3,605	3,587	16	2	0	0
Nevada	5,888	5,886	0	0	0	2
New Hampshire	2,114	2,110	4	0	0	0
New Jersey	13,591	13,581	4	2	0	4
New Mexico	7,991	7,931	55	4	0	1
New York	44,200	44,172	0	1	12	15
North Carolina	23,256	23,209	0	21	1	25
North Dakota	1,725	1,671	46	8	0	0
Ohio	19,516	19,441	47	7	0	21
Oklahoma	9,052	8,864	139	1	0	48
Oregon	12,691	12,539	119	25	0	8
Pennsylvania	20,956	20,766	180	4	0	6
Rhode Island	2,799	2,796	2	0	0	1
South Carolina	10,690	10,527	76	17	0	70
South Dakota	1,490	1,363	126	0	0	1
Tennessee	13,838	13,800	27	4	0	7
Texas	49,740	49,648	0	7	1	84
Utah	7,237	6,789	448	0	0	0
Vermont	900	889	9	2	0	0
Virginia	19,655	19,560	22	29	0	44
Washington	22,442	22,351	57	33	0	1
West Virginia	6,033	5,969	54	10	0	0
Wisconsin	17,085	17,040	6	36	0	3
Wyoming	1,640	1,581	45	13	0	1
U.S. Subtotal	674,051	665,519	7,490	434	18	590

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Number of GED® Test Candidates Tested, by Special Edition of the GED® Test: 2012

Jurisdiction	Total Number Tested	Standard Print Paper-based Testing ²	Computer-based Testing	Special Edition ¹		
				Audiocassette	Braille	Large Print
	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)
American Samoa	30	30	0	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	49	49	0	0	0	0
Guam	307	307	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	66	66	0	0	0	0
Northern Mariana Islands	32	32	0	0	0	0
Palau	57	57	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	209	209	0	0	0	0
Insular Areas Subtotal	750	750	0	0	0	0
Alberta	1,709	1,703	0	4	0	2
British Columbia	1,130	1,127	0	1	2	0
Manitoba	236	236	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	1,453	1,445	0	3	0	5
Newfoundland and Labrador	140	140	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	833	828	0	5	0	0
Nunavut	74	74	0	0	0	0
Ontario	3,859	3,802	0	6	0	51
Prince Edward Island	401	388	0	13	0	0
Quebec	126	126	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	1,396	1,345	0	50	0	1
Yukon Territory	15	15	0	0	0	0
Canada Subtotal	11,372	11,229	0	82	2	59
Bermuda	278	278	0	0	0	0
DANTES ⁴	713	713	0	0	0	0
Federal Bureau of Prisons	9,619	9,552	0	19	1	47
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	130	130	0	0	0	0
Michigan Prisons	3,299	3,241	0	4	0	54
Prometric ⁶	2,650	0	2,650	0	0	0
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	16,689	13,914	2,650	23	1	101
Program Total⁷	702,862	691,412	10,140	539	21	750

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Candidates who tested on multiple editions were classified according to their predominant edition.

² Candidates who tested on multiple editions were classified according to their predominant edition.

³ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

⁴ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁵ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁶ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

TABLE 12a

Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Candidates in Language Arts, Writing; Social Studies; and Language Arts, Reading Tests: 2012

Jurisdiction	Writing					Social Studies					Reading				
	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)
Alabama	11,185	440	456	65	83.8	11,645	480	482	81	84.6	11,565	490	510	97	91
Alaska	1,835	490	496	73	94.4	1,972	520	520	84	93.8	1,897	540	562	107	97.8
Arizona	14,118	480	494	75	92.6	14,470	500	508	83	91.6	14,447	520	536	104	94.6
Arkansas	6,871	520	522	79	96.4	6,874	510	517	77	95.2	6,814	540	549	101	97.8
California	38,965	490	498	82	91.2	40,862	510	510	83	91.6	40,911	500	536	105	94.4
Colorado	10,779	500	503	76	95.4	11,354	510	520	83	94.4	11,324	540	548	104	96.4
Connecticut	4,149	510	516	89	89.6	4,264	480	492	87	85	4,209	490	512	104	88.8
Delaware	751	510	515	69	98	753	540	541	73	98.6	756	570	577	106	98.8
District of Columbia	657	500	500	74	91.6	642	460	475	71	86.6	635	480	502	91	91
Florida	35,560	480	489	74	91.2	36,559	510	508	84	90.8	36,515	520	537	105	94.2
Georgia	20,431	510	509	82	91.6	21,406	500	500	82	89.8	21,558	500	525	101	93.4
Hawaii	1,374	490	503	76	95.2	1,404	520	522	83	94.4	1,408	540	548	105	96.4
Idaho	3,629	500	508	76	96	3,838	530	534	84	96.2	3,847	560	572	107	98
Illinois	20,407	450	469	74	86	20,800	500	498	82	88.8	20,869	500	521	101	92.2
Indiana	12,850	470	484	69	92	12,973	510	514	80	93.2	12,946	520	540	102	95.4
Iowa	3,659	500	509	75	97.4	3,661	530	538	76	98.2	3,706	560	570	100	99.2
Kansas	2,979	520	525	75	97.4	2,971	540	554	80	98.4	2,969	570	586	103	99
Kentucky	10,294	470	483	69	92.6	10,344	500	509	76	94.4	10,311	500	533	98	96.2
Louisiana	9,398	470	481	69	90.8	9,708	490	497	79	89.2	9,698	500	522	98	93.4
Maine	2,246	470	491	77	93.2	2,398	520	526	80	95.8	2,383	540	563	107	98
Maryland	6,806	460	473	71	86	7,000	500	503	88	88	6,945	500	522	106	91.2
Massachusetts	9,055	470	483	75	88.4	9,332	490	499	87	87.8	9,356	500	520	104	91.2
Michigan	13,153	460	476	70	88.8	14,057	510	509	84	91	14,110	520	535	104	94.6
Minnesota	6,384	470	486	72	93	6,729	530	529	83	95.4	6,664	540	559	104	97.6
Mississippi	8,628	450	466	66	85.6	9,189	470	474	79	82.8	9,138	480	502	97	89.6
Missouri	11,221	480	490	72	92.6	11,410	520	518	85	92.6	11,377	520	541	105	94.6
Montana	2,491	480	489	73	92.8	2,575	520	524	85	94.2	2,562	540	559	109	97
Nebraska	2,165	490	497	71	95	2,293	520	525	81	94.4	2,319	540	555	106	96.6
Nevada	5,162	470	483	71	90.8	5,201	510	511	84	90.4	5,200	500	534	104	93.4
New Hampshire	1,657	490	497	75	94.2	1,728	530	534	84	95.6	1,691	540	560	107	97.6
New Jersey	10,801	470	485	76	88.6	11,058	480	488	84	85.4	11,004	490	510	101	89.8
New Mexico	6,050	475	485	73	90	6,256	500	499	81	89.2	6,227	500	524	101	93.4
New York	33,880	460	479	82	84.2	35,112	480	488	84	85	34,950	490	511	101	89.8
North Carolina	13,984	480	493	70	95	15,592	510	514	78	94	15,716	540	548	102	97
North Dakota	1,119	470	485	68	95.2	1,242	515	520	83	95.4	1,225	540	552	101	97.8
Ohio	16,681	460	470	66	89.4	16,826	510	514	81	93.4	16,761	520	539	102	95.6
Oklahoma	7,815	470	478	70	89.8	8,000	510	510	82	91.8	7,996	520	541	103	94.8
Oregon	9,065	490	505	77	95.4	9,168	520	529	86	95	9,206	540	566	110	97.2
Pennsylvania	15,856	480	489	75	91.2	16,295	500	508	82	91.6	16,235	520	536	103	94.6
Rhode Island	1,944	450	470	72	90.4	2,034	510	513	80	93.8	1,996	520	544	101	96.8
South Carolina	9,237	460	475	67	90.2	9,383	500	506	78	92.2	9,335	500	532	99	95.4
South Dakota	960	500	510	74	96	1,022	530	532	79	96.8	1,006	540	569	104	98.6
Tennessee	11,112	470	479	68	90.8	11,452	500	504	79	92	11,380	500	527	99	94.8
Texas	38,244	510	510	79	92.4	39,028	490	496	81	88.8	38,968	500	525	101	93.2
Utah	6,488	510	517	83	95.4	6,502	530	530	84	95	6,523	540	563	108	96.8
Vermont	570	490	504	80	94.6	575	530	539	91	95.4	586	560	576	109	97.6
Virginia	14,096	470	483	73	90.4	14,550	490	499	80	90.8	14,432	500	521	100	94
Washington	15,223	520	527	85	95.6	15,648	520	526	87	94.6	15,727	540	561	109	96.8
West Virginia	4,871	460	478	69	91.6	5,004	500	503	78	92.4	4,959	500	532	100	95.4
Wisconsin	9,168	470	485	69	92.6	9,621	510	516	84	93	9,943	520	541	104	95.8
Wyoming	1,312	500	510	74	97.4	1,312	530	537	79	97.4	1,301	570	577	105	99
U.S. Subtotal	507,335	480	490	77	90.8	524,092	500	507	83	90.8	523,606	500	534	104	94.2

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Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Candidates in Language Arts, Writing; Social Studies; and Language Arts, Reading Tests: 2012

Jurisdiction	Writing					Social Studies					Reading				
	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)
American Samoa	25	470	467	75	72	27	440	451	109	55.6	27	450	471	124	74
Federated States of Micronesia	23	390	406	76	26	44	355	358	68	25	44	370	376	65	18.2
Guam	255	450	469	70	88.6	258	470	476	66	87.6	262	470	495	84	90
Marshall Islands	21	390	408	61	38	64	330	335	69	12.6	61	360	368	51	16.4
Northern Mariana Islands	18	520	526	83	94.4	14	555	541	67	92.8	24	500	534	82	100
Palau	8	430	430	46	62.6	36	435	436	83	69.4	16	445	449	102	68.8
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	133	460	464	61	83.4	154	450	464	76	75.4	147	470	487	91	83.6
Insular Areas Subtotal	483	450	463	71	81	597	450	447	88	69.4	581	460	470	97	74.4
Alberta	1,558	530	533	86	94.8	1,576	560	552	87	95.2	1,580	570	594	119	95.8
British Columbia	971	560	573	101	96.6	989	570	564	88	96.6	1,002	570	594	115	97.2
Manitoba	203	500	520	83	94.6	204	560	557	86	95.6	203	570	593	112	97
New Brunswick	1,087	480	490	71	90.8	1,157	490	499	79	89.8	1,076	540	556	101	96.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	105	510	511	82	91.4	109	520	530	88	92.6	104	540	575	118	98
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	670	500	507	80	93	661	520	522	83	94.2	665	540	552	107	95.8
Nunavut	55	420	434	63	54.6	64	430	442	81	65.6	65	440	448	84	73.8
Ontario	3,426	540	545	88	96.6	3,398	560	559	86	96.8	3,406	570	586	112	97.6
Prince Edward Island	318	500	506	75	93.8	313	530	534	80	95.2	294	540	564	103	97.2
Quebec	117	500	505	71	94.8	122	480	493	72	91.8	119	600	590	82	98.4
Saskatchewan	1,058	500	501	79	89.2	1,113	510	512	86	90.4	1,092	520	546	111	93.6
Yukon Territory	12	520	520	74	91.6	12	520	549	109	91.6	12	540	559	79	100
Canada Subtotal	9,580	520	529	89	94	9,718	540	540	89	94.4	9,618	570	576	113	96.4
Bermuda	192	450	464	63	88	196	460	461	67	79	194	470	485	85	88.6
DANTES ²	689	520	525	70	99.2	680	550	561	78	98.6	681	570	595	103	99
Federal Bureau of Prisons	7,506	450	458	58	85.8	7,629	480	489	72	90.8	7,486	490	511	91	93.8
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	99	440	453	62	80.8	104	450	448	72	73	102	460	467	78	79.4
Michigan Prisons	2,084	440	454	57	83.4	2,152	480	487	72	89.4	2,035	490	512	89	95.2
Prometric ⁴	2,035	490	505	85	91.6	2,079	520	518	84	93	2,115	490	513	103	90.6
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	12,605	460	469	68	87	12,840	490	496	77	91	12,613	490	515	96	93.6
Program Total⁵	530,003	480	490	77	90.8	547,247	500	507	83	91	546,418	500	534	104	94.2

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

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² DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

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⁴ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁵ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Note: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results because some results are based on a small number of candidates.

TABLE 12b

Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Candidates in Science and Mathematics Tests: 2012

Jurisdiction	Science					Mathematics				
	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)
Alabama	11,499	500	499	82	89.2	12,312	430	441	73	70.8
Alaska	1,960	540	546	87	96.6	1,764	490	492	79	91.6
Arizona	14,354	520	523	84	94.2	14,901	450	464	79	81.6
Arkansas	6,815	530	536	79	97.2	7,089	480	482	72	90.8
California	40,617	520	521	83	93.8	41,753	450	458	79	78.2
Colorado	11,257	530	537	83	96.4	11,058	460	474	78	87.2
Connecticut	4,258	500	504	91	87.6	4,630	430	440	85	65
Delaware	758	540	550	79	98.6	764	500	509	73	97
District of Columbia	651	480	482	68	90.8	732	430	434	68	67.8
Florida	36,447	520	524	86	93.2	38,281	460	465	81	79.8
Georgia	21,127	510	513	82	92.4	22,421	450	454	79	76.4
Hawaii	1,389	540	546	86	96.6	1,457	480	489	88	87
Idaho	3,777	550	559	84	98.2	3,651	480	488	80	89.6
Illinois	20,666	510	510	82	91.6	22,026	450	456	79	76
Indiana	12,908	530	533	81	95.8	13,446	470	476	77	85.6
Iowa	3,480	550	558	78	99.2	3,451	490	501	72	95.6
Kansas	2,976	560	571	81	98.8	2,971	510	520	77	96.8
Kentucky	10,263	520	527	74	97.2	10,684	460	465	67	86.6
Louisiana	9,748	510	509	82	91.8	10,034	450	462	76	80.2
Maine	2,384	540	549	85	97.6	2,207	480	484	76	89.8
Maryland	6,942	510	514	88	90.8	7,415	450	456	83	74.2
Massachusetts	9,343	510	511	89	90.4	9,716	440	454	84	74.8
Michigan	13,951	520	526	88	92.8	13,881	450	461	79	79.4
Minnesota	6,587	540	546	85	97.4	6,580	480	486	81	88.6
Mississippi	9,007	490	493	81	88	9,465	430	441	73	71.2
Missouri	11,393	530	537	85	95.4	11,756	480	478	79	85.2
Montana	2,587	540	545	86	96	2,614	470	480	84	85
Nebraska	2,300	540	543	82	96.6	2,268	470	477	78	85
Nevada	5,222	520	523	84	93.2	5,425	450	460	79	79.2
New Hampshire	1,711	550	555	86	97.2	1,659	490	491	80	90.2
New Jersey	11,023	490	499	85	88.4	11,724	440	446	84	70.8
New Mexico	6,243	520	517	82	93	6,421	450	456	78	76.6
New York	35,512	490	495	85	87.2	37,199	440	445	83	69.6
North Carolina	15,294	530	530	79	96.6	13,878	480	485	73	91
North Dakota	1,209	540	547	86	97.4	1,137	480	488	78	90.8
Ohio	16,761	520	525	84	94.8	17,602	450	460	74	80.8
Oklahoma	8,003	520	525	81	94.2	8,339	450	463	74	82.4
Oregon	9,069	550	555	89	97.6	9,211	480	485	81	89
Pennsylvania	16,173	520	523	86	93.6	16,777	450	463	80	80.4
Rhode Island	2,023	520	527	84	95.2	1,917	470	476	78	87
South Carolina	9,365	520	519	80	94.4	9,619	460	467	75	83.2
South Dakota	1,013	540	550	82	98.2	911	500	508	78	94.4
Tennessee	11,365	520	520	79	95	11,856	450	456	70	80.6
Texas	38,797	510	510	81	92.2	40,590	450	458	78	78.2
Utah	6,504	550	554	86	97	6,776	470	480	84	86.2
Vermont	573	550	558	89	97.2	578	490	495	89	88.2
Virginia	14,553	510	512	82	93.4	14,938	440	451	75	77.2
Washington	15,502	540	547	88	97	15,739	470	480	82	86.6
West Virginia	4,945	520	526	77	96.2	5,016	460	466	68	86.4
Wisconsin	9,223	530	532	87	95.4	9,201	460	469	80	82.6
Wyoming	1,301	550	558	82	98.8	1,334	490	493	74	92.8
U.S. Subtotal	520,828	520	522	85	93.4	537,174	450	463	79	80

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Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Candidates in Science and Mathematics Tests: 2012

Jurisdiction	Science					Mathematics				
	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)	N	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Met Min. Score Req. (%)
American Samoa	29	460	463	112	69	30	410	425	79	53.4
Federated States of Micronesia	44	365	377	61	29.6	45	320	331	73	13.4
Guam	263	490	494	71	92.4	283	420	429	73	59
Marshall Islands	64	350	351	60	12.6	62	310	321	68	8
Northern Mariana Islands	13	560	560	89	100	12	495	517	105	83.4
Palau	28	490	471	82	75	28	445	469	107	75
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	144	480	478	71	88.2	164	410	418	62	60.4
Insular Areas Subtotal	585	470	464	89	76	624	410	411	84	52
Alberta	1,563	580	585	93	97	1,616	510	519	101	88.4
British Columbia	983	590	593	93	97.6	1,044	510	518	98	90.2
Manitoba	204	590	589	94	97	212	510	519	106	90
New Brunswick	1,109	540	538	84	95.6	1,183	480	482	85	83.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	104	560	565	89	99	110	490	495	98	81
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	642	550	559	87	96.2	721	480	482	91	81.8
Nunavut	63	470	464	84	68.2	61	390	401	72	44.2
Ontario	3,356	580	586	89	97.4	3,516	510	521	98	91.2
Prince Edward Island	302	550	559	84	97.4	336	490	493	81	89.6
Quebec	116	525	532	80	97.4	117	480	491	84	86.4
Saskatchewan	1,101	540	545	92	94.2	1,113	480	481	98	80.2
Yukon Territory	12	565	587	102	100	13	490	529	103	92.4
Canada Subtotal	9,555	570	572	92	96.6	10,042	500	506	98	87.4
Bermuda	192	490	496	73	91.6	224	430	427	67	64.2
DANTES ²	675	570	580	79	98.8	685	520	523	84	95.4
Federal Bureau of Prisons	7,645	490	493	72	92	8,138	440	443	63	75.6
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	110	470	469	73	81	107	420	426	73	60.8
Michigan Prisons	2,084	490	497	77	92	2,286	430	438	67	72.4
Prometric ⁴	2,058	540	541	95	93.2	2,090	520	536	120	88.6
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	12,764	500	506	81	92.4	13,530	450	460	85	77.8
Program Total⁵	543,732	520	522	85	93.4	561,370	450	464	80	80

Source: GED Testing Service® data.

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Note: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results because some results are based on a small number of candidates.

TABLE 13

GED® Test Candidate Participation, by Number Tested, Percentage Who Completed the GED® Test, and Percentage Who Passed:
Changes from 2011 to 2012

Jurisdiction	Tested			Completed			Passed		
	2011	2012	Percent Change (2010-11)	2011	2012	Percent Change (2010-11)	2011	2012	Percent Change (2011-12)
	(N)	(N)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Alabama	13,940	14,737	5.7	99.5	99.2	-0.3	61	54.5	-6.5
Alaska	2,827	2,808	-0.7	66.5	63.8	-2.7	87.4	86.9	-0.5
Arizona	18,097	18,237	0.8	88	87.7	-0.3	73.7	72.4	-1.3
Arkansas	7,870	7,597	-3.5	98.9	99	0.1	84.7	84.4	-0.3
California	53,370	53,011	-0.7	84.2	83.4	-0.8	71.7	68.3	-3.4
Colorado	15,734	15,540	-1.2	75.3	73.2	-2.1	81.3	82.5	1.2
Connecticut	5,151	5,351	3.9	87.4	88.9	1.5	60.7	57	-3.7
Delaware	807	788	-2.4	99.5	99.7	0.2	93.4	92.1	-1.3
District of Columbia	913	869	-4.8	93.9	92.2	-1.7	59	55.2	-3.8
Florida	47,180	44,794	-5.1	94.8	93.7	-1.1	71.3	67.7	-3.6
Georgia	33,061	30,373	-8.1	84.1	79.2	-4.9	66.3	66.4	0.1
Hawaii	1,738	1,629	-6.3	95.3	95.9	0.6	78.6	77.4	-1.2
Idaho	5,536	5,379	-2.8	72.1	69	-3.1	86.8	85.9	-0.9
Illinois	27,035	27,096	0.2	90.9	90.4	-0.5	64.2	60.1	-4.1
Indiana	15,144	14,635	-3.4	99.2	98.7	-0.5	77	74.5	-2.5
Iowa	5,646	5,268	-6.7	63.3	63.1	-0.2	97.9	97.8	-0.1
Kansas	3,177	3,057	-3.8	98.7	98.4	-0.3	94.8	93.3	-1.5
Kentucky	12,104	11,638	-3.8	98.6	98.4	-0.2	82	77.6	-4.4
Louisiana	11,958	10,935	-8.6	98.9	98.7	-0.2	69.2	67.5	-1.7
Maine	3,741	3,460	-7.5	69.4	65.3	-4.1	86.9	83.1	-3.8
Maryland	8,171	8,562	4.8	95.3	95	-0.3	62.7	59.1	-3.6
Massachusetts	12,165	12,124	-0.3	90.1	88.2	-1.9	65.3	62	-3.3
Michigan	19,738	19,848	0.6	75.2	74.4	-0.8	70.2	69.7	-0.5
Minnesota	9,759	9,712	-0.5	71	70.6	-0.4	83.3	81.1	-2.2
Mississippi	13,976	12,549	-10.2	91.1	89.3	-1.8	59.1	55.3	-3.8
Missouri	13,388	12,578	-6.1	99.2	98.2	-1.0	77.8	74.6	-3.2
Montana	3,637	3,342	-8.1	82.9	83.5	0.6	79.3	77.6	-1.7
Nebraska	3,729	3,605	-3.3	67.4	65.3	-2.1	82.2	79.6	-2.6
Nevada	6,026	5,888	-2.3	98.4	98.4	0.0	72.3	69.3	-3.0
New Hampshire	2,310	2,114	-8.5	83.4	82.3	-1.1	87	83.3	-3.7
New Jersey	13,752	13,591	-1.2	97.3	97.1	-0.2	63.9	59.2	-4.7
New Mexico	8,416	7,991	-5.0	87.8	86.3	-1.5	69.8	65.1	-4.7
New York	43,824	44,200	0.9	97.5	97.7	0.2	59.5	53.8	-5.7
North Carolina	24,797	23,256	-6.2	61.1	60.5	-0.6	86.9	84.8	-2.1
North Dakota	1,732	1,725	-0.4	68.5	66.3	-2.2	84.5	85.9	1.4
Ohio	20,275	19,516	-3.7	98.9	98.6	-0.3	74.6	68.9	-5.7
Oklahoma	9,012	9,052	0.4	98.6	97.9	-0.7	75.1	72.1	-3.0
Oregon	13,124	12,691	-3.3	74.7	74	-0.7	85	84.1	-0.9
Pennsylvania	22,469	20,956	-6.7	88.9	88	-0.9	71.7	70.5	-1.2
Rhode Island	2,908	2,799	-3.7	74.1	73.6	-0.5	76.7	75.8	-0.9
South Carolina	10,934	10,690	-2.2	97.4	97.1	-0.3	77.6	72.1	-5.5
South Dakota	1,645	1,490	-9.4	63.2	64	0.8	82.6	67.6	-15.0
Tennessee	14,157	13,838	-2.3	97	95.8	-1.2	72.2	67.2	-5.0
Texas	49,690	49,740	0.1	89.5	89.2	-0.3	69.8	67.5	-2.3
Utah	6,086	7,237	18.9	95.7	95.4	-0.3	82.6	81.7	-0.9
Vermont	1,030	900	-12.6	60.9	63.1	2.2	84.1	84.5	0.4
Virginia	20,879	19,655	-5.9	87.1	84.7	-2.4	69.2	65.6	-3.6
Washington	23,262	22,442	-3.5	70.6	71	0.4	82.6	81.5	-1.1
West Virginia	5,980	6,033	0.9	91.6	87.4	-4.2	78.1	76.4	-1.7
Wisconsin	17,778	17,085	-3.9	56	54.6	-1.4	79.5	76.2	-3.3
Wyoming	1,618	1,640	1.4	83.2	82	-1.2	92.5	91	-1.5
U.S. Subtotal	691,296	674,051	-2.5	87	86.2	-0.8	72.2	69.1	-3.1

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Jurisdiction	Tested			Completed			Passed		
	2011	2012	Percent Change (2011-12)	2011	2012	Percent Change (2011-12)	2011	2012	Percent Change (2011-12)
	(N)	(N)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
American Samoa	22	30	36.4	100	100	0.0	22.7	33.3	10.6
Federated States of Micronesia	36	49	36.1	91.7	83.7	-8.0	12.1	7.3	-4.8
Guam	268	307	14.6	98.5	99.3	0.8	53.4	48.9	-4.5
Marshall Islands	56	66	17.9	94.6	93.9	-0.7	9.4	3.2	-6.2
Northern Mariana Islands	34	32	-5.9	55.9	40.6	-15.3	78.9	69.2	-9.7
Palau	83	57	-31.3	39.8	77.2	37.4	30.3	54.5	24.2
Puerto Rico ¹	-	*	NA	-	*	NA	-	*	NA
Virgin Islands	194	209	7.7	97.9	97.6	-0.3	41.6	41.7	0.1
Insular Areas Subtotal	693	750	8.2	-	93.2	-	42.2	40.3	-1.9
Alberta	1,824	1,709	-6.3	96.7	98	1.3	70.4	71	0.6
British Columbia	1,238	1,130	-8.7	96.2	96.4	0.2	71.5	72.2	0.7
Manitoba	266	236	-11.3	98.1	98.3	0.2	64.8	62.1	-2.7
New Brunswick	1,625	1,453	-10.6	97.7	97.7	0.0	48.6	47.5	-1.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	185	140	-24.3	98.4	97.1	-1.3	57.7	55.1	-2.6
Northwest Territories	4	*	NA	0	*	NA	-	*	NA
Nova Scotia	940	833	-11.4	96.6	96.2	-0.4	55.3	56.6	1.3
Nunavut	65	74	13.8	98.5	93.2	-5.3	23.4	13	-10.4
Ontario	4,357	3,859	-11.4	97.9	98.1	0.2	70.5	73.4	2.9
Prince Edward Island	456	401	-12.1	98	97	-1.0	55.7	62.5	6.8
Quebec	236	126	-46.6	99.2	97.6	-1.6	47.4	57.7	10.3
Saskatchewan	1,416	1,396	-1.4	88.4	86.9	-1.5	56	52.8	-3.2
Yukon Territory	29	15	-48.3	93.1	93.3	0.2	74.1	78.6	4.5
Canada Subtotal	12,641	11,372	-10.0	96.4	96.2	-0.2	63.6	64.6	1.0
Bermuda	255	278	9.0	100	98.2	-1.8	46.7	45.1	-1.6
DANTES ²	1,784	713	-60.0	99.9	100	0.1	95.6	93.3	-2.3
Federal Bureau of Prisons	10,383	9,619	-7.4	91.6	88.4	-3.2	69.9	60.9	-9.0
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	141	130	-7.8	95	99.2	4.2	47	38.8	-8.2
Michigan Prisons	3,432	3,299	-3.9	87.3	83.5	-3.8	56.2	56.2	0.0
Prometric ⁴	2,546	2,650	4.1	78.8	84	5.2	66.6	76.9	10.3
VA Hospitals	-	*	NA	-	*	NA	-	*	NA
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	18,541	16,689	-10.0	90	87.5	-2.5	69.2	63.5	-5.7
Program Total⁵	723,171	702,862	-2.8	-	86.4	-	71.9	68.8	-3.1

Source: 2011 and 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

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Note: Due to rounding procedures, the data listed under Percentage Point Change 2011–2012 may not equal the difference between the 2011 and 2012 completion and pass rates.

TABLE 14

Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Age Group and Mean Age: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Age		Age Group								Mean Age	Std. Dev.
			16-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+		
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(years)	
Alabama	7,961	99.9	28	33.5	15	10.3	6.2	5.2	1.6	0.2	25.2	8.5
Alaska	1,558	100	32.1	39	13.8	6	3.3	3.5	2.2	0.1	23.8	8
Arizona	11,586	100	26.5	36.5	13.9	9.1	5.5	6	2	0.5	25.4	9
Arkansas	6,343	100	39.9	29.1	10.4	7.8	4.7	5.1	2.4	0.6	24.4	9.5
California	30,200	100	19.3	36.4	15.2	10.5	6.9	8.5	2.9	0.3	27	9.4
Colorado	9,376	100	25.9	35.6	15.2	9.6	5.3	5.9	2.2	0.2	25.5	8.8
Connecticut	2,712	100	16	46	14.4	10.1	4.9	6.3	2.1	0.2	25.8	8.6
Delaware	723	99.9	17.3	42.2	15.1	11.3	6.1	6.6	0.8	0.6	26	8.5
District of Columbia	419	94.8	19.6	45.1	14.6	9.5	5	4.3	1.7	0.2	25.1	8.6
Florida	28,422	100	33.2	37.3	11.2	7.1	4.1	5	1.9	0.2	24.1	8.5
Georgia	15,975	100	27.4	38.1	13.3	9.2	4.6	5.2	1.9	0.3	24.9	8.5
Hawaii	1,210	100	56.1	23.8	7.8	4.5	3.1	3.1	1.5	0.1	21.9	7.9
Idaho	3,191	100	33	33.2	12.4	9	5.3	5	1.8	0.3	24.7	8.7
Illinois	14,734	100	25.9	38.2	13.8	8.8	5.3	5.5	2.2	0.2	25.2	8.7
Indiana	10,757	100	28.5	37.2	13.3	8.6	5.1	5	2	0.2	24.8	8.6
Iowa	3,251	100	24.5	38.5	14.5	9.8	4.9	5.1	2.2	0.3	25.3	8.8
Kansas	2,806	100	30.8	36.4	14.3	8.7	4.6	3.8	1.3	0.1	24.2	7.8
Kentucky	8,888	100	21.8	35.9	15.4	10.9	6.4	6.5	2.5	0.5	26.3	9.3
Louisiana	7,281	100	36.7	32	11.9	9.2	4.6	4.3	1.1	0.1	23.9	8.1
Maine	1,878	100	29.1	42.9	11.3	6.4	3.1	4.4	2.1	0.6	24.2	8.6
Maryland	4,801	100	30	37.5	13.4	7.5	4	5.2	2	0.4	24.6	8.8
Massachusetts	6,616	99.8	28	41	13.1	7.7	4.1	4.3	1.5	0.3	24.2	8.2
Michigan	10,289	100	23.7	45.4	12.3	8	4.5	4.4	1.6	0.2	24.4	8
Minnesota	5,544	99.7	16.7	44.2	16.7	9.6	5.1	5.4	2	0.2	25.7	8.4
Mississippi	6,194	100	39.1	31	11.1	8.5	4.6	4	1.5	0.2	23.7	8.2
Missouri	9,222	100	34.3	29.7	14	9.7	5	5.1	2	0.2	24.8	8.7
Montana	2,164	100	41.6	33.1	10.8	5.9	2.9	3.4	1.9	0.3	23.1	8
Nebraska	1,874	100	20.7	39.2	16.6	11.5	4.7	5.3	1.8	0.2	25.6	8.3
Nevada	4,012	100	25.6	37.9	14.4	9.5	4.1	5.7	2.5	0.4	25.4	9
New Hampshire	1,450	100	34.9	32.8	12.8	7.4	4	5.4	2.6	0.1	24.5	8.9
New Jersey	7,808	100	32.1	32.6	11.9	8.6	5.7	6.5	2.2	0.3	25.1	9.3
New Mexico	4,492	100	36.7	31.7	12.8	8.1	4.7	4.4	1.5	0.3	24.1	8.3
New York	23,221	100	19.7	43.2	15.4	8.6	4.8	5.7	2.2	0.5	25.5	8.8
North Carolina	11,935	100	19.5	38.7	14.3	10.7	6.2	7.1	2.9	0.5	26.6	9.5
North Dakota	972	99	38.7	36.2	10.8	5.9	3.2	2.5	2.4	0.4	23.2	8.2
Ohio	13,248	100	10	45.6	17.1	11.5	6.3	6.2	2.7	0.5	26.9	9
Oklahoma	6,391	100	28.1	35.7	14.3	9.7	5.3	4.7	1.9	0.3	25	8.5
Oregon	7,890	100	36.9	31.1	10.8	8	4.8	6	2.2	0.2	24.4	8.9
Pennsylvania	12,996	100	24.6	41.1	14.3	8.3	4.3	5.2	1.9	0.3	24.9	8.5
Rhode Island	1,558	99.9	34	42.1	9.6	6	2.6	3.6	1.9	0.3	23.3	7.9
South Carolina	7,476	100	25.3	39.8	13.1	9.4	4.9	5.2	1.9	0.3	25	8.6
South Dakota	644	100	29.7	43.8	13.8	6.2	2.8	2.2	1.6	0	23.2	6.9
Tennessee	8,898	100	19.7	33.5	16	11.5	7.8	8	2.9	0.6	27.3	9.6
Texas	29,856	99.7	22.1	35.6	15.9	10.9	6.4	6.5	2.3	0.3	26.2	9
Utah	5,638	100	27.4	40.5	12.9	8.1	4.7	4.6	1.6	0.2	24.5	8.1
Vermont	478	99.6	43.5	35.1	7.5	5.9	3.8	3.1	1	0	22.5	7.4
Virginia	10,914	100	32.7	31.5	12.2	9.5	5.1	6.1	2.5	0.5	25.2	9.4
Washington	12,941	99.6	24.6	42.3	13.1	8.7	4.5	4.6	1.9	0.2	24.7	8.3
West Virginia	4,027	100	38.6	34.8	10.4	7.1	3.7	4	1.2	0.2	23.4	7.8
Wisconsin	7,100	99.9	24.7	33	15.5	10.8	6.3	6.7	2.7	0.3	26.3	9.2
Wyoming	1,223	100	32.3	36.4	12.5	7.8	4.4	4.5	1.8	0.2	24.2	8.4
U.S. Subtotal	401,143	99.9	26.3	37.3	13.8	9.2	5.2	5.7	2.1	0.3	25.3	8.8

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	(N)	Response Rate (%)	16-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+		
			(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		
American Samoa	10	100	50	30	10	10	0	0	0	0	21.4	5.2
Federated States of Micronesia	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	149	100	21.5	47	16.1	5.4	5.4	3.4	1.3	0	24	7.1
Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	9	100	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.7	2.1
Palau	24	100	4.2	54.2	20.8	8.3	8.3	4.2	0	0	25.2	6.8
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	85	100	32.9	29.4	20	3.5	4.7	4.7	2.4	2.4	25.2	9.7
Insular Areas Subtotal	282	100	24.1	42.9	17.4	5	5	3.5	1.4	0.7	24.3	7.8
Alberta	1,188	100	3.4	32.5	19.3	14.1	10.2	13	6.8	0.8	31.3	10.5
British Columbia	642	81.7	6.2	27.4	17.4	14.3	13.2	14.3	6.5	0.5	31.7	10.6
Manitoba	144	100	1.4	33.3	16.7	9.7	11.1	19.4	6.3	2.1	32.6	11.3
New Brunswick	675	100	2.7	40.1	16.7	10.1	8	14.1	7.1	1.2	30.9	11.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	75	100	0	54.7	9.3	8	5.3	20	2.7	0	29.1	10
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	453	100	0	39.1	17.7	10.6	8.6	17.9	5.1	1.1	31.4	11
Nunavut	9	100	0	44.4	33.3	11.1	11.1	0	0	0	26.2	5.5
Ontario	2,776	100	3.6	40.7	21.3	10.8	6.9	10.3	6	0.4	29.6	10.1
Prince Edward Island	243	100	7	36.2	10.7	7	7.4	16.9	13.2	1.6	32.8	13
Quebec	71	100	31	32.4	14.1	2.8	9.9	8.5	1.4	0	25.5	9.1
Saskatchewan	640	100	7.3	34.1	19.4	12.8	9.2	11.7	5.3	0.2	29.8	10
Yukon Territory	11	100	18.2	54.5	18.2	9.1	0	0	0	0	23.2	4.1
Canada Subtotal	6,927	98	4.2	37.1	19.1	11.5	8.6	12.6	6.3	0.6	30.5	10.5
Bermuda	123	100	58.5	14.6	9.8	5.7	1.6	5.7	4.1	0	23.5	10.3
DANTES ²	665	100	18.3	56.5	14.6	6.9	2.1	1.5	0	0	23	5.2
Federal Bureau of Prisons	5,172	99.9	0.1	16	23.4	24.6	15.2	15.4	4.1	1.2	33.5	8.9
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	50	100	40	46	6	6	2	0	0	0	21.2	4.3
Michigan Prisons	1,548	100	8.6	40.3	20.3	11.7	7.9	7.9	2.8	0.5	27.9	9.1
Prometric ⁴	1,706	99.6	64.4	31.7	2.3	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.1	0	19.2	3.5
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	9,264	99.9	15.6	26	18.1	16.4	10	10.2	2.8	0.8	29	9.8
Program Total⁵	417,616	99.9	25.7	37	14	9.4	5.4	5.9	2.2	0.3	25.5	8.9

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

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² DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

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⁴ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁵ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Notes: Due to rounding procedures, percentages may not equal 100 percent.

Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

TABLE 15

Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Gender: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Gender		Gender	
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	Male (%)	Female (%)
Alabama	7,959	99.9	54.1	45.9
Alaska	1,558	100	57.7	42.3
Arizona	11,588	100	58.9	41.1
Arkansas	6,317	99.5	57.4	42.6
California	29,997	99.3	61.1	38.9
Colorado	9,375	100	57.9	42.1
Connecticut	2,712	100	62.8	37.2
Delaware	721	99.6	63.8	36.2
District of Columbia	412	93.2	58.5	41.5
Florida	28,411	100	58	42
Georgia	15,895	99.5	58	42
Hawaii	1,201	99.3	58	42
Idaho	3,191	100	57	43
Illinois	14,494	98.4	58.5	41.5
Indiana	10,724	99.7	58.6	41.4
Iowa	3,251	100	58.9	41.1
Kansas	2,806	100	55.2	44.8
Kentucky	8,888	100	58.4	41.6
Louisiana	7,233	99.3	62.1	37.9
Maine	1,809	96.3	58.4	41.6
Maryland	4,802	100	61.5	38.5
Massachusetts	6,556	98.9	55.9	44.1
Michigan	10,162	98.8	57.5	42.5
Minnesota	5,497	98.8	61.8	38.2
Mississippi	6,187	99.9	57	43
Missouri	9,184	99.6	60.6	39.4
Montana	2,150	99.3	57	43
Nebraska	1,866	99.6	56.4	43.6
Nevada	3,944	98.3	57.8	42.2
New Hampshire	1,446	99.7	61	39
New Jersey	7,808	100	58.6	41.4
New Mexico	4,467	99.4	56.2	43.8
New York	23,094	99.4	56	44
North Carolina	11,859	99.4	57	43
North Dakota	975	99.3	57	43
Ohio	13,238	99.9	57.7	42.3
Oklahoma	6,340	99.2	55	45
Oregon	7,892	100	59.7	40.3
Pennsylvania	12,996	100	60.7	39.3
Rhode Island	1,559	99.9	57.2	42.8
South Carolina	7,474	99.9	56	44
South Dakota	641	99.5	56.5	43.5
Tennessee	8,844	99.4	56.8	43.2
Texas	29,847	99.7	56.3	43.7
Utah	5,627	99.8	55.6	44.4
Vermont	478	99.6	54	46
Virginia	10,914	100	61.2	38.8
Washington	12,825	98.8	58.4	41.6
West Virginia	4,015	99.7	56.4	43.6
Wisconsin	7,087	99.7	61.7	38.3
Wyoming	1,223	100	55.8	44.2
U.S. Subtotal	399,539	99.5	58.2	41.8

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Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Gender: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Gender		Gender	
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	Male (%)	Female (%)
American Samoa	10	100	60	40
Federated States of Micronesia	3	*	*	*
Guam	149	100	51.7	48.3
Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	8	88.9	37.5	62.5
Palau	24	100	50	50
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	84	98.8	57.1	42.9
Insular Areas Subtotal	280	99.3	53.2	46.8
Alberta	1,188	100	56.4	43.6
British Columbia	642	81.7	68.8	31.2
Manitoba	143	99.3	69.9	30.1
New Brunswick	668	99	54.5	45.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	75	100	61.3	38.7
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	453	100	52.1	47.9
Nunavut	9	100	44.4	55.6
Ontario	2,776	100	63.7	36.3
Prince Edward Island	243	100	57.6	42.4
Quebec	71	100	54.9	45.1
Saskatchewan	640	100	60.6	39.4
Yukon Territory	5	45.5	60	40
Canada Subtotal	6,913	97.8	60.8	39.2
Bermuda	122	99.2	65.6	34.4
DANTES ²	665	100	78.5	21.5
Federal Bureau of Prisons	5,119	98.9	89.2	10.8
GEDTS Proctored ³	50	100	66	34
Michigan Prisons	1,531	98.9	96.3	3.7
Prometric ⁴	1,598	93.3	56.9	43.1
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	9,085	98	83.5	16.5
Program Total⁵	415,817	99.5	58.8	41.2

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

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⁴ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁵ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Notes: Due to rounding procedures, percentages may not equal 100 percent.

Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

TABLE 16

Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Ethnicity: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Ethnicity ¹		Ethnicity ²						
			Hispanic Origin	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	African American	Pacific Islander / Hawaiian	White	Other
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Alabama	7,816	98.1	13.5	1.2	0.3	52	1.9	31.1	0.1
Alaska	1,551	99.6	6.3	30.9	2.2	6.3	2.8	51.1	0.4
Arizona	10,898	94	28.2	7.6	1.3	7.4	1	54.5	0.1
Arkansas	6,320	99.6	7.1	1.7	0.7	16.6	0.2	73.5	0.2
California	27,044	89.5	51.5	1.5	4.6	10.2	1.7	30.5	0
Colorado	9,347	99.7	33.8	2.6	1.2	8.7	0.7	53.1	0
Connecticut	2,712	100	26.8	0.6	1.9	20.4	0.3	47.8	2.2
Delaware	709	97.9	7.2	0.6	0.7	34.6	0.3	56.1	0.6
District of Columbia	406	91.9	22.4	0.2	1.2	71.9	0	4.2	0
Florida	28,364	99.8	19	0.9	1.9	21.2	0.5	56.5	0
Georgia	14,337	89.7	8.3	0.5	1.8	34.6	0.3	54.5	0
Hawaii	1,182	97.7	8.3	1.9	22.6	3.7	31	30	2.5
Idaho	2,932	91.9	14.9	3.2	0.9	1.6	0.6	78.8	0
Illinois	13,828	93.8	25.4	0.6	1.2	23.7	0.2	48.9	0.1
Indiana	10,472	97.3	6.8	0.6	0.5	16.7	0.2	74.8	0.4
Iowa	3,247	99.9	10.9	1.4	1.1	14.2	0.2	72.2	0
Kansas	2,696	96.1	16.7	2.7	1.6	11.9	0.2	66.9	0
Kentucky	8,877	99.9	3.8	0.6	0.7	13.7	0.2	81	0
Louisiana	7,058	96.9	3.1	1.4	0.6	33.8	0.1	60.7	0.3
Maine	1,751	93.2	4.2	2	0.6	8.1	0.3	84	1
Maryland	4,320	90	8	0.9	2.4	37.7	0.3	50	0.7
Massachusetts	5,416	81.7	25	0.7	3.6	13.6	0.2	55.8	1.2
Michigan	9,496	92.3	7	2.1	1.1	23.5	0.2	65.4	0.6
Minnesota	5,325	95.7	8.4	6.3	4	18.3	0.3	62	0.7
Mississippi	6,119	98.8	2.8	1	0.5	33.8	0.2	61.7	0
Missouri	8,261	89.6	3.3	1.2	0.8	17.4	0.3	76.7	0.4
Montana	2,125	98.2	5	16.6	0.6	1.8	0.3	75.2	0.6
Nebraska	1,836	98	18.2	3.5	1.1	11.7	0.5	64.2	0.7
Nevada	3,885	96.8	30	2.8	3.1	12.8	1.7	49.4	0.2
New Hampshire	1,409	97.2	5.5	1.3	1.7	2.8	0.1	88.2	0.4
New Jersey	7,420	95	29.6	0.5	2.2	29.4	0.4	37.7	0.2
New Mexico	4,393	97.8	53.2	10.9	0.8	2.7	0.3	31.7	0.4
New York	19,930	85.8	26.9	1.1	3.7	28.8	0.3	39.2	0
North Carolina	10,974	91.9	10.2	1.6	1	29.1	0.2	57.9	0
North Dakota	891	90.7	4.6	25.3	0.6	3.5	0.6	65.2	0.3
Ohio	13,244	100	4.1	0.5	0.6	26.1	0.2	68.4	0
Oklahoma	6,251	97.8	10.1	15.8	0.9	11.5	0.8	60.5	0.5
Oregon	7,739	98.1	17.2	3.6	1.8	4.4	1.1	71.9	0
Pennsylvania	12,340	95	11.9	0.7	1.5	25.8	0.3	59.9	0
Rhode Island	1,554	99.6	21.6	2.1	1.3	44.3	10.9	19.6	0.2
South Carolina	7,456	99.7	3.8	0.8	0.8	30	0.3	64.4	0
South Dakota	623	96.7	3.2	21	0.8	2.2	0.5	71.6	0.6
Tennessee	8,402	94.4	4.7	0.8	0.7	19.3	0.2	73.9	0.4
Texas	29,740	99.3	45.1	0.8	1	14.2	0.3	36	2.4
Utah	5,608	99.5	18.6	2.2	1.3	2.1	1.9	73.8	0
Vermont	467	97.3	4.3	1.3	1.1	6.6	0.4	85.7	0.6
Virginia	10,364	95	8.6	0.8	1.9	34.8	0.5	53.3	0.1
Washington	12,747	98.2	16.6	5.2	3.5	7.9	1.6	65.3	0
West Virginia	4,020	99.8	1.4	0.6	0.4	8.8	0.3	88.5	0
Wisconsin	6,701	94.2	11.9	3.5	1.6	21.1	0.3	61.3	0.4
Wyoming	1,218	99.6	11.5	6.6	0.6	2.5	0.5	78.4	0
U.S. Subtotal	381,821	95.9	14.7	4.0	1.9	18.4	1.3	59.3	0.4

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Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Ethnicity: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Ethnicity ¹		Ethnicity ²						
			Hispanic Origin	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	African American	Pacific Islander / Hawaiian	White	Other
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
American Samoa	10	100	0	0	0	0	70	20	10
Federated States of Micronesia	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	149	100	2	0.7	12.8	0.7	80.5	3.4	0
Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	8	88.9	0	0	25	0	75	0	0
Palau	23	95.8	0	4.3	0	0	95.7	0	0
Puerto Rico ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	82	96.5	8.5	0	0	82.9	0	6.1	2.4
Insular Areas Subtotal	277	98.2	3.6	0.7	7.6	24.9	57.8	4.3	1.1
Bermuda	119	96.7	1.7	0	1.7	79	0	16	1.7
DANTES ⁴	653	98.2	16.8	1.4	3.2	9.8	1.7	66.8	0.3
Federal Bureau of Prisons	3,422	66.1	27.1	2.1	0.9	48.4	0.3	21	0.3
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	49	98	14.3	0	4.1	81.6	0	0	0
Michigan Prisons	1,368	88.4	6	2	0.4	48.7	0.1	42.3	0.5
Prometric ⁶	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	5,611	74.2	20.1	1.9	1.1	44.9	0.4	31.2	0.4
Program Total⁷	387,709	95.4	13.6	3.5	2.3	21.2	6.4	52.4	0.6

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Canadian data on ethnicity were not available because of legal restrictions on collecting such data.

² Percentages of passers of other ethnicities are not reported because such percentages are below 1 percent in all jurisdictions except Alaska (1.0 percent), Hawaii (1.4 percent), Massachusetts (1.0 percent), Minnesota (1.0 percent), American Samoa (7.1 percent), and Virgin Islands (2.3 percent).

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⁴ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁵ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁶ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Notes: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

No ethnicities are reported for Canada as Canadian policies prohibit collection and reporting of such data.

TABLE 17

Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Highest Grade Completed and Mode Highest Grade Completed: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Highest Grade Completed ¹		Highest Grade Completed								Mode Highest Grade Completed
			None-5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Alabama	7,625	95.7	0.5	0.7	2	8.4	18.3	29.3	30.1	10.7	11
Alaska	1,461	93.8	0	0.5	0.5	5.1	16.2	30.1	38.1	9.4	11
Arizona	10,418	89.9	0.9	0.5	0.9	6.3	13.1	25.3	40.2	12.8	11
Arkansas	6,254	98.6	0.4	0.7	1.5	7.2	17.9	30.1	35.5	6.6	11
California	26,790	88.7	0.4	0.7	0.5	2.8	9.3	20.2	47.9	18.3	11
Colorado	9,375	100	0.7	0.7	1	5.6	14.9	27.9	38.7	10.5	11
Connecticut	2,691	99.2	0.9	0.4	0.8	6.2	19.2	30.8	35.8	5.8	11
Delaware	713	98.5	0.4	0.4	1	14.2	23.7	32.7	24.5	3.1	10
District of Columbia	412	93.2	1.5	0.5	0.7	3.9	21.4	27.7	33.7	10.7	11
Florida	28,397	99.9	3.1	0.4	1.3	7.1	15.5	26.1	33.9	12.5	11
Georgia	14,384	90	1.2	0.3	1.6	9.4	21.3	30.2	26.6	9.3	10
Hawaii	1,171	96.8	0.6	0	0.7	6.1	15.9	28.9	39.3	8.5	11
Idaho	2,890	90.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	7.9	16.7	28.1	36.3	8.5	11
Illinois	12,632	85.7	0.4	0.7	0.8	6.9	16	29.1	38	8.1	11
Indiana	10,496	97.6	0.3	0.4	1.2	8.1	17.4	29.9	36.4	6.2	11
Iowa	3,032	93.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	6.4	14.5	31.9	42	4	11
Kansas	2,095	74.7	0.8	0.6	0.9	7.3	18.2	30.4	35.4	6.5	11
Kentucky	8,420	94.7	0.5	0.6	1.6	9.6	19.4	29.7	34.5	4.2	11
Louisiana	7,102	97.5	0.4	0.9	2.9	14.1	23.4	27.1	26.4	4.7	10
Maine	1,730	92.1	0.1	0.3	1	8.9	17.8	28.7	37.3	5.9	11
Maryland	4,480	93.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	9.2	19.6	30.6	32.4	6.3	11
Massachusetts	5,352	80.7	0.5	0.3	0.8	8.3	19.7	30.6	33.1	6.7	11
Michigan	8,538	83	0.2	0.2	0.5	5.9	15.2	30.9	41.5	5.6	11
Minnesota	5,296	95.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	3.3	10.1	25.3	50.1	10.4	11
Mississippi	5,893	95.1	0.4	0.9	2.7	11.5	21.9	28.5	27.6	6.5	10
Missouri	8,496	92.1	0.7	0.6	0.9	7.9	15.7	30.5	37.2	6.5	11
Montana	2,072	95.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	8	18.4	30.4	34	7.4	11
Nebraska	1,735	92.6	0.3	0.8	0.7	4.7	15.8	29.2	37.7	10.8	11
Nevada	3,780	94.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	3.9	12.8	24.3	41.4	16.1	11
New Hampshire	1,410	97.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	6	19.1	30.4	37	5.9	11
New Jersey	7,091	90.8	0.8	0.4	0.9	6	15.6	27.6	36.9	11.8	11
New Mexico	4,099	91.3	0.4	0.7	0.7	8	18.6	27.6	32.9	11.1	11
New York ²	5,224	22.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	5.5	15.4	26.6	38.2	13.2	11
North Carolina	10,138	84.9	0.4	0.6	2.2	12.8	23.3	30.1	26.4	4.1	10
North Dakota	859	87.5	0.2	0	0.3	6.9	21.5	32.1	35.7	3.1	11
Ohio	13,243	100	0.2	0.3	0.8	7.2	16.9	28.6	39.2	6.7	11
Oklahoma	5,950	93.1	0.5	0.6	1.5	9.9	20.5	28.6	33.5	4.8	11
Oregon	7,717	97.8	1.2	1	0.8	5.6	15.2	26.6	39.1	10.5	11
Pennsylvania	12,141	93.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	6.3	16.5	30.1	38.3	7.7	11
Rhode Island	1,480	94.9	0.2	0.7	0.3	7.7	19.5	29.6	36.8	5.2	11
South Carolina	7,097	94.9	0	0.2	0.6	6.6	20	32.3	34.3	5.9	11
South Dakota	620	96.3	0.3	0.2	1.3	7.3	21.3	29.4	35.2	5.2	11
Tennessee	8,505	95.6	0.4	0.4	1.2	7	15.4	29.3	39.9	6.4	11
Texas	29,709	99.2	0.4	1.1	1.4	8.9	20.3	26.5	30.4	11	11
Utah	4,996	88.6	1.1	0.4	0.8	3.4	10	24.5	42.8	17	11
Vermont	466	97.1	0.6	0.9	0.6	7.1	17.2	30.9	36.3	6.4	11
Virginia	10,110	92.6	0.5	0.4	1.1	7.8	19.7	29.3	33.8	7.4	11
Washington	12,589	96.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	4.6	14	26.3	41.9	10.9	11
West Virginia	3,935	97.7	0.4	0.3	1.3	7.9	18.3	29.4	36.7	5.6	11
Wisconsin	6,011	84.5	0.1	0.5	0.3	6	13.3	25.3	48.7	5.7	11
Wyoming	1,223	100	0.3	0.5	1.5	6.1	17.3	30.4	36.4	7.4	11
U.S. Subtotal	358,343	89.3	0.7	0.6	1.1	7.2	16.8	27.7	36.5	9.4	11

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Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Highest Grade Completed and Mode Highest Grade Completed: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Highest Grade Completed ¹		Highest Grade Completed								Mode Highest Grade Completed
			None-5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	
			(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
American Samoa	10	100	0	0	0	0	10	30	30	30	10
Federated States of Micronesia	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	139	93.3	0	0	0	2.2	3.6	27.3	56.1	10.8	11
Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	8	88.9	0	0	0	12.5	25	25	37.5	0	11
Palau	22	91.7	0	0	0	9.1	36.4	31.8	22.7	0	9
Puerto Rico ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	82	96.5	1.2	0	2.4	1.2	14.6	22	34.1	24.4	11
Insular Areas Subtotal	266	94.3	0.4	0	0.8	2.6	10.5	25.9	44.7	15	11
Bermuda	117	95.1	0	0	0.9	3.4	12.8	23.9	41	17.9	11
DANTES ⁴	588	88.4	0	0	0.2	0.9	11.7	28.9	41.3	17	11
Federal Bureau of Prisons	4,759	92	0.7	1.2	2.8	12.8	23.8	26.3	26.6	5.8	11
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	47	94	0	0	0	4.3	19.1	46.8	8.5	21.3	10
Michigan Prisons	1,375	88.8	0.2	0.8	1.6	7.8	18.8	28.9	35.6	6.2	11
Prometric ⁶	1,352	78.9	3.7	0.5	0.4	1.8	8.7	33.2	30.6	21.1	10
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	8,238	88.8	1	0.9	2	9.1	19.4	28.2	29.9	9.4	11
Program Total⁷	366,847	89.3	0.7	0.6	1.1	7.2	16.8	27.7	36.4	9.4	11

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Canadian data on highest grade completed were not available because of legal restrictions on collecting such data.

² Data indicated as NA for New York due to low response rate (>50%).

³ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

⁴ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁵ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁶ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Notes: Due to rounding procedures, percentages may not equal 100 percent.

Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

No highest grade completed demographics are reported for Canada as Canadian policies prohibit collection and reporting of such data.

TABLE 18

Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Years Out of School and Mean Years Out: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Years Out of School ¹		Years Out of School							Mean Years Out	Std. Dev.
			<1	1	2	3-5	6-10	11-20	21+		
			(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		
Alabama	5,548	69.6	11.4	15.6	10.1	16.5	16.9	20.4	9.1	7.9	8.6
Alaska	1,413	90.7	15.9	17.3	11.7	19	16.4	13.4	6.2	6.2	8.4
Arizona	10,161	87.7	11.1	14.9	10.7	16.7	17.5	19.2	10	8.1	8.9
Arkansas	5,952	93.8	20.3	18	9.1	14	12.9	15.7	9.9	7.2	9.5
California	24,382	80.7	8.5	12.3	9.6	17.9	18.2	19.8	13.7	9.3	9.5
Colorado	8,752	93.3	10.2	15.2	10.2	17.2	17.3	19.8	10.1	8.2	8.9
Connecticut	2,712	100	3.3	11.6	11.8	22.8	19.5	20.1	10.9	8.8	8.8
Delaware	694	95.9	4	12.2	12.2	17.4	20.7	23.8	9.5	8.7	8.5
District of Columbia	368	83.3	5.2	13.6	11.4	26.1	20.9	17.4	5.4	7.1	7.5
Florida	25,357	89.2	13.3	19.6	13.4	17.4	14.1	14.1	8.1	6.7	8.5
Georgia	12,216	76.4	10.3	17.3	12.3	18.8	16.1	16.7	8.5	7.4	16.7
Hawaii	1,128	93.2	24.4	26.3	11.3	13.1	9.8	9.6	5.5	4.6	7.1
Idaho	2,633	82.5	13.8	17.4	9.9	15	16.9	18.3	8.8	7.5	8.8
Illinois	11,547	78.4	9.8	15.3	11.8	19	16.7	17.9	9.6	7.8	8.7
Indiana	10,125	94.1	11.6	17.9	12	17.5	15.1	17.1	8.8	7.4	8.9
Iowa	3,229	99.3	8.3	15.2	11.6	19.6	17.1	19	9.2	7.9	8.8
Kansas	2,008	71.6	10.2	17.4	11.8	18.3	18.2	17.1	7	6.9	7.8
Kentucky	7,849	88.3	8.7	13	9	17.9	18	21.7	11.7	9	9.2
Louisiana	6,889	94.6	14.9	20	10.7	16.3	14.2	17.1	6.9	6.7	8.5
Maine	1,649	87.8	9.9	19.5	13.4	21.4	14.2	13.9	7.7	6.7	8.9
Maryland	4,201	87.5	10.5	17	13.6	18.8	16.7	15.3	8.2	7.2	9
Massachusetts	5,016	75.7	11.5	19.2	13.4	19.7	14.7	14.8	6.7	6.5	8.2
Michigan	8,242	80.1	8.4	16.3	15.3	21.9	15	15.2	7.9	7	8.3
Minnesota	5,098	91.7	9.7	14.4	12.7	19.2	17.6	18.3	8.2	7.6	8.6
Mississippi	5,894	95.1	18	19.9	11.1	13.8	13.8	16.3	7.1	6.5	8.3
Missouri	8,084	87.7	15.1	18.7	10.3	13.8	15.5	18	8.6	7.3	9.2
Montana	2,034	93.9	16.8	19.9	12.9	17.4	13.5	13	6.5	6.1	8.5
Nebraska	1,735	92.6	6.1	14.6	9.5	20.1	18.7	22.2	8.9	8.3	8.3
Nevada	3,761	93.7	12.5	13.3	11.1	18.2	17	17.8	10.1	7.9	9
New Hampshire	1,304	89.9	21.3	16.8	9.7	14	15	13.7	9.5	7	9.7
New Jersey	6,551	83.9	13.8	19.3	11.4	14	13.9	17.2	10.5	7.6	9.1
New Mexico	4,110	91.5	16.1	18.1	11.7	15.6	15.4	15.5	7.7	6.7	8.4
New York ²	3,801	16.4	7.6	14.2	11.9	18.9	19	18.6	9.8	8.1	8.6
North Carolina	10,025	84	5.3	11	10.7	20.8	18	20.9	13.4	9.5	9.7
North Dakota	865	88.1	15.1	19.4	12.7	18.6	16	11.9	6.2	6.1	8.5
Ohio	12,197	92.1	6.5	9.8	9.4	20.3	20.1	21.9	11.9	9.3	9.3
Oklahoma	5,865	91.8	10.7	15.6	10.8	17.6	15.9	20.2	9.2	7.9	8.8
Oregon	7,332	92.9	14	18.8	11.9	15.6	13.8	15.6	10.2	7.6	25
Pennsylvania	11,267	86.7	10.5	15.6	12.2	19.1	17	16.9	8.7	7.4	8.5
Rhode Island	1,374	88.1	12.1	22.9	15.5	19.4	12.5	10.4	7.1	6.6	12.1
South Carolina	7,216	96.5	9.9	15.7	11.8	18.9	15.5	18.5	9.6	7.8	8.9
South Dakota	601	93.3	15.1	20.1	10.6	21	15.8	13.3	4	5.6	7.7
Tennessee	8,080	90.8	7.8	12.4	10	16.5	17.6	22	13.8	9.7	10.1
Texas	29,438	98.3	9.2	11.8	8.8	18.1	18.5	21.9	11.7	9	9.1
Utah	4,689	83.2	12.8	15.5	10.4	20.2	17.4	15.7	8	7	8.1
Vermont	421	87.7	14	23	15	18.1	13.5	11.4	5	5.5	8.2
Virginia	9,604	88	16.4	16.4	9.2	14.5	14.3	18.8	10.5	7.9	9.4
Washington	9,552	73.6	12.2	16.6	12.8	19.5	16.2	15.3	7.5	6.8	8.1
West Virginia	3,934	97.7	15.9	21.7	11.5	15.5	14.3	14.2	6.9	6.7	33
Wisconsin	5,885	82.8	8.5	17.3	9.4	15.3	17.2	20.8	11.4	8.6	9.2
Wyoming	1,220	99.8	13	17.5	11.3	16.2	17.4	16.6	7.9	7.1	8.5
U.S. Subtotal	334,008	83.2	11.1	15.7	11.1	17.8	16.4	18.1	9.8	7.9	10.6

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Percentage of GED® Test Passers, by Years Out of School and Mean Years Out: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers with Reported Years Out of School ¹ Response Rate		Years Out of School							Mean Years Out	Std. Dev.
			<1	1	2	3-5	6-10	11-20	21+		
			(N)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		
American Samoa	10	100	30	10	10	20	20	10	0	3.8	4.7
Federated States of Micronesia	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	144	96.6	9	13.2	16.7	21.5	22.2	9.7	7.6	6.4	7.2
Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	8	88.9	0	12.5	25	37.5	25	0	0	4.3	2.4
Palau	23	95.8	0	8.7	4.3	30.4	21.7	26.1	8.7	8.9	6.9
Puerto Rico ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	81	95.3	12.3	13.6	12.3	14.8	14.8	22.2	9.9	8.1	9.2
Insular Areas Subtotal	270	95.7	10	12.6	14.1	20.7	20	14.8	7.8	6.9	7.7
Bermuda	110	89.4	20	29.1	11.8	7.3	8.2	12.7	10.9	6.8	10.2
DANTES ⁴	588	88.4	6	16.3	17.2	26.7	18.7	13.3	1.9	5.3	5.2
Federal Bureau of Prisons	4,186	80.9	0.8	1.4	2.6	6.9	17.7	43.8	26.7	16.1	9.7
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	45	90	2.2	35.6	15.6	17.8	11.1	17.8	0	4.7	5.3
Michigan Prisons	1,318	85.1	2.2	10.2	9.5	18.7	22.3	23.1	13.9	10.2	9.6
Prometric ⁶	1,208	70.5	26.1	27.4	16.6	19.5	7.1	2.4	0.9	2.5	3.8
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	7,455	80.4	5.9	9	7.4	12.7	16.7	30.4	17.9	11.8	10.2
Program Total ⁷	341,733	83.2	11	15.6	11	17.6	16.5	18.4	10	7.9	10.6

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

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Notes: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.

Due to rounding procedures, percentages may not equal 100 percent.

TABLE 19a

Percentage of Passers Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the United States: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers Indicating Reasons for Testing ¹		Educational Reasons						Military Reasons		
			Four-Year College	Two-Year College	Technical or Trade Prog.	Skills Certification	Job Training	Any Educ. Reason	Military Entrance	Military Career	Any Military Reason
			(N)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Alabama	7,355	92.3	15	29.2	32.9	8.5	11.9	63.8	4.3	2.6	6.1
Alaska	1,453	93.3	19.6	16.3	18.7	13.3	18.2	51.4	9.2	5.9	10.3
Arizona	10,346	89.3	20.6	27.3	16.6	9.6	8.2	57.2	4.6	2.3	5.2
Arkansas	6,248	98.5	25.7	27.6	15.8	7.4	6.9	56.5	5.9	3.3	7
California	26,630	88.2	21.4	32.4	19.2	9.7	8.4	62.3	4.3	1.9	4.8
Colorado	9,367	99.9	25.2	33.5	20.4	13.4	12.5	64.1	4.1	2.4	4.8
Connecticut	2,712	100	21.5	30.1	17.6	12.3	8.5	61.1	2.7	1.7	3.3
Delaware	712	98.3	23.7	33	34.4	14.5	13.8	69.9	5.2	2.2	5.8
District of Columbia	375	84.8	41.6	32.8	21.9	15.5	16	78.7	3.5	1.6	3.5
Florida	27,440	96.5	31.4	36.4	24.1	7.1	13.9	73.2	5.8	3.1	6.6
Georgia	13,443	84.1	24.9	29.9	32.8	8.8	6.3	69.9	5.8	3.5	7.2
Hawaii	1,189	98.3	31	35.9	12.7	7.8	7.3	63.2	11.1	5.8	12.4
Idaho	2,857	89.5	25.6	28.8	17.1	9.7	10.6	59.4	4.2	2	4.8
Illinois	13,065	88.7	10.9	22	98.7	11.3	12.2	99.3	4.6	4.3	7.6
Indiana	10,530	97.9	25.7	32.7	18.6	9.8	9.5	61.6	4.8	2.5	5.5
Iowa	2,763	85	16.4	35.9	11.2	6.9	6.5	53.1	2.9	1.6	3.6
Kansas	2,070	73.8	24.9	35.8	21.5	10.1	10.3	66.8	3.1	2.1	3.9
Kentucky	8,233	92.6	22.7	28.9	19.3	9.8	10.2	57.7	3.3	2.1	3.9
Louisiana	7,089	97.4	23.9	26.6	33.6	9.2	8.4	68	7.5	4.2	8.6
Maine	1,746	93	23.4	27	19.9	10	15.1	63.6	4.7	2.2	5.3
Maryland	4,512	94	32.4	30.9	18.5	8.5	7.6	65.9	6.3	3.4	7.5
Massachusetts	5,368	81	28.2	37.9	20.7	11.5	11.9	71.1	4.8	2.4	5.3
Michigan	8,551	83.1	25.3	33.6	16.2	9.3	9.7	61.4	5.3	2.5	5.9
Minnesota	5,283	95	24.6	38.7	23.4	9.4	7.7	67.4	3.4	1.6	3.9
Mississippi	5,979	96.5	25.4	49.4	18.7	9.1	10.5	72.4	7.2	3.3	8.5
Missouri	8,382	90.9	26.1	32.9	22.1	9.1	8.7	62.6	4.8	2.6	5.6
Montana	2,096	96.8	25.5	26.2	17.7	10.9	13.6	61.1	5	3.3	5.8
Nebraska	1,764	94.1	26.5	37.5	15.4	9.9	8.3	62.9	4.1	2	4.5
Nevada	3,816	95.1	23.3	29.6	17.9	10.8	11.1	58.2	4	2.4	4.7
New Hampshire	1,413	97.4	20.2	29	19.7	7.4	7.3	57.3	4.2	2.1	4.8
New Jersey	7,092	90.8	31.6	40.5	28.8	15.4	14.2	76.8	5.7	3.1	6.4
New Mexico	4,159	92.6	33.6	34.4	15	11.4	13.2	67.7	4.4	2.9	5.1
New York	5,391	23.2	27	33.2	13.6	7.8	7.7	62.6	3.3	1.9	4
North Carolina	9,896	82.9	22.8	39.1	20.9	12.2	10.1	66.9	6	3	7
North Dakota	849	86.5	22.4	28.4	17	5.5	6.1	55.1	3.3	2.4	4.2
Ohio	13,244	100	28.1	37.7	20.1	9.3	13.1	66.7	3.4	1.9	3.9
Oklahoma	5,980	93.6	18.9	22.5	22.3	8.9	9.9	55	4.1	2.8	5.1
Oregon	7,667	97.1	24.1	37.2	16.1	13.9	13.1	64.1	3.4	1.8	3.8
Pennsylvania	11,820	91	22.9	28.6	28.5	13.6	14.4	64.5	4.6	2.9	5.4
Rhode Island	1,382	88.6	11.2	31.3	39.7	13	15.7	69.2	2.9	1.7	4.4
South Carolina	7,227	96.6	22.9	39.1	43.3	13.4	14.2	73.5	6.2	3.6	7.2
South Dakota	624	96.9	22.3	26.3	22.8	8.3	11.7	63.9	5.8	2.2	6.3
Tennessee	8,485	95.3	23.9	27.7	26.6	8.7	7.9	62.8	4.1	2.1	4.7
Texas	29,723	99.3	24.2	34.6	22.2	15.3	14.4	64.1	3.9	2.3	4.5
Utah	4,819	85.5	29	29.8	20.1	14.8	12.2	63.7	3.6	1.8	3.9
Vermont	439	91.5	22.1	25.1	17.5	7.7	11.2	59.7	4.8	3.4	5.9
Virginia	9,898	90.7	21.6	34.2	18.9	10.9	10.2	60.1	6.2	3.8	7.6
Washington	9,415	72.5	21.3	36.3	20.1	13.4	15	64.4	7.3	4.3	9.4
West Virginia	3,931	97.6	23.6	23.7	20.9	10.7	12.2	57.5	4.8	3.8	5.7
Wisconsin	5,980	84.1	19.7	30.3	29.1	10.7	10.2	61.7	4.1	2.4	4.8
Wyoming	1,222	99.9	22.4	31.9	13.6	10.7	8.6	57.9	5.1	2.2	5.6
U.S. Subtotal	352,030	90.6	24.1	31.8	23.0	10.5	10.9	64.3	4.9	2.7	5.7

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Percentage of Passers Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the United States: 2012

Jurisdiction	Employment Reasons					Social Reasons				Personal Reasons			Any Other Reason (%)
	Get First Job (%)	Keep Current Job (%)	Get Better Job (%)	Employer Required (%)	Any Employ. Reason (%)	Early Release (%)	Court Order (%)	Public Asst. Requirement (%)	Any Social Reason (%)	Positive Role Model (%)	Personal Satisfaction (%)	Any Personal Reason (%)	
Alabama	5.4	28.1	21.1	6.9	52.7	3.1	1.5	17.0	20.5	43.2	27.4	57.9	4.9
Alaska	14.5	3.3	42.3	12.2	57.2	3.5	1.1	1.9	6.1	22.8	59.2	62.3	23
Arizona	15.0	2.5	37.5	9.2	54	3.6	2.1	0.8	5.8	25.5	51.0	55.5	11.9
Arkansas	13	2.4	36	7.0	49.9	6.5	7.5	0.6	13.7	23.8	54.7	58	20
California	13.8	2.1	36.3	10.6	52.1	3.5	0.8	1.2	5.2	24.9	51.9	54.9	14.3
Colorado	13.0	2.7	44.4	10.3	57.6	3.5	5.2	1.7	9.5	28.5	59.2	62.2	15.7
Connecticut	0.0	2.0	8.8	9.7	18	1.5	2.0	1.0	3.9	21.5	57.2	60.2	14.3
Delaware	11.0	1.7	48.2	13.9	61.4	4.5	4.4	0.1	7.6	36.7	62.5	67.6	14
District of Columbia	14.7	3.5	35.5	13.3	50.7	2.1	1.3	1.1	4.0	23.7	43.7	46.4	10.4
Florida	8.7	1.9	32.3	8.4	40.0	1.9	1.3	0.4	3.4	20.9	49.7	52.7	15.4
Georgia	13.8	2.1	35.1	6.8	50.1	2.5	3.1	0.4	5.5	20.0	42.5	46.4	5.1
Hawaii	19.5	1.8	30.9	10.7	50.1	6.7	3.0	0.8	9.3	19.5	49.4	52.0	23.1
Idaho	14.6	2.5	39.7	8.6	54.4	1.3	10.2	0.6	11.7	24.8	56.2	58.6	16
Illinois	9.9	15.5	18.0	11.9	43.8	4.5	6.1	16.5	22.4	26.8	16.2	33.5	2.4
Indiana	15	2.5	47.0	11.6	63.2	11.2	5.0	0.4	15.2	29.1	59.9	63.3	15.2
Iowa	9.2	2.3	45.8	8.2	57.3	1.1	7.5	2.4	10.6	21.6	57.0	59.7	14.7
Kansas	7.5	2.4	45.7	6.2	53.2	3.1	5.0	0.8	8.6	26.8	56.0	59.5	12
Kentucky	12.4	2.2	40.9	7.3	52.7	4.8	4.3	0.9	9.3	25.7	55.0	58.0	12.5
Louisiana	15.0	1.3	33.9	7.4	49.8	9.0	3.5	0.5	12.1	25.9	52.3	56.3	14.3
Maine	13.4	2.4	39.5	8.2	54.6	1.0	0.5	2.7	4.2	20.4	50.1	53.6	14.5
Maryland	12.0	1.8	36.5	8.6	50.1	2.4	2.0	0.3	4.4	21.7	50.7	54.3	13.1
Massachusetts	10.2	1.9	39.8	8.0	50.9	1.2	1.6	2.1	4.7	22.9	50.1	53.7	13.5
Michigan	14.9	2.4	41.3	10.8	57.8	1.5	5.6	0.7	7.4	24.9	54.7	58.1	15.9
Minnesota	9.3	2.4	45.6	10.7	56.6	0.7	2.4	1.5	4.4	25.3	57.3	59.8	15
Mississippi	16.4	2.1	37.8	7.4	54.5	3.1	3.5	0.5	6.5	23.4	47.0	51.2	14.5
Missouri	10.1	2.6	42.7	8.2	53.5	2.8	6.2	0.4	8.9	29.0	58.7	61.5	21.5
Montana	12.1	2.2	38.7	9.1	51.8	2.1	5.3	1.4	8.3	21.4	53.5	56.3	19.5
Nebraska	7.5	2.9	50.7	9.2	58.7	1.9	5.4	0.8	7.9	30.2	60.4	64.3	16.8
Nevada	13.8	2.4	39	16.8	56.5	5.2	1.9	1.0	7.8	21.5	49.8	51.8	19.7
New Hampshire	10.7	2.3	42.1	7.3	55.3	3.8	1.7	0.6	5.7	19.6	55.1	57.0	19.5
New Jersey	14.9	2.4	40.9	9.6	55.2	1.6	1.3	1.5	4.1	28.1	55.0	58.7	11.4
New Mexico	15.3	3.4	38	11.6	52.4	3.9	1.5	0.8	6.0	22.6	48.8	51.8	19.4
New York	8.3	1.8	36.2	6.4	45.9	1.9	0.8	1.5	4.1	23.9	48.9	52.8	12.3
North Carolina	11.5	1.6	41.5	8.1	53.4	4.9	3.1	1.0	8.5	26.5	53.7	57.3	14
North Dakota	6.9	4.0	38.2	19.6	57.8	4.4	5.2	0.8	9.2	19.3	49.4	52.3	17
Ohio	8.4	3.1	45	8.8	54.4	1.0	4.2	0.7	5.6	29.2	56.3	60.7	14.3
Oklahoma	9.9	4.6	39.5	9.1	52.8	6.4	5.6	2.4	13.1	25.8	49.5	55.1	15
Oregon	22.1	2.3	36.5	9.4	57.6	3.2	1.8	0.8	5.5	23.7	58.5	61.3	19.7
Pennsylvania	12.8	2.6	46.2	11.1	60.1	2.7	6.5	1.0	9.3	28	58.7	62.4	11.8
Rhode Island	1.7	38.1	11.9	4.8	48.3	0.7	1.3	20.6	21.7	51.2	15.8	59.6	0
South Carolina	13.3	2.3	43.9	10.4	56.7	1.1	1.6	0.6	3.0	24.9	51.1	54.0	12
South Dakota	7.9	1.0	41.3	7.7	48.7	4.5	6.9	1.0	12.0	22.1	56.9	59.0	17.6
Tennessee	11.1	1.9	44.9	9.0	57.9	3.8	2.6	0.7	6.8	27.1	54.5	57.8	13.9
Texas	10.9	2.6	39.7	7.5	50.0	5.8	7.2	0.6	12.9	29.8	52.8	57.1	16.3
Utah	10.8	3.0	53.2	10.2	63.6	2.3	4.4	1.2	7.4	33.3	63.7	65.8	16.5
Vermont	15.5	2.5	31.9	9.6	48.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	4.6	15.9	51.0	51.7	21.2
Virginia	12.8	2.4	39.1	8.2	52.8	3.6	2.9	0.5	6.5	22.5	52.1	55.5	15.6
Washington	20.8	5.3	39.5	14.2	61.4	3.8	6.5	6.7	13.5	20.8	48.2	51.5	16.8
West Virginia	15.4	2.3	39.5	9.0	54.6	3.7	5.5	2.2	10	20.7	47.6	50.2	20.6
Wisconsin	9.2	2.1	43.2	10.1	53.5	2.1	3.2	0.9	5.8	25.1	57.0	59.8	20.4
Wyoming	7.9	3.7	43.6	6.7	53.1	1.6	9.1	0.7	11.1	21.0	56.6	59.8	15.5
U.S. Subtotal	11.8	3.9	38.6	9.5	53.1	3.3	3.8	2.1	8.5	25.4	51.7	56.5	15.0

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

¹ Passers could report more than one reason for testing.

TABLE 19b

Percentage of Passers Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the Insular Areas and Inter-Regional Contracts: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers Indicating Reasons for Testing ¹		Educational Reasons						Military Reasons		
			Four- Year College	Two-Year College	Technical or Trade Prog.	Skills Certification	Job Training	Any Educ. Reason	Military Entrance	Military Career	Any Military Reason
	(N)	Response Rate (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
American Samoa	10.0	100.0	40.0	70.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	90.0	10.0	0.0	10.0
Federated States of Micronesia	3.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	144	96.6	35.4	15.3	11.8	16.7	7.6	54.2	20.1	12.5	24.3
Marshall Islands	2.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	8.0	88.9	50.0	12.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Palau	23.0	95.8	21.7	34.8	4.3	4.3	8.7	60.9	13	17.4	26.1
Puerto Rico ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	81	95.3	43.2	29.6	17.3	12.3	4.9	76.5	6.2	3.7	8.6
Insular Areas Subtotal	271.0	96.1	37.3	24.4	12.5	13.7	6.6	63.5	14	9.2	18.1
Bermuda	116	94.3	31.0	29.3	15.5	16.4	10.3	69.0	1.7	0.9	1.7
DANTES ³	600	90.2	29.2	18.5	6.2	4.5	2.8	41.8	55.5	19	63.7
Federal Bureau of Prisons	4,655	90.0	13.5	18.9	27.2	15.2	12.9	47.9	0.6	0.4	0.7
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁴	49.0	98.0	63.3	16.3	0.0	8.2	0.0	75.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Michigan Prisons	1,324	85.5	18.1	21.8	30.7	17.6	15.1	51.4	2.6	1.7	3.1
Prometric ⁵	1,374	80.2	80.4	17.8	4.7	17.9	5.6	89.2	2.7	1.3	2.9
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	8,118	87.5	27.3	19.3	22.1	15.2	11.2	55.5	5.3	2.1	6.1
Program Total^{6,7}	360,419	90.9	26.7	30.7	21.0	10.6	10.1	64.5	5.8	3.2	7.0

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Percentage of Passers Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the Insular Areas and Inter-Regional Contracts: 2012

Jurisdiction	Employment Reasons					Social Reasons				Personal Reasons			Any Other Reason
	Get First Job	Keep Current Job	Get Better Job	Employer Required	Any Employ. Reason	Early Release	Court Order	Public Asst. Requirement	Any Social Reason	Positive Role Model	Personal Satisfaction	Any Personal Reason	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
American Samoa	20	0.0	0.0	0.0	20	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20	30	30	30
Federated States of Micronesia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	15.3	2.1	42.4	11.1	58.3	1.4	1.4	0.0	2.8	36.8	59.7	63.9	22.9
Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	25	0.0	0.0	12.5	25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	37.5	50	12.5
Palau	8.7	0.0	39.1	8.7	47.8	0.0	4.3	0.0	4.3	21.7	21.7	34.8	30.4
Puerto Rico ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	18.5	1.2	28.4	7.4	46.9	0	2.5	2.5	4.9	21	51.9	53.1	8.6
Insular Areas Subtotal	16.2	1.8	35.1	9.6	51.7	0.7	1.8	1.1	3.7	29.2	51.7	56.1	18.8
Bermuda	14.7	1.7	25.9	6.9	40.5	5.2	0.0	0.0	5.2	18.1	46.6	48.3	13.8
DANTES ³	3.2	0.8	17.7	7.0	22.8	1.2	0.0	0.2	1.3	10.7	28.2	29.3	8.7
Federal Bureau of Prisons	6.6	1.5	39.3	13.9	46.3	4.6	9.2	0.6	13.1	36.3	71.6	76.7	17.2
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁴	6.1	8.2	14.3	4.1	26.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.1	30.6	30.6	8.2
Michigan Prisons	13.7	1.2	28.7	11.3	42	14.5	32.3	1.0	40.7	31.4	61.6	66.2	22.1
Prometric ⁵	7.9	1.5	9.0	4.9	15.5	4.6	0.4	0.9	5.3	7.6	22.6	24.2	22.5
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	7.8	1.5	30.5	11.3	38.4	5.9	10.6	0.7	15.3	28.3	57.8	61.9	18.2
Program Total ^{6,7}	12.0	3.5	35.7	9.2	50.0	3.3	3.9	1.8	8.3	24.4	49.9	54.6	15.5

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Passers could report more than one reason for testing.

² Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

³ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁴ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁵ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁶ Canadian data on reasons for testing were not available because of legal restrictions on collecting such data.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

TABLE 20a

Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Passers in Language Arts, Writing; Social Studies; and Language Arts, Reading Tests: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers (N)	Writing			Social Studies			Reading		
		Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.
Alabama	7,967	460	478	62	510	517	65	520	545	90
Alaska	1,558	490	505	70	530	541	77	560	574	102
Arizona	11,588	500	509	71	520	530	73	540	559	97
Arkansas	6,346	520	530	76	520	528	70	540	559	97
California	30,201	510	517	77	530	536	74	540	563	99
Colorado	9,376	500	513	73	530	537	75	540	567	99
Connecticut	2,712	530	549	81	520	533	75	540	556	98
Delaware	724	510	519	67	540	546	69	570	583	103
District of Columbia	442	510	519	68	500	502	61	500	532	87
Florida	28,422	500	505	70	530	533	72	540	564	98
Georgia	15,980	520	529	76	520	525	72	540	552	95
Hawaii	1,210	500	513	73	530	538	73	540	565	99
Idaho	3,191	510	517	73	540	547	80	570	585	102
Illinois	14,735	470	489	72	520	528	69	540	552	94
Indiana	10,759	490	497	66	530	533	70	540	560	95
Iowa	3,251	510	515	73	540	546	73	570	581	98
Kansas	2,806	520	530	73	550	559	78	570	591	101
Kentucky	8,888	480	494	65	520	524	69	520	549	94
Louisiana	7,281	490	499	65	520	523	67	540	549	91
Maine	1,878	490	502	74	540	544	77	570	581	102
Maryland	4,802	480	496	67	530	538	73	540	558	98
Massachusetts	6,630	490	505	71	520	530	75	540	556	97
Michigan	10,290	480	492	66	530	537	73	540	564	97
Minnesota	5,562	480	495	69	540	547	76	560	576	100
Mississippi	6,196	470	487	62	500	508	65	500	537	91
Missouri	9,222	490	504	68	530	540	73	540	564	97
Montana	2,165	490	501	69	530	544	76	570	580	102
Nebraska	1,874	500	506	69	530	543	75	570	578	101
Nevada	4,012	490	499	68	530	536	71	540	561	97
New Hampshire	1,450	500	506	71	540	550	76	560	574	102
New Jersey	7,808	500	508	71	510	521	70	520	545	94
New Mexico	4,492	490	504	69	520	527	71	540	555	96
New York	23,223	500	508	78	510	525	70	520	550	94
North Carolina	11,935	490	503	68	530	532	73	540	569	97
North Dakota	982	480	494	67	530	537	78	550	571	99
Ohio	13,248	470	485	63	530	536	72	540	562	96
Oklahoma	6,391	480	492	65	530	532	70	540	564	96
Oregon	7,892	500	515	75	530	544	79	570	582	104
Pennsylvania	12,996	490	505	72	520	530	71	540	559	97
Rhode Island	1,560	460	483	70	530	536	71	560	570	95
South Carolina	7,479	480	489	64	520	526	68	540	554	94
South Dakota	644	520	536	65	550	560	72	595	602	99
Tennessee	8,901	480	493	65	520	526	69	540	550	95
Texas	29,938	520	528	74	510	521	70	540	552	95
Utah	5,639	520	528	79	540	545	76	570	580	103
Vermont	480	500	516	81	550	558	85	570	594	105
Virginia	10,914	490	500	70	510	523	71	520	545	95
Washington	12,987	530	538	82	530	544	79	570	580	104
West Virginia	4,028	470	489	66	510	522	68	540	552	95
Wisconsin	7,110	490	496	66	530	540	77	540	568	97
Wyoming	1,223	510	515	71	540	546	75	570	583	101
U.S. Subtotal	401,388	500	507	73	520	531	73	540	560	97

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Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Passers in Language Arts, Writing; Social Studies; and Language Arts, Reading Tests: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers (N)	Writing			Social Studies			Reading		
		Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	(N)	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	(N)	Median
American Samoa	10	530	530	50	535	554	84	585	580	106
Federated States of Micronesia	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	149	480	496	71	510	513	53	500	533	82
Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	9	480	521	90	570	544	67	500	550	100
Palau	24	475	478	41	470	478	57	460	494	85
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	85	480	490	53	500	509	62	500	530	82
Insular Areas Subtotal	282	480	496	65	505	511	59	500	531	84
Alberta	1,188	550	559	76	580	580	70	620	630	103
British Columbia	786	580	595	92	590	589	73	620	623	103
Manitoba	144	540	552	72	590	591	70	620	633	96
New Brunswick	675	510	522	61	530	536	65	570	593	93
Newfoundland and Labrador	75	530	545	71	540	562	77	600	612	102
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	453	520	538	71	540	551	71	570	586	99
Nunavut	9	530	523	54	540	541	38	540	562	88
Ontario	2,776	560	566	80	580	580	74	610	610	103
Prince Edward Island	243	520	529	66	540	555	66	570	581	95
Quebec	71	520	531	69	510	524	63	620	620	71
Saskatchewan	640	530	538	66	550	555	64	570	594	99
Yukon Territory	11	550	530	67	540	573	94	540	584	67
Canada Subtotal	7,071	550	557	79	560	571	73	610	610	102
Bermuda	123	480	489	61	490	495	53	490	518	84
DANTES ²	665	520	528	69	560	565	74	570	597	102
Federal Bureau of Prisons	5,175	460	473	53	500	515	66	520	540	89
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	50	490	489	56	485	495	54	490	511	67
Michigan Prisons	1,548	460	471	54	500	514	64	520	539	85
Prometric ⁴	1,713	500	520	80	530	536	74	520	537	96
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	9,274	470	486	64	510	522	69	520	543	92
Program Total⁵	418,015	500	508	73	520	532	73	540	560	98

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

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Note: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results because some results are based on a small number of candidates.

TABLE 20b

Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Passers in Science, Mathematics, and Test Battery: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers (N)	Science			Mathematics			Battery		
		Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.
Alabama	7,967	530	532	68	470	478	58	498	510	52
Alaska	1,558	550	562	79	500	504	71	528	537	62
Arizona	11,588	530	544	74	480	489	67	514	526	59
Arkansas	6,346	540	546	73	490	494	65	522	532	58
California	30,201	540	547	73	480	487	67	520	530	59
Colorado	9,376	540	553	76	480	491	69	520	532	61
Connecticut	2,712	540	547	79	470	489	70	522	535	64
Delaware	724	550	555	75	510	515	71	534	544	58
District of Columbia	442	500	508	58	450	469	59	494	506	49
Florida	28,422	540	549	75	480	495	68	518	529	58
Georgia	15,980	530	537	72	470	485	66	514	526	59
Hawaii	1,210	550	560	77	500	510	79	528	537	63
Idaho	3,191	560	570	81	490	502	72	534	544	64
Illinois	14,735	530	539	70	480	489	66	508	519	56
Indiana	10,759	540	551	73	490	498	67	518	528	56
Iowa	3,251	550	563	76	500	508	69	534	542	59
Kansas	2,806	560	577	79	520	526	74	548	557	61
Kentucky	8,888	530	541	68	470	481	59	506	518	55
Louisiana	7,281	530	536	70	480	491	64	508	519	54
Maine	1,878	550	566	82	490	498	68	528	538	63
Maryland	4,802	540	548	75	480	495	69	514	527	59
Massachusetts	6,630	530	544	77	480	490	69	512	525	61
Michigan	10,290	540	553	77	480	490	66	516	527	58
Minnesota	5,562	550	560	79	490	504	73	526	536	61
Mississippi	6,196	520	526	69	470	477	58	492	507	52
Missouri	9,222	550	559	74	490	502	68	524	534	58
Montana	2,165	550	565	76	490	503	73	528	538	61
Nebraska	1,874	550	561	76	490	497	68	528	537	59
Nevada	4,012	540	549	72	480	489	65	516	527	57
New Hampshire	1,450	560	571	79	500	507	72	532	542	62
New Jersey	7,808	520	531	73	470	486	68	504	518	59
New Mexico	4,492	530	545	72	480	487	66	510	523	58
New York	23,223	520	533	71	480	488	66	506	521	58
North Carolina	11,935	540	546	73	490	497	67	520	529	58
North Dakota	982	550	563	80	490	502	71	522	533	61
Ohio	13,248	540	548	75	480	486	63	512	523	56
Oklahoma	6,391	540	547	70	480	487	62	514	524	55
Oregon	7,892	550	567	82	490	501	74	530	542	65
Pennsylvania	12,996	530	545	76	480	490	68	512	526	60
Rhode Island	1,560	540	549	75	490	496	68	515	527	59
South Carolina	7,479	530	540	71	480	490	65	508	520	55
South Dakota	644	560	578	76	520	532	70	554	562	56
Tennessee	8,901	530	540	71	470	479	60	506	518	55
Texas	29,938	530	535	71	480	488	65	512	525	58
Utah	5,639	560	569	78	490	501	74	536	545	64
Vermont	480	560	571	80	500	512	78	539	550	68
Virginia	10,914	530	537	74	460	479	64	502	517	58
Washington	12,987	550	563	81	490	499	73	534	545	65
West Virginia	4,028	530	543	69	470	482	59	506	518	54
Wisconsin	7,110	540	552	79	480	493	69	518	530	60
Wyoming	1,223	560	565	77	500	503	67	536	542	60
U.S. Subtotal	401,388	540	546	75	480	491	67	516	527	59

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Standard Score Statistics for GED® Test Passers in Science, Mathematics, and Test Battery: 2012

Jurisdiction	Passers (N)	Science			Mathematics			Battery		
		Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Mean	Std. Dev.
American Samoa	10	535	561	89	495	493	76	522	544	64
Federated States of Micronesia	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guam	149	530	533	63	460	475	62	494	510	50
Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northern Mariana Islands	9	560	581	88	490	518	83	524	543	70
Palau	24	500	503	54	470	503	89	488	491	41
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	85	520	517	58	450	461	45	500	502	44
Insular Areas Subtotal	282	520	528	64	460	476	63	497	508	50
Alberta	1,188	600	614	77	530	556	83	584	588	61
British Columbia	786	610	618	79	530	553	81	592	596	65
Manitoba	144	630	629	71	540	567	89	594	594	59
New Brunswick	675	560	570	72	510	530	70	542	550	54
Newfoundland and Labrador	75	580	594	80	520	543	76	562	571	62
Northwest Territories	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	453	570	583	75	510	527	72	548	557	59
Nunavut	9	560	572	59	490	490	42	530	538	37
Ontario	2,776	600	605	78	530	551	84	576	582	63
Prince Edward Island	243	560	575	79	510	524	65	542	553	58
Quebec	71	550	562	72	530	534	70	542	554	48
Saskatchewan	640	580	590	76	520	538	78	554	563	57
Yukon Territory	11	590	598	97	500	550	97	544	567	70
Canada Subtotal	7,071	590	601	78	530	546	81	570	577	63
Bermuda	123	520	524	63	460	468	48	486	499	45
DANTES ²	665	570	585	76	520	530	78	548	561	61
Federal Bureau of Prisons	5,175	510	516	66	460	469	52	488	502	49
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	50	510	521	59	470	479	50	490	499	35
Michigan Prisons	1,548	520	524	69	450	468	57	488	503	50
Prometric ⁴	1,713	550	564	81	⁵⁴⁰ 540	566	103	534	544	65
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	9,274	520	531	74	470	491	77	498	514	57
Program Total⁵	418,015	540	546	75	480	492	68	516	528	59

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

² DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

³ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁴ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁵ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Note: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results because some results are based on a small number of candidates.

TABLE 21

GED® Test Pass Rates, by Age Group: 2012

Jurisdiction	Overall Pass Rate (%)	Pass Rates by Age Group							
		16-18 (%)	19-24 (%)	25-29 (%)	30-34 (%)	35-39 (%)	40-49 (%)	50-59 (%)	60+ (%)
Alabama	54.5	64.5	50.5	57.0	54.8	52.9	44.9	35.6	21.2
Alaska	86.9	94.9	89.1	83.0	76.4	76.1	67.1	69.4	*
Arizona	72.4	81.6	74.4	68.7	69.5	64.9	59.2	51.9	62.4
Arkansas	84.4	90.4	85.5	77.5	79.1	75.3	75.1	73.7	76.0
California	68.3	76.7	69.3	69.5	66.2	64.8	59.6	53.1	46.5
Colorado	82.5	90.0	83.8	80.8	79.1	74.3	71.5	68.4	65.7
Connecticut	57.0	79.8	61.7	55.6	47.7	42.0	41.1	36.1	22.7
Delaware	92.1	94.0	91.6	91.6	93.2	88.0	92.3	100.0	*
District of Columbia	55.2	64.6	60.0	60.4	53.3	50.0	31.6	26.9	*
Florida	67.7	80.5	64.9	62.5	63.1	59.6	56.4	52.2	42.9
Georgia	66.4	80.9	66.3	63.1	61.6	55.5	52.7	46.7	31.2
Hawaii	77.4	82.9	75.0	70.1	63.2	77.6	62.7	60.0	*
Idaho	85.9	91.3	86.2	85.2	81.1	82.4	75.2	72.0	53.3
Illinois	60.1	71.6	61.4	59.1	54.4	51.0	47.4	40.0	28.3
Indiana	74.5	80.0	74.7	73.7	72.3	71.0	63.0	62.2	48.1
Iowa	97.8	99.5	98.0	96.7	96.1	97.5	94.3	98.6	100.0
Kansas	93.3	95.3	94.5	92.2	89.4	88.3	87.7	88.1	80.0
Kentucky	77.6	82.9	80.4	79.4	75.1	70.6	66.3	61.2	56.3
Louisiana	67.5	75.1	64.0	66.0	67.0	61.4	57.5	53.3	34.5
Maine	83.1	88.8	83.2	83.2	77.4	73.8	70.1	76.9	78.6
Maryland	59.1	69.0	60.8	57.7	52.7	46.7	43.9	36.8	42.9
Massachusetts	62.0	78.6	64.8	57.2	50.7	50.1	39.4	35.6	30.4
Michigan	69.7	79.6	71.3	68.8	64.2	58.4	54.1	51.3	36.4
Minnesota	81.1	91.1	84.6	79.0	72.8	70.6	70.8	65.7	50.0
Mississippi	55.3	65.3	50.6	51.9	52.4	51.6	44.3	41.0	32.6
Missouri	74.6	79.3	73.7	78.3	73.8	68.9	62.5	57.2	44.9
Montana	77.6	83.5	75.3	73.4	76.2	70.0	63.8	75.9	50.0
Nebraska	79.6	94.4	84.3	75.5	73.5	59.7	63.1	58.9	80.0
Nevada	69.3	81.3	69.0	70.3	68.7	57.1	53.0	49.7	50.0
New Hampshire	83.3	89.7	82.8	80.4	77.0	81.7	77.5	72.5	25.0
New Jersey	59.2	73.5	58.1	57.8	53.7	50.1	44.6	39.3	31.3
New Mexico	65.1	74.2	62.2	64.2	60.6	61.1	50.9	47.9	48.1
New York	53.8	80.3	56.4	50.8	44.4	41.7	36.3	32.5	36.4
North Carolina	84.8	92.7	88.0	84.7	82.6	75.6	74.3	68.0	55.6
North Dakota	85.9	90.4	87.1	78.9	79.2	77.5	72.7	88.5	80.0
Ohio	68.9	81.1	71.8	68.2	65.2	61.9	58.8	55.0	56.8
Oklahoma	72.1	74.3	74.6	73.3	72.0	62.8	59.9	58.4	58.1
Oregon	84.1	90.8	83.5	82.6	79.0	78.0	73.7	68.4	56.0
Pennsylvania	70.5	80.9	74.1	68.5	63.7	56.6	52.5	47.7	43.2
Rhode Island	75.8	89.2	77.3	67.3	59.5	50.0	55.4	63.0	80.0
South Carolina	72.1	80.1	74.8	70.9	69.8	62.3	60.0	52.0	43.9
South Dakota	67.6	77.3	69.8	66.4	50.6	43.9	53.8	47.6	*
Tennessee	67.2	77.5	70.7	65.5	61.5	63.8	57.1	50.9	58.1
Texas	67.5	73.9	71.9	70.8	64.9	58.4	51.3	46.7	33.8
Utah	81.7	87.8	82.7	80.4	76.3	75.1	71.0	65.2	47.6
Vermont	84.5	90.0	82.4	72.0	87.5	90.0	83.3	55.6	*
Virginia	65.6	81.8	66.5	61.4	60.7	57.2	47.2	39.3	31.6
Washington	81.5	89.7	83.5	77.6	77.3	71.5	65.4	69.0	69.6
West Virginia	76.4	80.5	77.6	73.9	72.1	73.3	61.8	57.3	36.4
Wisconsin	76.2	88.0	78.5	73.9	69.4	67.9	63.5	62.3	57.6
Wyoming	91.0	95.4	91.8	89.5	88.9	88.5	76.4	73.3	*
U.S. Subtotal	69.1	80	70.1	67.6	64.5	60.7	55.3	50.5	43.6

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GED® Test Pass Rates, by Age Group: 2012

Jurisdiction	Overall Pass Rate (%)	Pass Rates by Age Group							
		16-18 (%)	19-24 (%)	25-29 (%)	30-34 (%)	35-39 (%)	40-49 (%)	50-59 (%)	60+ (%)
American Samoa	54.5	64.5	50.5	57.0	54.8	52.9	44.9	35.6	21.2
Federated States of Micronesia	86.9	94.9	89.1	83.0	76.4	76.1	67.1	69.4	*
Guam	72.4	81.6	74.4	68.7	69.5	64.9	59.2	51.9	62.4
Marshall Islands	84.4	90.4	85.5	77.5	79.1	75.3	75.1	73.7	76.0
Northern Mariana Islands	68.3	76.7	69.3	69.5	66.2	64.8	59.6	53.1	46.5
Palau	82.5	90.0	83.8	80.8	79.1	74.3	71.5	68.4	65.7
Puerto Rico ¹	57.0	79.8	61.7	55.6	47.7	42.0	41.1	36.1	22.7
Virgin Islands	92.1	94.0	91.6	91.6	93.2	88.0	92.3	100	*
Insular Areas Subtotal	55.2	64.6	60	60.4	53.3	50	31.6	26.9	*
Alberta	67.7	80.5	64.9	62.5	63.1	59.6	56.4	52.2	42.9
British Columbia	66.4	80.9	66.3	63.1	61.6	55.5	52.7	46.7	31.2
Manitoba	77.4	82.9	75.0	70.1	63.2	77.6	62.7	60.0	*
New Brunswick	85.9	91.3	86.2	85.2	81.1	82.4	75.2	72.0	53.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	60.1	71.6	61.4	59.1	54.4	51.0	47.4	40.0	28.3
Northwest Territories	74.5	80.0	74.7	73.7	72.3	71.0	63	62.2	48.1
Nova Scotia	97.8	99.5	98.0	96.7	96.1	97.5	94.3	98.6	100.0
Nunavut	93.3	95.3	94.5	92.2	89.4	88.3	87.7	88.1	80.0
Ontario	77.6	82.9	80.4	79.4	75.1	70.6	66.3	61.2	56.3
Prince Edward Island	67.5	75.1	64.0	66.0	67.0	61.4	57.5	53.3	34.5
Quebec	83.1	88.8	83.2	83.2	77.4	73.8	70.1	76.9	78.6
Saskatchewan	59.1	69.0	60.8	57.7	52.7	46.7	43.9	36.8	42.9
Yukon Territory	62.0	78.6	64.8	57.2	50.7	50.1	39.4	35.6	30.4
Canada Subtotal	69.7	79.6	71.3	68.8	64.2	58.4	54.1	51.3	36.4
Bermuda	81.1	91.1	84.6	79.0	72.8	70.6	70.8	65.7	50.0
DANTES ²	55.3	65.3	50.6	51.9	52.4	51.6	44.3	41.0	32.6
Federal Bureau of Prisons	74.6	79.3	73.7	78.3	73.8	68.9	62.5	57.2	44.9
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	77.6	83.5	75.3	73.4	76.2	70.0	63.8	75.9	50.0
Michigan Prisons	79.6	94.4	84.3	75.5	73.5	59.7	63.1	58.9	80.0
Prometric ⁴	69.3	81.3	69.0	70.3	68.7	57.1	53	49.7	50.0
VA Hospitals	83.3	89.7	82.8	80.4	77.0	81.7	77.5	72.5	25.0
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	59.2	73.5	58.1	57.8	53.7	50.1	44.6	39.3	31.3
Program Total⁵	65.1	74.2	62.2	64.2	60.6	61.1	50.9	47.9	48.1

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

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⁵ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

TABLE 22

GED® Test Pass Rates, by Gender: 2012

Jurisdiction	Overall Pass Rate (%)	Pass Rates by Gender	
		Male (%)	Female (%)
Alabama	54.5	57.9	50.9
Alaska	86.9	89	84.3
Arizona	72.4	75.4	68.6
Arkansas	84.4	82.6	87
California	68.3	72.4	62.7
Colorado	82.5	84.3	80.1
Connecticut	57	62.6	49.6
Delaware	92.1	93.5	89.7
District of Columbia	55.2	59.8	51.2
Florida	67.7	71.8	62.7
Georgia	66.4	71.3	60.8
Hawaii	77.4	79.7	74.4
Idaho	85.9	87.4	84.1
Illinois	60.1	65.6	54
Indiana	74.5	76.1	72.3
Iowa	97.8	98.3	97.2
Kansas	93.3	92.9	93.7
Kentucky	77.6	78.7	76.2
Louisiana	67.5	71.5	62
Maine	83.1	82.6	84.6
Maryland	59.1	61.8	55.2
Massachusetts	62	67	57.1
Michigan	69.7	72.2	66.7
Minnesota	81.1	82.7	78.5
Mississippi	55.3	58.9	51.2
Missouri	74.6	77.4	70.7
Montana	77.6	79.1	75.5
Nebraska	79.6	83	76.1
Nevada	69.3	73	64.5
New Hampshire	83.3	84.6	81.7
New Jersey	59.2	65.6	51.9
New Mexico	65.1	70.1	59.9
New York	53.8	59.7	47.8
North Carolina	84.8	85.6	83.8
North Dakota	85.9	85.9	87.3
Ohio	68.9	71.2	66
Oklahoma	72.1	74.3	69.6
Oregon	84.1	86.1	81.3
Pennsylvania	70.5	74	65.6
Rhode Island	75.8	80	70.9
South Carolina	72.1	74.2	70.6
South Dakota	67.6	67.4	67.7
Tennessee	67.2	71.6	62.1
Texas	67.5	72	62.5
Utah	81.7	83.7	79.3
Vermont	84.5	86.3	82.4
Virginia	65.6	69.8	59.9
Washington	81.5	84.6	77.9
West Virginia	76.4	76.3	76.7
Wisconsin	76.2	80.4	70.5
Wyoming	91	91.7	90.2
U.S. Subtotal	69.1	72.8	64.5

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GED® Test Pass Rates, by Gender: 2012

Jurisdiction	Overall Pass Rate (%)	Pass Rates by Gender	
		Male (%)	Female (%)
American Samoa	33.3	42.9	26.7
Federated States of Micronesia	7.3	10.5	12.5
Guam	48.9	55.4	43.4
Marshall Islands	3.2	5.6	2.3
Northern Mariana Islands	69.2	60	71.4
Palau	54.5	54.5	57.1
Puerto Rico ¹	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	41.7	47.1	37.1
Insular Areas Subtotal	40.3	46.7	36.6
Alberta	71	72.9	68.6
British Columbia	72.2	81.4	75.5
Manitoba	62.1	63.3	62.3
New Brunswick	47.5	48.3	47.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	55.1	57.5	51.8
Northwest Territories	*	*	*
Nova Scotia	56.6	55.3	58
Nunavut	13	19	10.9
Ontario	73.4	75.2	70.3
Prince Edward Island	62.5	67.3	56.9
Quebec	57.7	63.9	51.6
Saskatchewan	52.8	58.2	46.2
Yukon Territory	78.6	*	*
Canada Subtotal	64.6	67.8	61.1
Bermuda	45.1	48.8	39.3
DANTES ²	93.3	97.4	81.3
Federal Bureau of Prisons	60.9	60.2	67.6
GED Testing Service-Proctored ³	38.8	48.5	28.3
Michigan Prisons	56.2	56.1	55.3
Prometric ⁴	76.9	75.1	79.2
VA Hospitals	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	63.5	62.2	70.3
Program Total⁵	68.8	72.3	64.5

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.² DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.³ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.⁴ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.⁵ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

TABLE 23

GED® Test Pass Rates, by Ethnicity: 2012

Jurisdiction	Overall Pass Rate (%)	Pass Rates by Ethnicity ^{1, 2}					
		Hispanic Origin (%)	American Indian / Alaska Native (%)	Asian (%)	African American (%)	Pacific Islander / Hawaiian (%)	White (%)
Alabama	54.5	44.8	64.2	49.1	54.5	65.6	60.2
Alaska	86.9	89.0	81.5	81.0	83.8	86.0	91.3
Arizona	72.4	68.2	62.0	73.4	60.8	74.0	80.1
Arkansas	84.4	82.3	89.8	76.7	69.7	84.6	88.9
California	68.3	64.2	67.3	68.9	57.4	69.8	82.3
Colorado	82.5	77.0	79.7	77.6	69.7	87.3	89.4
Connecticut	57.0	45.8	63.0	53.1	43.0	53.8	78.3
Delaware	92.1	85.0	*	100.0	86.3	*	96.6
District of Columbia	55.2	59.1	*	62.5	53.7	*	89.5
Florida	67.7	66.9	61.5	60.1	50.0	57.0	79.1
Georgia	66.4	67.2	77.8	72.5	52.1	81.1	80.2
Hawaii	77.4	76.6	88.0	79.2	75.9	70.0	87.7
Idaho	85.9	79.3	76.6	80.6	74.2	85.0	88.1
Illinois	60.1	58.8	63.1	59.1	46.1	66.7	72.4
Indiana	74.5	67.6	72.1	65.8	60.7	81.8	79.7
Iowa	97.8	97.3	97.8	87.8	93.5	85.7	99.0
Kansas	93.3	87.0	93.7	91.3	88.2	83.3	96.0
Kentucky	77.6	74.1	72.9	85.5	62.6	87.0	81.1
Louisiana	67.5	69.5	73.4	64.2	53.1	81.8	80.1
Maine	83.1	66.4	77.8	62.5	70.9	83.3	86.6
Maryland	59.1	60.2	70.4	69.8	45.5	48.1	75.4
Massachusetts	62.0	53.2	67.9	61.1	46.6	52.9	76.0
Michigan	69.7	71.4	78.5	75.2	49.1	65.2	82.1
Minnesota	81.1	78.8	76.0	82.6	65.5	88.9	88.7
Mississippi	55.3	65.3	34.3	62.0	39.4	62.5	71.4
Missouri	74.6	72.2	75.6	72.4	55.7	81.5	80.4
Montana	77.6	74.3	61.3	75.0	59.4	75.0	83.5
Nebraska	79.6	72.8	68.4	71.4	62.1	76.9	88.1
Nevada	69.3	59.7	74.3	70.2	59.8	70.2	81.2
New Hampshire	83.3	72.6	100.0	72.7	67.8	*	85.2
New Jersey	59.2	53.7	56.7	64.3	49.4	60.5	79.9
New Mexico	65.1	60.3	58.6	57.1	58.7	63.2	81.2
New York	53.8	48.8	58.4	51.2	40.7	41.5	76.9
North Carolina	84.8	82.4	90.1	91.9	73.8	82.8	92.1
North Dakota	85.9	78.8	78.1	83.3	68.9	71.4	91.8
Ohio	68.9	63.2	68.3	60.5	52.5	86.7	78.7
Oklahoma	72.1	62.2	71.0	62.5	60.1	75.4	78.1
Oregon	84.1	73.5	83.6	86.1	72.5	82.7	88.5
Pennsylvania	70.5	63.7	72.6	60.6	57.0	71.7	81.3
Rhode Island	75.8	62.4	73.3	64.5	83.7	79.7	77.2
South Carolina	72.1	72.9	79.7	64.8	57.4	75.0	83.0
South Dakota	67.6	55.6	52.8	71.4	48.3	*	74.5
Tennessee	67.2	58.8	84.3	56.4	49.8	56.5	75.0
Texas	67.5	62.8	67.9	58.3	56.3	71.4	81.6
Utah	81.7	71.7	73.5	73.0	73.0	74.5	85.7
Vermont	84.5	74.1	100.0	71.4	62.0	*	87.9
Virginia	65.6	62.2	72.2	67.6	52.6	69.1	79.8
Washington	81.5	73.0	75.3	79.6	67.2	73.7	87.7
West Virginia	76.4	69.5	71.9	76.2	65.0	66.7	78.1
Wisconsin	76.2	71.2	80.7	77.1	56.6	70.8	88.7
Wyoming	91.0	86.4	89.9	77.8	76.9	85.7	92.4
U.S. Subtotal	73.9	68.9	74.0	71.0	61.6	73.1	83.1

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GED® Test Pass Rates, by Ethnicity: 2012

Jurisdiction	Overall Pass Rate (%)	Pass Rates by Ethnicity ^{1, 2}					
		Hispanic Origin (%)	American Indian / Alaska Native (%)	Asian (%)	African American (%)	Pacific Islander / Hawaiian (%)	White (%)
American Samoa	33.3	*	*	*	*	30.4	*
Federated States of Micronesia	7.3	*	*	*	*	12	*
Guam	48.9	42.9	*	52.8	*	47.4	83.3
Marshall Islands	3.2	*	*	*	*	3.5	*
Northern Mariana Islands	69.2	*	*	*	*	60	*
Palau	54.5	*	*	*	*	53.7	*
Puerto Rico ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virgin Islands	41.7	33.3	*	*	41.7	*	83.3
Insular Areas Subtotal	40.3	35.7	*	51.2	42.1	39.1	85.7
Bermuda	45.1	*	*	*	42.2	*	65.5
DANTES ⁴	93.3	88.7	100	87.5	82.1	84.6	96.9
Federal Bureau of Prisons	60.9	61.2	52.6	58.8	51.7	50	75
GED Testing Service-Proctored ⁵	38.8	53.8	*	*	42.6	*	*
Michigan Prisons	56.2	69.5	68.3	55.6	46.6	*	70.5
Prometric ⁶	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA Hospitals	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	61.1	63.7	57.4	67.4	50.2	60	77.6
Program Total⁷	68.6	67.8	74.0	70.4	60.5	68.6	82.7

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Not reported due to small numbers.

¹ Canadian data on ethnicity were not available because of legal restrictions on collecting such data.

² Pass rates of candidates of other ethnicities are not reported because the numbers of candidates of other ethnicities are very small in all jurisdictions.

³ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

⁴ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

⁵ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

⁶ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

⁷ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

TABLE 24

Trends in GED® Testing, All Candidates: 1949–2012

Year	Tested (N)	Completed Battery ¹ (N)	Passed (%)	Age (mean)	Highest Grade Completed (mean)	Planning Further Study (%)
1942 Series GED Test						
1949	39,016	NA	77.7	NA	NA	NA
1950	36,853	NA	77.7	NA	NA	NA
1951	25,584	NA	77.7	NA	NA	NA
1952	29,733	NA	77.7	NA	NA	NA
1953	32,533	NA	77.7	NA	NA	39.0
1954	42,141	NA	80.0	NA	NA	NA
1955	44,840	NA	79.0	NA	NA	46.0
1956	52,552	NA	77.0	NA	NA	43.0
1957	52,847	NA	76.0	NA	NA	35.0
1958	58,723	NA	78.0	27.0	10.0	38.0
1959	56,496	NA	76.0	28.0	10.0	36.0
1960	61,093	NA	77.0	29.0	10.0	31.0
1961	68,080	NA	74.0	29.0	10.0	34.0
1962	75,428	NA	75.0	29.0	10.0	34.0
1963	88,242	NA	71.0	29.0	10.0	33.0
1964	116,875	NA	73.0	29.0	10.0	32.5
1965	143,974	NA	72.0	29.0	9.7	38.0
1966	185,778	NA	71.7	29.3	9.8	35.0
1967	218,386	NA	70.0	29.5	9.7	36.0
1968	265,499	NA	69.4	29.5	9.7	39.9
1969	293,451	NA	71.7	29.4	9.7	37.3
1970	331,534	NA	70.8	29.1	9.7	40.1
1971	387,733	NA	68.7	28.0	9.8	41.2
1972	430,346	NA	67.4	27.4	9.8	44.3
1973	440,216	NA	68.2	25.1	9.8	42.0
1974	561,203	430,253	68.9	27.2	10.7	40.0
1975	687,426	541,914	70.2	25.1	10.0	42.1
1976	696,623	539,729	67.8	25.4	10.0	39.4
1977	715,116	517,847	69.7	25.0	10.0	37.8
1978 Series GED Test						
1978	674,724	495,728	NA	25.9	9.9	35.6
1979	773,996	608,229	68.4	25.3	10.0	40.8
1980	816,176	741,601	70.8	25.1	10.0	36.6
1981	804,813	732,229	72.1	25.1	9.9	46.1
1982	792,132	724,971	73.9	25.1	9.9	48.4
1983	772,080	711,946	73.1	25.4	9.8	48.6
1984	707,076	641,697	73.0	25.8	9.8	49.1
1985	711,392	647,496	72.4	25.8	9.8	51.3
1986	739,683	674,430	72.6	26.5	9.9	54.8
1987	758,367	690,509	74.1	26.7	9.9	49.7

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Trends in GED® Testing, All Candidates: 1949–2012

Year	Tested (N)	Completed Battery ¹ (N)	Passed (%)	Age (mean)	Highest Grade Completed (mean)	Planning Further Study (%)
1988 Series GED Test						
1988	734,087	651,247	72.3	26.7	9.9	47.5
1989	682,728	589,002	68.4	26.2	10.0	53.6
1990	763,618	662,789	69.9	26.5	9.9	56.5
1991	806,038	706,182	71.5	26.4	9.9	58.6
1992	790,565	688,582	71.4	26.6	9.9	61.4
1993	790,165	685,304	71.4	26.0	9.9	61.7
1994	822,537	712,421	73.0	25.6	9.9	65.6
1995	829,904	723,899	72.0	25.3	9.9	63.7
1996	867,802	758,570	71.7	25.0	9.9	64.4
1997	827,105	722,461	68.6	24.7	9.9	65.4
1998	822,181	718,464	70.9	24.6	9.9	67.6
1999	860,079	751,637	70.2	24.6	9.9	65.0
2000	860,684	747,617	69.5	24.7	9.9	66.2
2001	1,069,899	979,829	69.8	25.2	9.9	65.5
2002 Series GED Test						
2002	603,019	510,451	70.6	25.2	10.1	63.3
2003	703,512	596,283	69.1	25.0	10.0	62.6
2004	704,365	604,927	70.2	25.0	10.0	61.6
2005	715,365	619,846	71.6	25.2	10.0	61.2
2006	714,436	616,404	68.0	25.2	10.0	58.6
2007	728,930	635,182	71.1	25.2	10.0	58.7
2008	776,728	679,861	72.6	25.3	10.1	59.6
2009	788,314	683,519	69.2	25.8	10.0	62.4
2010	757,033	654,990*	72.4	26.3	10.0	63.5
2011	723,171	631,055	71.9	26.4	11	63.8
2012 ²	702,862	607,327	68.8	26.7	11	62.6

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = Number of completers is unavailable from Puerto Rico, thus is not included.

¹ Number of candidates completing the battery of tests was not collected before 1974.

² GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Note: This table presents selected statistics on GED test candidates previously reported in prior annual statistical reports. If the statistics reported for comparison purpose in a later reporting year were different from what was reported previously, the latest statistics are used for this table.

TABLE 25a

Statistics on GED® Test Candidates in the United States: 2002–2012

United States											
Candidates	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 ¹
GED Test Completion Rate (%)	83.8	84.0	85.6	86.3	85.8	86.7	87.1	86.3	86.4	87.0	86.2
Mean Age (Years)	25.0	24.7	24.7	24.9	24.9	25.0	25.1	25.6	26.1	26.3	26.5
16 to 18 Year Olds (%)	32.3	30.6	30.3	30.0	30.9	31.0	30.2	27.1	24.3	23.4	22.2
19 to 24 Year Olds (%)	36.4	37.5	37.5	36.5	35.2	34.5	34.8	35.8	36.7	36.7	36.6
Male (%)	56.1	55.1	55.1	55.3	55.9	56.8	57.1	57.0	56.0	55.6	55.0
Female (%)	43.9	44.9	44.9	44.7	44.1	43.2	42.9	43.0	44.0	44.4	45.0
Hispanic Origin (%)	NA	22.6	18.1	18.7	18.8	19.0	19.3	20.1	20.2	20.4	16.7
American Indian / Alaska Native (%)	NA	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	4.8
Asian (%)	NA	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
African American (%)	NA	20.3	21.5	23.0	22.8	23.3	23.7	24.4	25.0	25.6	22.7
Pacific Islander / Hawaiian (%)	NA	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.4
White (%)	NA	52.3	55.3	53.5	53.5	52.8	52.0	50.5	49.4	48.7	52.1
Mean Highest Grade Completed	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	10.0	11.0	11.0
Tested Within Two Years Out of School (%)	NA	NA	NA	39.9	40.9	41.6	41.3	38.5	35.6	35.1	34.3
Mean Years Out of School	NA	NA	NA	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.6	8.0	8.5	8.6	8.8
Tested for Educational Reasons (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	58.9	59.0	60.0	62.8	63.9	64.1	61.9
Tested for Employment Reasons (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	48.3	49.4	50.1	50.4	51.1	51.5	53.2
Language Arts, Writing Mean Score	NA	479	474	478	477	486	488	479	484	480	507
Social Studies Mean Score	NA	508	521	506	506	516	518	505	510	515	531
Language Arts, Reading Mean Score	NA	523	515	526	525	540	541	526	537	541	560
Science Mean Score	NA	536	544	509	521	517	522	524	511	520	546
Mathematics Mean Score	NA	463	467	469	468	473	470	468	474	466	491

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

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Note: This table presents selected statistics on GED test passers previously reported in prior GED Testing Program Statistical Reports. If the statistics reported for comparison purposes in a later reporting year were different from what was reported previously, the latest statistics are used for this table.

TABLE 25b

Statistics on GED® Test Passers in the United States: 2002–2012

	United States											
Passers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 ¹	
GED Tests Pass Rate (%)	70.6	70.1	71.2	72.1	68.7	71.5	73.1	69.4	72.6	72.2	69.1	
Mean Age (Years)	23.4	23.8	23.7	24.1	23.8	23.9	24.2	24.5	25.2	25.3	25.3	
16 to 18 Year Olds (%)	37.6	35.3	34.8	33.7	35.2	35.3	34.0	31.0	27.4	26.8	26.3	
19 to 24 Year Olds (%)	36.1	37.3	37.6	36.5	35.8	35.0	35.1	36.2	37.0	37.1	37.3	
Male (%)	58.2	57.8	57.5	57.6	58.5	59.7	59.5	59.5	58.3	58.3	58.2	
Female (%)	41.8	42.2	42.5	42.4	41.5	40.3	40.5	40.5	41.7	41.7	41.8	
Hispanic Origin (%)	NA	19.3	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.3	17.0	17.9	18.2	18.3	14.7	
American Indian / Alaska Native (%)	NA	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	4.0	
Asian (%)	NA	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	
African American (%)	NA	14.6	15.8	17.5	16.7	17.5	18.3	18.2	19.5	19.9	18.4	
Pacific Islander / Hawaiian (%)	NA	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.6	1.3	
White (%)	NA	61.6	64.2	62.1	62.8	61.6	60.2	59.5	57.3	56.8	59.3	
Mean Highest Grade Completed	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	11.0	11.0	
Tested Within Two Years Out of School (%)	37.6	45.6	44.1	42.7	44.7	45.4	44.7	41.8	38.1	38.1	37.9	
Mean Years Out of School	NA	NA	NA	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.8	7.2	7.8	7.9	7.9	
Tested for Educational Reasons (%)	63.3	62.9	62.0	61.6	61.0	60.9	61.8	65.1	66.1	66.1	64.3	
Tested for Employment Reasons (%)	47.7	47.0	48.8	48.6	47.2	48.6	49.6	50.0	50.9	51.5	53.1	
Language Arts, Writing Mean Score	501	512	507	496	498	504	505	500	500	509	507	
Social Studies Mean Score	542	537	551	532	535	538	540	531	531	535	531	
Language Arts, Reading Mean Score	544	554	546	555	556	565	565	555	560	562	560	
Science Mean Score	566	569	578	534	550	542	544	550	533	540	546	
Mathematics Mean Score	503	497	501	496	498	501	495	496	498	492	491	

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

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Note: This table presents selected statistics on GED test passers previously reported in prior GED Testing Program Statistical Reports. If the statistics reported for comparison purposes in a later reporting year were different from what was reported previously, the latest statistics are used for this table.

TABLE 25c

Statistics on GED® Test Candidates for the Overall Program: 2002–2012

Overall Program											
Candidates	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 ¹
GED Test Completion Rate (%)	84.6	84.8	85.9	86.6	86.3	87.1	87.5	86.7	86.8	NA	86.4
Mean Age (Years)	25.2	25.0	25.0	25.2	25.2	25.2	25.3	25.8	26.3	26.4	26.7
16 to 18 Year Olds (%)	31.3	29.6	29.3	29.1	29.8	29.9	29.3	26.3	23.6	22.7	21.7
19 to 24 Year Olds (%)	36.4	37.3	37.3	36.3	35.2	34.5	34.7	35.6	36.4	36.4	36.3
Male (%)	56.6	55.7	55.8	56.0	56.6	57.6	57.9	57.8	56.9	56.4	55.7
Female (%)	43.4	44.3	44.2	44.0	43.4	42.4	42.1	42.2	43.1	43.6	44.3
Hispanic Origin (%)	NA	22.7	18.2	19.2	18.8	18.9	19.2	20.1	20.2	20.4	14.7
American Indian / Alaska Native (%)	NA	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	4.0
Asian (%)	NA	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.2
African American (%)	NA	20.6	22.0	23.4	23.2	23.7	24.1	24.7	25.4	26.0	24.3
Pacific Islander / Hawaiian (%)	NA	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	9.9
White (%)	NA	51.7	54.7	52.6	53.1	52.5	51.7	50.2	49.0	48.2	44.3
Mean Highest Grade Completed	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.0	11.0	11.0
Tested Within Two Years Out of School (%)	NA	NA	NA	39.1	40.3	40.9	40.8	38.2	35.1	34.7	34.0
Mean Years Out of School	NA	NA	NA	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.7	8.1	8.6	8.7	8.9
Tested for Educational Reasons (%)	63.3	62.6	61.6	61.2	58.6	58.7	59.6	62.4	63.5	63.8	62.6
Tested for Employment Reasons (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	48.1	49.2	49.9	50.1	50.8	51.2	51.6
Language Arts, Writing Mean Score	NA	481	474	479	478	487	488	480	484	480	508
Social Studies Mean Score	NA	508	521	506	506	516	518	506	510	515	532
Language Arts, Reading Mean Score	NA	524	516	526	525	541	541	527	537	540	560
Science Mean Score	NA	537	545	509	522	517	522	525	512	520	546
Mathematics Mean Score	NA	463	468	469	469	473	470	469	474	467	492

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

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TABLE 25d

Statistics on GED® Test Passers for the Overall Program: 2002–2012

	Overall Program											
Passers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 ¹	
GED Tests Pass Rate (%)	70.6	69.1	70.2	71.6	68.0	71.1	72.6	69.2	72.4	71.9	68.8	
Mean Age (Years)	24.1	25.0	24.0	24.3	24.1	24.2	24.4	24.7	25.4	25.5	25.5	
16 to 18 Year Olds (%)	36.3	34.2	33.6	32.5	33.9	34.0	33.0	30.1	26.6	26.0	25.7	
19 to 24 Year Olds (%)	36.0	37.3	37.5	36.4	35.7	35.1	35.1	36.1	36.9	36.9	37.0	
Male (%)	58.6	58.4	58.2	58.3	59.2	60.5	60.4	60.3	59.1	51.1	58.8	
Female (%)	41.4	41.6	41.8	41.7	40.8	39.5	39.6	39.7	40.9	40.9	41.2	
Hispanic Origin (%)	NA	19.5	15.4	16.2	16.0	16.3	16.9	17.8	18.2	18.3	13.6	
American Indian / Alaska Native (%)	NA	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	3.5	
Asian (%)	NA	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.3	
African American (%)	NA	14.9	16.4	18.0	17.2	17.9	18.7	18.5	19.9	20.3	21.2	
Pacific Islander / Hawaiian (%)	NA	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	6.4	
White (%)	NA	61.0	63.5	61.4	62.3	61.2	59.9	59.2	56.9	56.4	52.4	
Mean Highest Grade Completed	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	11.0	11.0	
Tested Within Two Years Out of School (%)	NA	NA	NA	42.1	44.0	44.7	44.2	41.5	37.7	37.6	37.6	
Mean Years Out of School	NA	NA	NA	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.3	7.9	8.0	7.9	
Tested for Educational Reasons (%)	62.7	62.6	61.6	61.2	60.6	60.4	61.2	64.5	65.7	66	64.5	
Tested for Employment Reasons (%)	46.8	47.0	48.5	48.4	47.0	48.3	49.3	49.6	50.6	51	50.0	
Language Arts, Writing Mean Score	NA	NA	507	497	498	505	505	501	501	509	508	
Social Studies Mean Score	NA	NA	551	533	535	539	540	532	531	535	532	
Language Arts, Reading Mean Score	NA	NA	547	556	557	566	565	556	560	563	560	
Science Mean Score	NA	NA	579	534	550	542	544	551	534	541	546	
Mathematics Mean Score	NA	NA	501	496	498	501	496	497	499	492	492	

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

¹ GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

Note: This table presents selected statistics on GED test passers previously reported in prior GED Testing Program Statistical Reports. If the statistics reported for comparison purposes in a later reporting year were different from what was reported previously, the latest statistics are used for this table.

TABLE 26

Number of GED® Credentials Issued, by Series GED® Test (1943–2001), and Number of GED® Test Passers, by 2002 Series GED® Test (2002–2012)

Jurisdiction	Number of GED Credentials Issued ¹			Number of GED Test Passers
	1942 Series (1943–1977)	1978 Series (1978–1987)	1988 Series (1988–2001)	2002 Series (2002–2012)
Alabama	71,313	98,536	109,797	79,642
Alaska	16,444	22,934	24,578	18,007
Arizona	32,783	74,907	134,375	119,552
Arkansas	22,799	64,034	103,619	70,936
California	35,783	92,111	466,628	321,334
Colorado	36,104	74,473	112,234	99,424
Connecticut	25,164	43,583	64,975	31,749
Delaware	4,908	9,109	12,453	6,683
District of Columbia	12,715	10,183	9,854	5,652
Florida	78,464	283,713	463,198	329,423
Georgia ²	54,105	124,549	244,430	194,914
Hawaii	9,157	15,520	19,648	14,592
Idaho	4,351	10,879	11,204	36,132
Illinois	69,335	178,896	214,527	163,434
Indiana	4,090	87,758	173,195	114,771
Iowa	24,310	52,913	74,054	39,947
Kansas	42,559	69,923	83,677	38,378
Kentucky	53,726	123,838	168,672	99,579
Louisiana	57,111	105,618	109,318	81,584
Maine	14,165	26,868	45,362	25,265
Maryland	40,451	79,174	83,753	56,219
Massachusetts	38,124	101,496	132,764	78,886
Michigan	62,677	132,314	202,884	114,208
Minnesota	31,950	63,634	91,696	65,352
Mississippi	32,399	76,093	87,968	74,748
Missouri	72,075	62,193	129,060	99,684
Montana	13,885	20,781	28,542	23,143
Nebraska	10,590	27,149	32,988	22,969
Nevada	7,838	21,019	50,151	45,197
New Hampshire	9,189	19,035	27,563	16,995
New Jersey	83,391	128,636	121,048	82,442
New Mexico	29,943	48,659	68,107	49,383
New York	226,058	414,955	504,186	301,364
North Carolina	68,458	151,707	197,397	134,538
North Dakota	5,920	11,777	12,908	10,548
Ohio	38,595	125,877	252,135	168,225
Oklahoma	31,489	64,954	97,449	72,879
Oregon	32,038	78,148	114,071	87,035
Pennsylvania	86,887	195,023	248,893	150,539
Rhode Island	15,208	27,742	33,082	13,714
South Carolina	17,308	48,291	77,635	67,569
South Dakota	9,594	15,398	17,802	12,260
Tennessee	42,138	132,180	176,425	116,840
Texas	222,442	427,882	668,216	354,180
Utah	1,353	7,272	53,093	54,636
Vermont	5,392	14,307	16,669	6,872
Virginia	50,912	105,176	142,366	139,579
Washington	38,868	95,355	163,178	132,551
West Virginia	28,289	58,153	57,814	41,025
Wisconsin	28,506	89,948	87,897	80,230
Wyoming	6,513	14,633	17,061	13,959
U.S. Subtotal	2,057,866	4,848,616	6,792,917	4,578,767

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Number of GED® Credentials Issued, by Series GED® Test (1943–2001), and Number of GED® Test Passers, by 2002 Series GED® Test (2002–2012)

Jurisdiction	Number of GED Credentials Issued ¹			Number of GED Test Passers
	1942 Series (1943–1977)	1978 Series (1978–1987)	1988 Series (1988–2001)	2002 Series (2002–2012)
American Samoa	310	199	186	105
Federated States of Micronesia ²	NA	201	577	25
Guam	1,098	1,246	1,979	1,521
Marshall Islands ³	NA	NA	134	40
Northern Mariana Islands	NA	NA	148	148
Palau ²	NA	NA	119	152
Puerto Rico* ⁴	7,004	91,886	138,691	0
Virgin Islands	830	1,411	1,812	1,031
Insular Areas Subtotal	10,812	94,943	143,646	39,553
Alberta ⁵	NA	14,248	28,666	14,853
British Columbia	12,992	36,046	40,534	10,005
Manitoba	14,204	14,252	13,265	2,594
New Brunswick	1,108	11,269	16,167	7,566
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,866	7,544	6,260	1,081
Northwest Territory	212	957	1,068	30
Nova Scotia	7,784	18,387	25,379	6,247
Nunavut ⁶	NA	NA	NA	123
Ontario ⁷	NA	NA	12,208	34,600
Prince Edward Island	1,721	2,405	3,256	2,404
Quebec ⁸	NA	NA	NA	651
Saskatchewan	10,824	23,850	22,607	8,001
Yukon Territory	50	698	677	172
Canada Subtotal	51,761	129,656	170,087	88,327
Bermuda	NA	NA	NA	385
DANTES ⁹	NA	NA	NA	23,194
Federal Bureau of Prisons	NA	NA	NA	60,273
GED Testing Service-Proctored ¹⁰	NA	NA	NA	191
Michigan Prisons	NA	NA	NA	20,589
Prometric ¹¹	NA	NA	NA	1,713
VA Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	0
Inter-Regional Contracts Subtotal	NA	NA	NA	117,384
Program Total¹²	2,118,869	5,073,215	7,106,650	4,824,031

Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

* = The numbers of GED test passers in Puerto Rico were incomplete for 2005 and 2010 and were understated.

† = This number includes passers from Bermuda and GED Testing Service-proctored testing from 2002 to 2009.

¹ Number of credentials issued before 1971 was estimated by multiplying the total number of candidates by the percentage of people who met the state score requirement that year.

² GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in XXX jurisdictions in Georgia in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

³ Before 1998, data for the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau were reported under the category Micronesia.

⁴ Puerto Rico data points are indicated as NA and excluded from analyses due to lack of sufficient data provided by the jurisdiction.

⁵ Alberta initiated testing in 1981.

⁶ Nunavut initiated testing in 2003.

⁷ Ontario initiated testing in 1996.

⁸ Quebec initiated testing in 2001.

⁹ DANTES = Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, including U.S. military personnel and dependent family members tested on military bases within the continental United States and overseas.

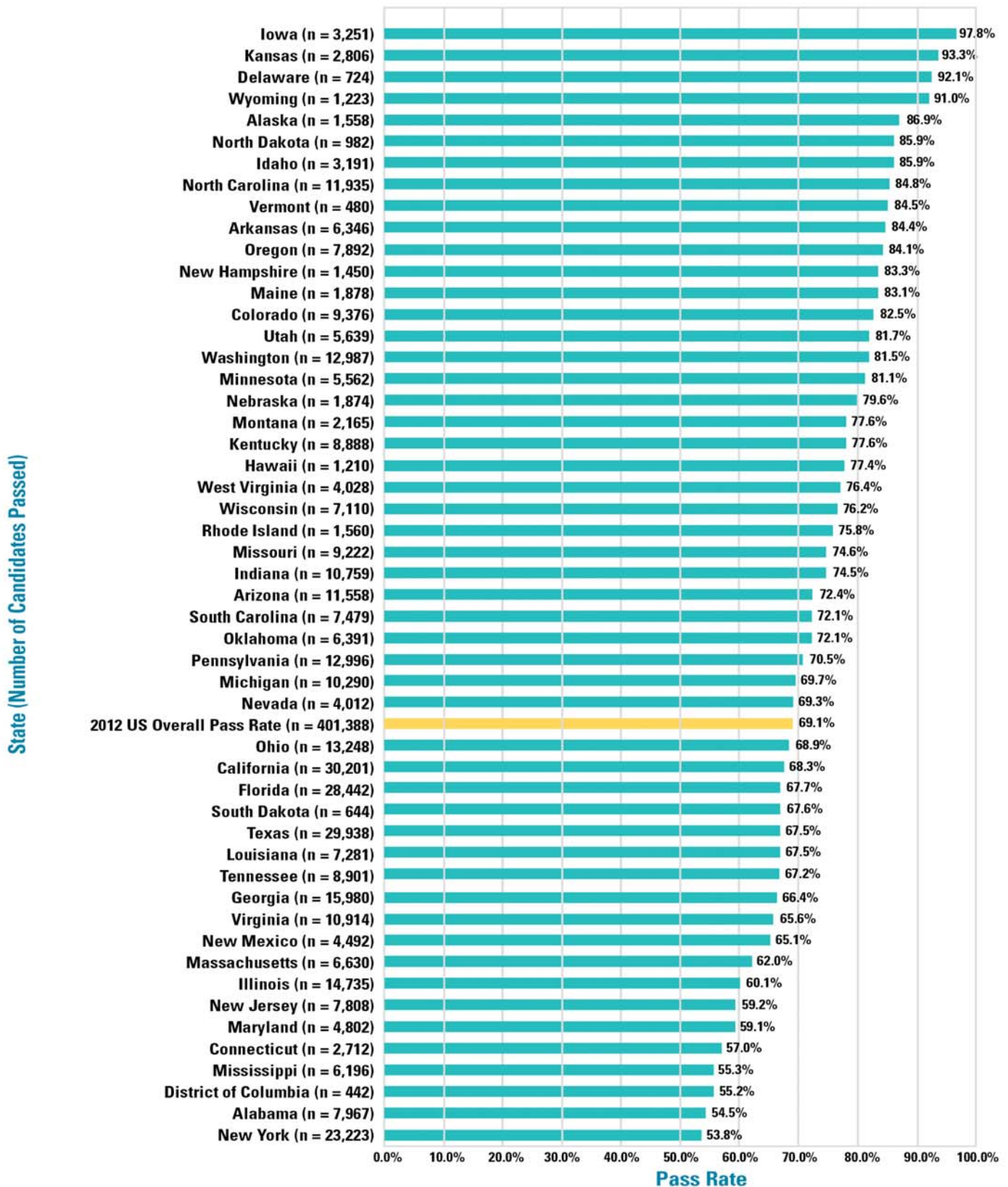
¹⁰ GED Testing Service-Proctored = Civilians of any nationality who tested in St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, or Jamaica, proctored by GEDTS staff on an annual basis or by request.

¹¹ Prometric = Civilians of any nationality who tested through Prometric, which manages international testing of civilians except for Bermuda, St. Martin, the Cayman Islands, and Jamaica, which are international locations proctored by GED Testing Service staff.

¹² GED Testing Service implemented computer-based testing in 37 jurisdictions in 2012. These data are included in all analyses for reporting purposes.

FIGURE 1

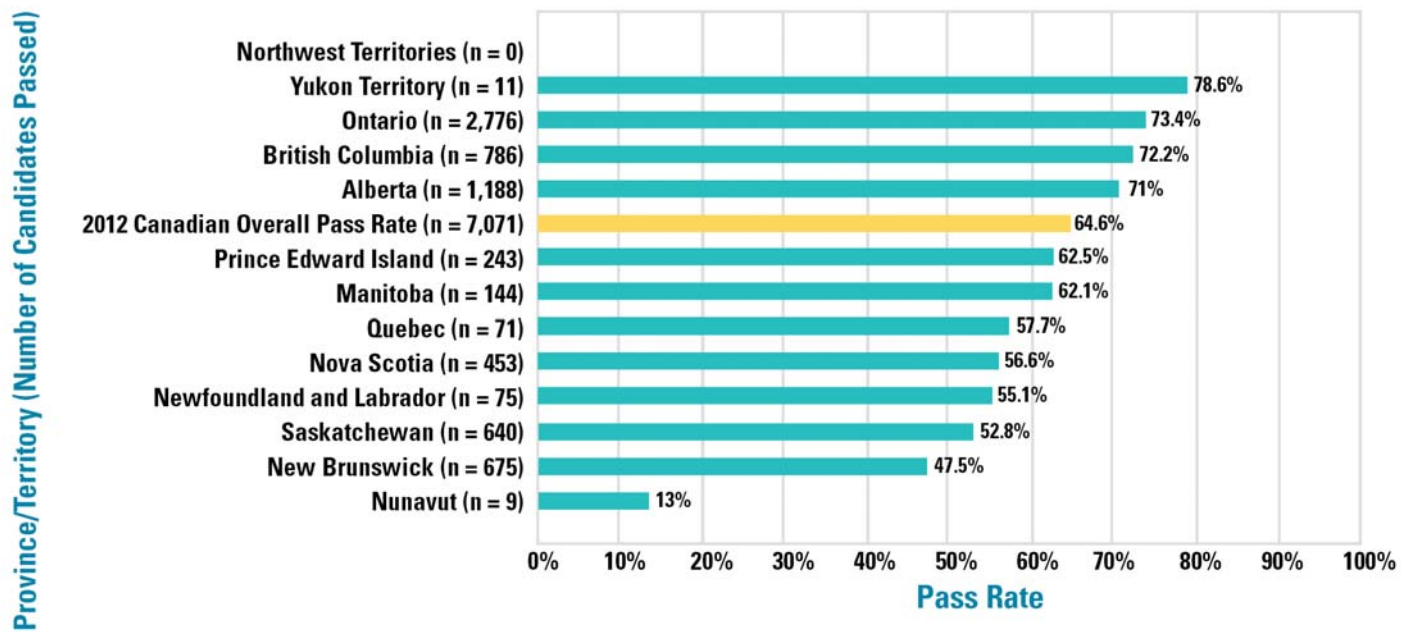
GED® Test Pass Rates in the United States: 2012



Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

FIGURE 2

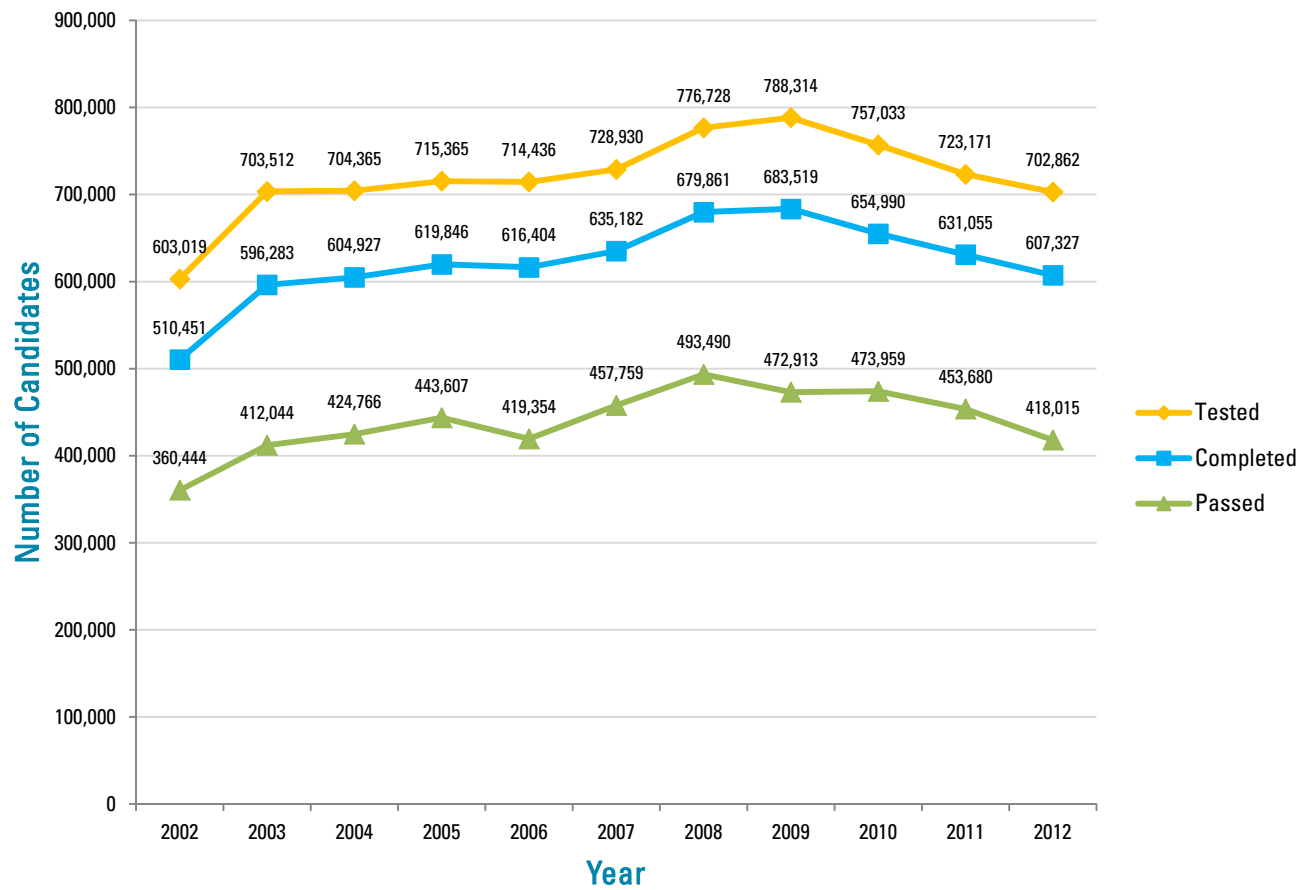
GED® Test Pass Rates in Canadian Provinces/Territories: 2012



Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

FIGURE 3

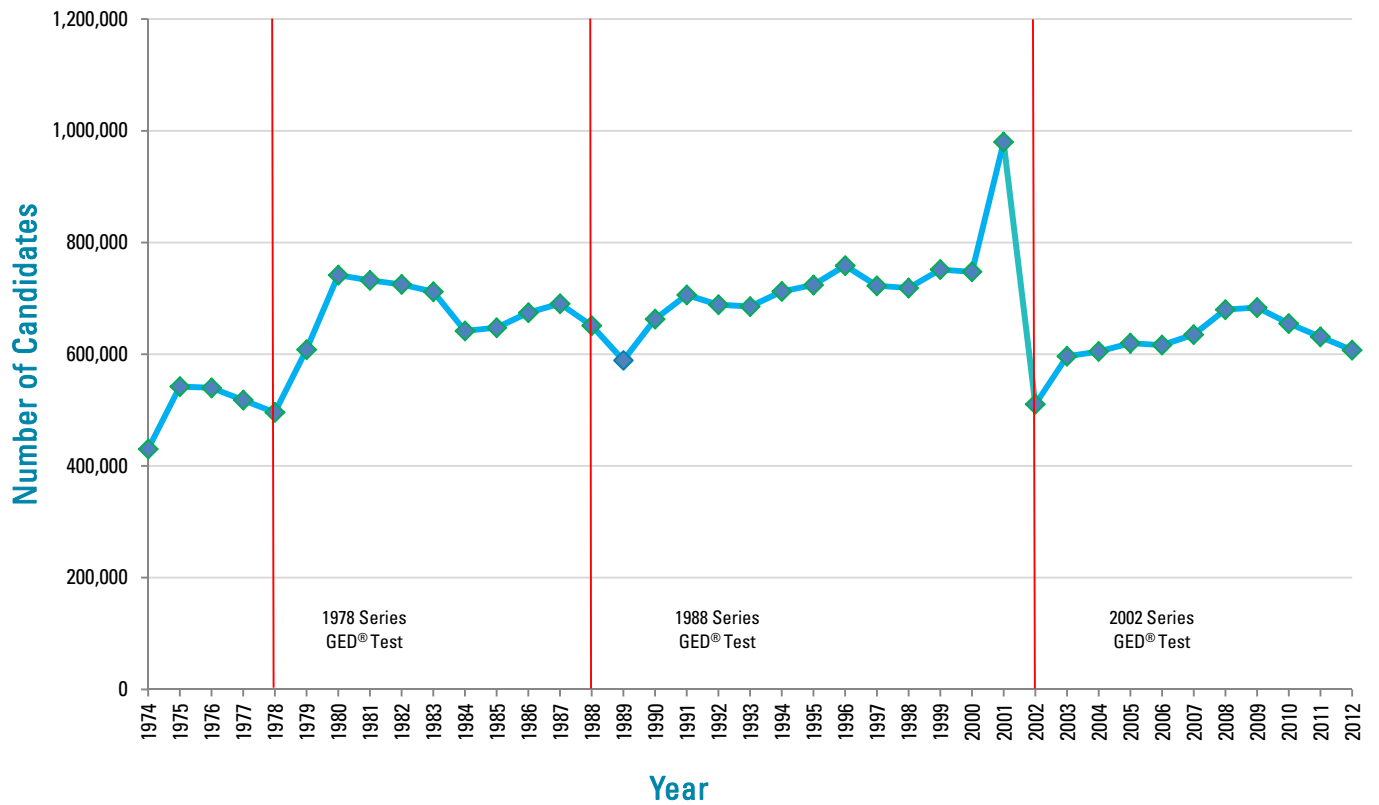
Number of Candidates Who Tested, Completed, and Passed the GED® Test: 2002–2012



Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

FIGURE 4

GED Testing Program History: Number of Completers (1974–2012)



Source: 2012 GED Testing Service® data.

Appendix

Appendix A: Formulas for Table Statistics

The following formulas were used to calculate the statistics for the tables presented in this report. Specific formulas are presented here under their respective table titles for easy reference. The same formulas were used to calculate jurisdiction statistics and jurisdictional group statistics. Therefore, jurisdictional group statistics are based on all records in that group; they are not averages of all the jurisdictions in a group.

TABLE 1: TARGET POPULATION AND GED TEST CANDIDATES WHO TESTED, COMPLETED, AND PASSED: 2012

Target Population Tested (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED candidates who took at least one content area test by the total population of adults without a high school credential, then multiplying that number by 100.

Completion Rate (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED completers by the number of candidates who took at least one content area test, then multiplying that number by 100.

Target Population Completed (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED completers by the total population of adults without a high school credential, then multiplying that number by 100.

Pass Rate (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers by the number of GED completers, then multiplying that number by 100.

Target Population Passed (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers by the total population of adults without a high school credential, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 2: TARGET POPULATION AND FIRST-TIME GED TEST CANDIDATES WHO TESTED, COMPLETED, AND PASSED: 2012 COHORT

Target Population First-Time Candidates (%) was calculated by dividing the number of first-time GED candidates who took at least one content area test for the first time in 2012 and who had never tested in previous years, by the total population of adults without a high school credential, then multiplying that number by 100.

Completers Among First-Time Candidates Completion Rate (%) was calculated by dividing the number of first-time GED candidates who completed the GED test by the number of first-time candidates, then multiplying that number by 100.

Completers Among First-Time Candidates Target Population (%) was calculated by dividing the number of first-time GED candidates who completed the GED test by the total population of adults without a high school credential, then multiplying that number by 100.

Passers Among First-Time Candidates Pass Rate (%) was calculated by dividing the number of first-time GED candidates who completed and passed the GED test by the number of GED completers, then multiplying that number by 100.

Passers Among First-Time Candidates Target Population (%) was calculated by dividing the number of first-time GED candidates who completed and passed the GED test by the total population of adults without a high school credential, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 4: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST CANDIDATES, BY AGE GROUP AND MEAN AGE: 2012

Candidates with Known Age (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED candidates with known age by the total number of candidates, then multiplying that number by 100.

Percentage in each age group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED candidates in that age group by the total number of candidates with known age, then multiplying that number by 100.

The mean age was calculated by averaging the ages of all candidates with known date of birth.

The standard deviation was calculated using the formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

where X equals the candidate age, \bar{X} equals the mean candidate age, and N equals the number of candidates with known age.

TABLE 5: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST CANDIDATES, BY GENDER: 2012

Candidates with Known Gender (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED candidates with known gender by the total number of candidates, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage in each gender group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED candidates in that gender group by the total number of candidates for whom gender was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 6: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST CANDIDATES, BY ETHNICITY: 2012

Candidates with Known Ethnicity (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED candidates with known ethnicity by the total number of candidates, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage of each ethnicity group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED candidates in that ethnicity group by the total number of candidates for whom ethnicity was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 7: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST CANDIDATES, BY HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED AND MODE HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED: 2012

Candidates with Known Highest Grade Completed (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED candidates with known highest grade completed by the total number of candidates, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage in each grade level was calculated by dividing the total number of GED candidates in that grade level by the total number of passers for whom highest grade completed was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

The mode for highest grade completed was the grade level most frequently reported by all candidates.

TABLE 8: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST CANDIDATES, BY YEARS OUT OF SCHOOL AND MEAN YEARS OUT: 2012

Candidates with Known Years Out of School (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED candidates with known years out of school by the total number of candidates, then multiplying by 100.

Number of Years Out of School was calculated by subtracting the year reported as the last years of school from the current report year.

Percentage in each ***Years Out of School*** group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED candidates in that group by the total number of candidates for whom years out of school was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

The mean for years out of school was calculated by averaging known years of school for all candidates.

The standard deviation was calculated using the formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

where X equals the candidate years out of school, \bar{X} equals the mean candidate years out of school, and N equals the number of candidates with known years out of school.

TABLES 9a AND 9b: PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES REPORTING VARIOUS REASONS FOR TAKING THE GED TEST: 2012

Candidates Indicating Reasons for Testing (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED candidates with at least one known reason for testing by the total number of candidates, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage of GED candidates giving each reason for testing was calculated by dividing the total number of candidates who indicated that reason for testing by the total number of candidates for whom reasons for testing was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLES 12A AND 12B: STANDARD SCORE STATISTICS FOR GED TEST CANDIDATES: 2012

The median standard score was calculated by ordering all scores and identifying the score that has an equal number of scores above and below it.

The mean standard score was calculated by averaging the test scores.

The standard deviation was calculated using the formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

where X equals the standard test score, \bar{X} equals the mean standard score, and N equals the number of standard scores.

Met Minimum Score Requirements for each content area was calculated by dividing the number of candidates who met the jurisdictional minimum standard score by the total number of candidates, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 13: GED TEST CANDIDATE PARTICIPATION, BY NUMBER TESTED, PERCENTAGE WHO COMPLETED THE GED TEST, AND PERCENTAGE WHO PASSED: CHANGES FROM 2011 TO 2012

Tested Percent Change 2011–2012 was calculated by subtracting the number of candidates in 2010 from the number of candidates in 2011, then dividing the difference by the 2010 figure and multiplying by 100. A negative number signals a decrease from the previous year.

Completed Percentage Point Change 2011–2012 was calculated by subtracting the percentage of completers in 2010 from the percentage of completers in 2011. A negative number signals a decrease from the previous period.

Passed Percentage Point Change 2011–2012 was calculated by subtracting the percentage of passers in 2010 from the percentage of passers in 2011. A negative number signals a decrease from the previous year.

TABLE 14: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST PASSERS, BY AGE GROUP AND MEAN AGE: 2012

Passers with Known Age (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers with known age by the total number of passers, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage in each age group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers in that age group by the total number of passers for whom age was calculated using their date of birth, then multiplying that number by 100.

The mean age was calculated by averaging the ages of all GED passers with known date of birth.

The standard deviation was calculated using the formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

where X equals the GED passer age, \bar{X} equals the mean GED passer age, and N equals the number of GED passers with known age.

TABLE 15: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST PASSERS, BY GENDER: 2012

Passers with Known Gender (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers with known gender by the total number of passers, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage in each gender group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers in that gender group by the total number of passers for whom gender was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 16: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST PASSERS, BY ETHNICITY: 2012

Passers with Known Ethnicity (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers with known ethnicity by the total number of passers, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage in each ethnicity group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers in that ethnicity group by the total number of passers for whom ethnicity was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 17: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST PASSERS, BY HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED AND MODE HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED: 2012

Passers with Known Highest Grade Completed (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers with known highest grade completed by the total number of passers, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage in each grade level was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers in that grade level by the total number of passers for whom the highest grade completed was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

The mode for highest grade completed was the grade level most frequently reported by all GED passers.

TABLE 18: PERCENTAGE OF GED TEST PASSERS, BY YEARS OUT OF SCHOOL AND MEAN YEARS OUT: 2012

Passers with Known Years Out of School (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers with known years out of school by the total number of passers, then multiplying by 100.

Years Out of School was calculated by subtracting the year reported as the last year of school attended from the current report year.

Percentage in each ***Years Out of School*** group was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers in that group by the total number of GED passers for whom years out of school was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

The mean for years out of school was calculated by averaging known years of school for all GED passers.

The standard deviation was calculated using the formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

where X equals the GED passer years out of school, \bar{X} equals the mean GED passer years out of school, and N equals the number of GED passers with known years out of school.

TABLES 19a AND 19b: PERCENTAGE OF PASSERS REPORTING VARIOUS REASONS FOR TAKING THE GED TEST: 2012

Passers Indicating Reasons for Testing (%) was calculated by dividing the number of GED passers with at least one known reason for testing by the total number of passers, then multiplying by 100.

Percentage of GED passers giving each reason for testing was calculated by dividing the total number of passers who indicated that reason for testing by the total number of passers for whom reasons for testing was known, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLES 20a AND 20b: STANDARD SCORE STATISTICS FOR GED TEST PASSERS: 2012

The median standard score was calculated by ordering all scores and identifying the score that has an equal number of scores above and below it.

The mean standard score was calculated by averaging the test scores.

The standard deviation was calculated using the formula

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

where X equals the test standard score, \bar{X} equals the mean standard score, and N equals the number of standard scores.

TABLE 21: GED TEST PASS RATES, BY AGE GROUP: 2012

Overall Pass Rate (%) was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers by the number of GED completers, then multiplying that number by 100. This rate is the same as reported in Table 1.

Pass Rates by Age Group (%) were calculated by dividing the number of GED passers in each individual age group by the corresponding number of GED completers of the same age group, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 22: GED TEST PASS RATES, BY GENDER: 2012

Overall Pass Rate (%) was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers by the number of GED completers, then multiplying that number by 100. This rate is the same as reported in Table 1.

Pass Rates by Gender (%) were calculated by dividing the number of GED passers in each gender group by the corresponding number of GED completers of the same gender group, then multiplying that number by 100.

TABLE 23: GED TEST PASS RATES, BY ETHNICITY: 2012

Overall Pass Rate (%) was calculated by dividing the total number of GED passers by the number of GED completers, then multiplying that number by 100. This rate is the same as reported in Table 1.

Pass Rates by Ethnicity (%) were calculated by dividing the number of GED passers in each ethnicity group by the corresponding number of GED completers of the same ethnicity group, then multiplying that number by 100.

Appendix B: Definitions of Terms

Adult – For the purposes of this report, an adult is someone aged 16 and older in the United States and the insular areas. This definition is consistent with the definition in the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act of 1998, Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and the U.S. Code (Title 20: Education, Chapter 73: Adult Education and Literacy, Subchapter I: Adult Education and Family Literacy, Paragraph 9202: Definitions). In a context of adult basic and secondary education, both sources define adults as individuals “who have attained 16 years of age and who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law.” For Canada, adults are people aged 15 and older, based on 2011 Canadian Census of Population data.

Content area – The GED® test includes five content areas that assess skills and knowledge in the following core high school academic subjects: Language Arts, Writing; Social Studies; Science; Language Arts, Reading; and Mathematics.

First-time candidates – Candidates who took the 2002 Series GED® test for the first time in the report year and who had never tested in previous years.

First-time completers – First-time candidates (see definition above) who completed the GED® test.

First-time passers – First-time candidates (see definition above) who completed and passed the GED® test.

GED Administrator™ – The person contractually responsible for supervising and administering the GED® testing program at the state, provincial, territorial, or inter-regional level. The GED Administrator™ is responsible for ensuring adequate training for GED Chief Examiners™ and GED Examiners™ in adhering to contractual obligations.

GED® test credential – An official document awarded and issued by a GED® testing jurisdiction, indicating that an individual has met the minimum passing standard on the GED® test as well as any other high school equivalency requirements in that jurisdiction. In some jurisdictions, the credential is called a GED® diploma or certificate.

GED® test – A high school equivalency assessment consisting of five content areas. It was designed and produced according to psychometric standards and properties in order to provide an opportunity for adults who did not complete a formal high school program to certify their attainment of high school-level academic knowledge and skills and earn their jurisdiction’s high school-level equivalency credential, diploma, or certificate.

GED® test candidates – Adults who have tested in at least one of the five content areas of the GED® test, regardless of whether they completed or met the GED® test passing standard. In this report, the terms *candidates* and *test takers* are used interchangeably with GED® test candidates.

GED® test completers – Candidates who have tested in all five content areas of the GED® test, regardless of whether they met the GED® test passing standard. The number of completers serves as the denominator for calculating the pass rate. A candidate must have completed all five content areas and met the minimum passing standard in order to be considered a passer. In this report, the term *completers* is used interchangeably with *GED® test completers*.

GED® test passers – Completers who have met their jurisdiction’s minimum passing standard (see Appendix A for detailed score requirements). The number of adults who met the passing standard serves as the numerator for calculating the pass rate. Some jurisdictions require adults to fulfill additional requirements beyond passing the GED® test in order to receive a GED® test credential (see Appendix A). In this report, the term *passers* is used interchangeably

with *GED® test passers*.

Insular areas – All unincorporated U.S. commonwealths and territories, and freely associated states. Although the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs does not exercise responsibility for Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico is referred to as an insular area. The term insular areas replaces IAFAS (Insular Areas and Freely Associated States), which was used in annual statistical reports in 2004 and prior.

Inter-regional contracts – GED Testing Service contracts with inter-regional jurisdictions whose candidates come from multiple intrastate, interstate, or national regions, including DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support; military and dependent family members tested on military facilities in the United States and internationally), Federal Bureau of Prisons, international civilian testing sites operated by Prometric, Michigan prisons, and Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals.

Jurisdiction – Entity such as a U.S. state, insular area, Canadian province or territory, or inter-regional contractor that administers a GED® testing program.

Language version – In addition to English, the GED® test is offered in Spanish and French versions to provide an opportunity to adults who have Spanish or French as their primary language to certify their attainment of high school-level academic knowledge and skills. The Spanish language version of all content areas—except the Language Arts, Writing Test—are direct translations of the respective English language U.S. versions. The Language Arts, Writing Test was developed separately. The French language version of all content areas—except the Language Arts, Writing Test—are direct translations of the respective English language Canadian versions. The Language Arts, Writing Test was developed separately.

Minimum passing standard – To successfully pass the GED® test, a test taker must meet or exceed the minimum passing standard with a total standard score of 2,250 (in Puerto Rico, the total score requirement is 2,700 for the Spanish language GED® test and 2,500 for the English language GED® test) and a minimum standard score of 410 in each of the five content areas (420 in Kansas and 450 in South Dakota and Canada). Because GED® test scoring is based on a compensatory model, test takers must earn an additional 200 standard score points beyond the 410 needed in each content area to reach the total passing standard of 2,250. The 200 additional standard score points may come from any one or a combination of content areas.

Official GED® Practice Test – The Official GED® Practice Test (OPT) was developed and copyrighted by GED Testing Service and the American Council on Education, and offers a sampling of test items from each content area in the GED® test. The OPT items are created, analyzed, and tested by GED Testing Service academic subject and psychometrics experts, and distributed through contractual agreement by an outside vendor.

Retest – A retest occurs when a candidate retakes in any of the content areas in which he or she failed to meet the minimum passing standard. A candidate also may retest if he or she did meet the minimum passing standard but wants to improve the test score.

Series GED® test – The GED® test has been developed upon similar test specifications and psychometric standards and properties. There have been three previous series of the GED® test: 1942, 1978, and 1988. The fourth and current series was released in 2002 (English language U.S. and Canadian versions), followed by Spanish and French language versions released in 2004. Changes made in each series were the result of the identification of specific areas of need

or assessment that would strengthen the test and provide evidence of test score validity and credibility in a changing world.

Special editions – Special formats of the GED® test are available in addition to the standard print editions for candidates with physical, learning, or psychological disabilities. These formats include large print, audiocassette, and Braille editions. Although the audiocassette and Braille editions may be used by candidates with documented disabilities who were approved for test accommodations, the large print edition does not require additional documentation for use.

Standard score – The standard score is reflective of a test taker’s performance on the GED® test. For the 2002 Series GED® test, the standard score scale ranges from 200 to 800, and falls along a normal distribution with a mean of 500 and standard deviation of 100. Standard scores are used to compare an examinee’s performance on a test with the performance of graduating high school seniors who took the test.

Target population – The target population consists of all adults (as defined above) who lack a traditional high school credential and further training or degrees and who could potentially take the GED® test and therefore further their educational, professional, and personal aspirations after acquiring a GED® test credential.