

**Table 271. General Educational Development (GED) Credentials Issued: 1980 to 2008**

[GEDs issued in thousands (479 represents 479,000). For the 50 states and DC]

| Year | GEDs issued | Percent distribution of GED test takers |                    |                    |                    |                       |
|------|-------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|      |             | 19 years old or under                   | 20 to 24 years old | 25 to 29 years old | 30 to 34 years old | 35 years old and over |
| 1980 | 479         | 37                                      | 27                 | 13                 | 8                  | 15                    |
| 1985 | 413         | 32                                      | 26                 | 15                 | 10                 | 16                    |
| 1990 | 410         | 36                                      | 25                 | 13                 | 10                 | 15                    |
| 1995 | 504         | 38                                      | 25                 | 13                 | 9                  | 15                    |
| 2000 | 487         | 45                                      | 25                 | 11                 | 7                  | 13                    |
| 2002 | 330         | 49                                      | 25                 | 10                 | 6                  | 11                    |
| 2003 | 387         | 47                                      | 26                 | 10                 | 7                  | 11                    |
| 2004 | 406         | 46                                      | 26                 | 11                 | 6                  | 10                    |
| 2005 | 424         | 45                                      | 26                 | 12                 | 7                  | 11                    |
| 2006 | 464         | 46                                      | 25                 | 12                 | 6                  | 11                    |
| 2007 | 495         | 46                                      | 24                 | 12                 | 7                  | 11                    |
| 2008 | 539         | 41                                      | 24                 | 13                 | 8                  | 14                    |

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*, annual. See also <<http://www.nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>>.

**Table 272. College Enrollment of Recent High School Completers: 1970 to 2008**

[2,758 represents 2,758,000. For persons 16 to 24 years old who graduated from high school in the preceding 12 months. Includes persons receiving GEDs. Based on surveys and subject to sampling error; data will not agree with data in other tables]

| Year | Number of high school completers (1,000) |       |        |                    |                      |                         | Percent enrolled in college <sup>5</sup> |      |        |                    |                      |                         |
|------|--|-------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|      | Total <sup>1</sup>                       | Male  | Female | White <sup>2</sup> | Black <sup>2,3</sup> | Hispanic <sup>3,4</sup> | Total <sup>1</sup>                       | Male | Female | White <sup>2</sup> | Black <sup>2,3</sup> | Hispanic <sup>3,4</sup> |
| 1970 | 2,758                                    | 1,343 | 1,415  | 2,461              | (NA)                 | (NA)                    | 52                                       | 55   | 49     | 52                 | (NA)                 | (NA)                    |
| 1975 | 3,185                                    | 1,513 | 1,672  | 2,701              | 302                  | 132                     | 51                                       | 53   | 49     | 51                 | 42                   | 58                      |
| 1980 | 3,088                                    | 1,498 | 1,589  | 2,554              | 350                  | 130                     | 49                                       | 47   | 52     | 50                 | 43                   | 52                      |
| 1985 | 2,668                                    | 1,287 | 1,381  | 2,104              | 332                  | 141                     | 58                                       | 59   | 57     | 60                 | 42                   | 51                      |
| 1990 | 2,362                                    | 1,173 | 1,189  | 1,819              | 331                  | 121                     | 60                                       | 58   | 62     | 63                 | 47                   | 43                      |
| 1995 | 2,599                                    | 1,238 | 1,361  | 1,861              | 349                  | 288                     | 62                                       | 63   | 61     | 64                 | 51                   | 54                      |
| 1999 | 2,897                                    | 1,474 | 1,423  | 1,978              | 436                  | 329                     | 63                                       | 61   | 64     | 66                 | 59                   | 42                      |
| 2000 | 2,756                                    | 1,251 | 1,505  | 1,938              | 393                  | 300                     | 63                                       | 60   | 66     | 66                 | 55                   | 53                      |
| 2001 | 2,549                                    | 1,277 | 1,273  | 1,834              | 381                  | 241                     | 62                                       | 60   | 63     | 64                 | 55                   | 52                      |
| 2002 | 2,796                                    | 1,412 | 1,384  | 1,903              | 382                  | 344                     | 65                                       | 62   | 68     | 69                 | 59                   | 54                      |
| 2003 | 2,677                                    | 1,306 | 1,372  | 1,832              | 327                  | 314                     | 64                                       | 61   | 67     | 66                 | 58                   | 59                      |
| 2004 | 2,752                                    | 1,327 | 1,425  | 1,854              | 398                  | 286                     | 67                                       | 61   | 72     | 69                 | 63                   | 62                      |
| 2005 | 2,675                                    | 1,262 | 1,414  | 1,799              | 345                  | 390                     | 69                                       | 67   | 70     | 73                 | 56                   | 54                      |
| 2006 | 2,692                                    | 1,328 | 1,363  | 1,805              | 318                  | 382                     | 66                                       | 66   | 66     | 69                 | 55                   | 58                      |
| 2007 | 2,955                                    | 1,511 | 1,444  | 2,043              | 416                  | 355                     | 67                                       | 66   | 68     | 70                 | 56                   | 64                      |
| 2008 | 3,151                                    | 1,640 | 1,511  | 2,091              | 416                  | 458                     | 69                                       | 66   | 72     | 72                 | 56                   | 64                      |

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Beginning 2003, for persons of this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 225. <sup>3</sup> Due to small sample size, data are subject to relatively large sampling errors. <sup>4</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. <sup>5</sup> As of October.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*, annual. See also <<http://www.nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>>.

**Table 273. College Enrollment by Sex and Attendance Status: 2005 to 2009**

[As of fall. In thousands (17,487 represents 17,487,000). Includes enrollment at branch campuses, some additional (primarily 2-year) colleges and excludes a few institutions that did not award degrees. Includes enrollment at institutions that were eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. Includes unclassified students, (students taking courses for credit, but are not candidates for degrees)]

| Sex and age           | 2005          |              | 2006          |              | 2007          |              | 2008          |              | 2009, proj.   |              |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                       | Total         | Part-time    | Total         | Part-time    | Total         | Part-time    | Total         | Part-time    | Total         | Part-time    |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>17,487</b> | <b>6,690</b> | <b>17,759</b> | <b>6,802</b> | <b>18,248</b> | <b>6,979</b> | <b>19,103</b> | <b>7,355</b> | <b>19,525</b> | <b>7,483</b> |
| Male                  | 7,456         | 2,653        | 7,575         | 2,696        | 7,816         | 2,787        | 8,189         | 2,955        | 8,451         | 3,019        |
| 14 to 17 years old    | 78            | 41           | 82            | 16           | 75            | 17           | 92            | 19           | 87            | 21           |
| 18 to 19 years old    | 1,592         | 235          | 1,705         | 297          | 1,805         | 273          | 1,850         | 278          | 1,913         | 304          |
| 20 to 21 years old    | 1,778         | 318          | 1,673         | 341          | 1,633         | 288          | 1,792         | 342          | 1,846         | 350          |
| 22 to 24 years old    | 1,355         | 405          | 1,470         | 466          | 1,551         | 544          | 1,558         | 485          | 1,607         | 506          |
| 25 to 29 years old    | 978           | 539          | 1,051         | 488          | 1,020         | 435          | 1,177         | 602          | 1,216         | 593          |
| 30 to 34 years old    | 545           | 306          | 557           | 325          | 659           | 430          | 640           | 414          | 659           | 413          |
| 35 years old and over | 1,130         | 809          | 1,037         | 762          | 1,074         | 799          | 1,080         | 814          | 1,123         | 831          |
| Female                | 10,032        | 4,038        | 10,184        | 4,106        | 10,432        | 4,192        | 10,914        | 4,401        | 11,073        | 4,465        |
| 14 to 17 years old    | 121           | 27           | 149           | 48           | 104           | 9            | 101           | 12           | 114           | 20           |
| 18 to 19 years old    | 2,018         | 338          | 2,064         | 318          | 2,173         | 327          | 2,240         | 357          | 2,293         | 370          |
| 20 to 21 years old    | 2,000         | 430          | 1,975         | 363          | 2,129         | 452          | 2,137         | 409          | 2,169         | 428          |
| 22 to 24 years old    | 1,717         | 571          | 1,724         | 634          | 1,811         | 685          | 1,922         | 703          | 1,918         | 708          |
| 25 to 29 years old    | 1,406         | 709          | 1,350         | 696          | 1,502         | 824          | 1,560         | 818          | 1,571         | 822          |
| 30 to 34 years old    | 809           | 499          | 852           | 480          | 770           | 449          | 842           | 547          | 835           | 519          |
| 35 years old and over | 1,960         | 1,464        | 2,070         | 1,567        | 1,943         | 1,446        | 2,112         | 1,554        | 2,173         | 1,598        |

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