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ABSTRACT

The Tests of General Education Development (GED) enable about 450,000 adults each year to obtain high school equivalency certificates, representing about 15 percent of all the high school diplomas issued in the United States. This report presents statistics on the 1991 program and its participants. In 1991, 806,038 persons took the GED Tests, an increase of 6 percent over the preceding year. This is the second largest number of adults tested in a single year in the program's history. Nearly 72 percent of candidates completing all 5 GED Tests in 1991 earned passing scores, and the number of GED graduates in 1991 was 483,854. The distribution of ages of GED candidates in 1991 was generally the same as that in 1990, with young adults under age 25 years accounting for about 56 percent of all candidates. The percentage of people planning further study increased in 1991 to 59 percent of all GED candidates, the highest level in the program's history. Information about test results and trends in GED participation are presented in a series of 11 tables and 5 graphs. (SLD)

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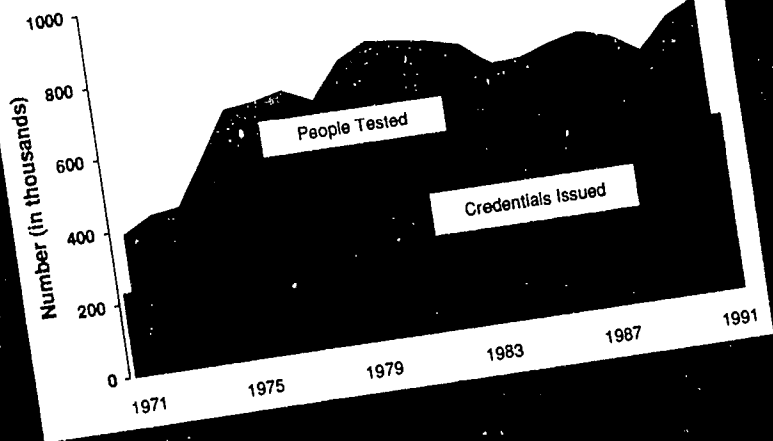
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1991 GED Program



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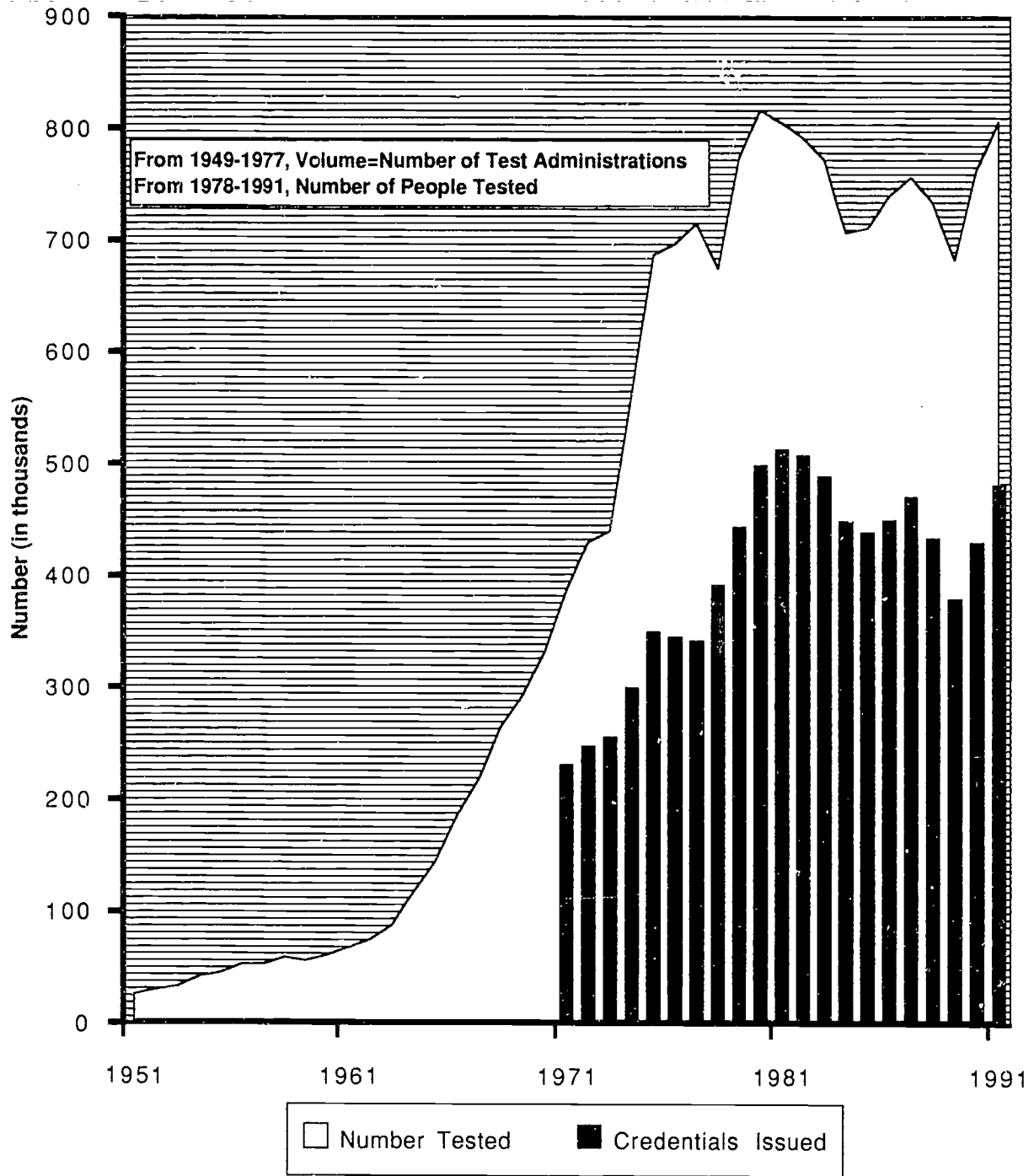
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1991 GED STATISTICAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of persons taking the GED Tests in 1991 increased 6 percent, from 763,618 to 806,038. This 6 percent change continues the pattern of increased participation in the GED Testing Program since 1989.
- The 806,038 persons tested in 1991 is the second largest number tested in a single year in the program's history. (The largest number, 816,176, occurred in 1980.)
- The pattern of increased participation was pervasive in the United States, with 43 states reporting greater participation. Ten states reported increases of at least 15 percent in 1991: Oregon (36 percent), Delaware (27 percent), North Carolina (26 percent), North Dakota (22 percent), Indiana (19 percent), Wisconsin (19 percent), Ohio (16 percent), Georgia (16 percent), South Dakota (15 percent), and Tennessee (15 percent). In Canada, Nova Scotia reported a nearly 20 percent expansion in participation for the second year in a row.
- Nearly 72 percent of the candidates completing all five GED Tests in 1991 earned passing scores, up slightly from 70 percent last year.
- The number of GED graduates in 1991 was 483,854—representing an increase of 12 percent over the number of graduates in 1990. GED graduates accounted for more than one in seven of the estimated three million high school graduates in the United States in 1991.
- The number of candidates taking the Spanish-language GED Tests increased to 37,754 in 1991, an 8 percent rise in participation.
- Requests for Specific Learning Disabilities accommodations increased 60 percent in 1991. Increases in these requests were especially notable in Oregon (188 percent), Florida (186 percent), New York (39 percent), and California (29 percent).
- The distribution of ages of GED candidates in 1991 was generally the same as in 1990. Young adults under the age of 25 continue to account for about 56 percent of all candidates. Candidates' average age in years has been about 26 for nearly a decade.
- The percentage of people planning further study increased in 1991 to 59 percent of all candidates, the highest level in the program's history. Thus, more than 450,000 persons who took the test in 1991 did so to qualify for education or training beyond high school. Since these data were first collected, the proportion of candidates planning further study has increased from about one in three to more than one in two.
- In 1991, more than two in three candidates (67 percent) reported completing 10th grade or higher before leaving school. More than one in three (38 percent) reported completing 11th grade or higher.
- Since 1949, nearly 17 million persons have taken the GED Tests to qualify for high school diplomas. Since 1971, when the program began collecting data on credentials, nearly 8.5 million persons have received high school diplomas based on the GED Tests.

Figure 1. Number of People Tested and Credentials Issued, 1951-1991



Source: 1991 GED Statistical Report, American Council on Education

1991 GED STATISTICAL REPORT

TABLE 1. Testing Volumes

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	- Number of People Who -					% ¹
		Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Years	Completed Part of Battery	Met Score Requirements Number		
Alabama	13,095 ²	10,927	2,124	44	7,724	59.2	
Alaska	2,637	1,899	94	644	1,623	81.4	
Arizona	14,157	11,837	1,092	1,228	9,665	74.8	
Arkansas	10,221	9,056	1,165	0	7,397	72.4	
California	58,625	48,143	877	9,605	39,931	81.5	
Colorado	10,385	7,637	0	2,748	6,818	89.3	
Connecticut	7,557	5,871	1,384	302	5,306	73.1	
Delaware	1,935	1,573	337	25	946	49.5	
District of Columbia	1,525	1,358	154	13	734	48.5	
Florida	50,215 ²	48,467	1,027	721	35,546	71.8	
Georgia	23,528 ²	17,975	2,793	2,760	14,166	68.2	
Hawaii	2,271 ²	1,725	414	132	1,389	64.9	
Idaho	3,682	1,923	52	1,707	1,910	96.7	
Illinois	30,481	22,425	4,260	3,796	17,961	67.3	
Indiana	15,730	14,897	580	253	12,520	80.9	
Iowa	8,373	4,779	490	3,104	4,758	90.3	
Kansas	8,185	5,752	678	1,755	5,328	82.9	
Kentucky	22,491	16,317	3,772	2,402	12,613	62.8	
Louisiana	8,874	7,956	865	53	7,305	82.8	
Maine	4,840	3,469	166	1,205	3,423	94.2	
Maryland	11,692	7,910	3,039	743	6,211	56.7	
Massachusetts	14,795	10,022	2,425	2,348	8,776	70.5	
Michigan	30,660	18,207	3,478	8,975	15,080	69.5	
Minnesota	9,906	6,215	488	3,203	6,074	90.6	
Mississippi	9,594	7,548	1,579	467	6,053	66.3	
Missouri	11,728	9,454	1,277	997	8,543	79.6	
Montana	2,726	1,988	258	480	1,729	77.0	
Nebraska	4,494	2,873	122	1,499	2,862	95.6	
Totals							
USA + Territories	770,254	582,719	89,202	98,333	481,025	71.6	
Canada	21,311	18,079	2,537	695	13,008	63.1	
GED Testing Service	14,473	12,432	1,213	828	10,551	77.3	
Program Total	806,038	613,230	92,952	99,856	504,584	71.5	

1. This percentage is based on the number of people who met score requirements divided by the number completing the entire battery.

2. This number includes high school students who participated in special pilot GED programs for in-school youth.

3. Please note for all tables in this report, Micronesia is an independent country.

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TABLE 1. Testing Volumes

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	- Number of People Who -				
		Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Years	Completed Part of Battery	Met Score Requirements Number %	
Nevada	3,443	3,071	157	215	2,734	84.7
New Hampshire	2,963	2,568	179	216	2,276	82.9
New Jersey	17,524	12,872	3,372	1,280	8,430	51.9
New Mexico	7,172	4,869	609	1,694	4,161	76.0
New York	64,360	42,416	18,388	3,556	32,668	53.7
North Carolina	19,220	14,711	783	3,726	13,331	86.0
North Dakota	1,469	862	97	510	824	85.9
Ohio	25,388	22,557	2,421	410	19,969	79.9
Oklahoma	9,194	8,698	430	66	6,293	68.9
Oregon	12,623	8,302	1,048	3,273	8,723	93.3
Pennsylvania	26,693	20,952	3,596	2,145	18,256	74.4
Rhode Island	5,576	3,497	290	1,789	2,651	70.0
South Carolina	8,506	7,562	904	40	6,060	71.6
South Dakota	2,216	1,179	139	898	1,113	84.4
Tennessee	18,792	15,710	2,818	264	11,759	63.5
Texas	76,221 ²	52,313	8,222	15,686	46,459	76.7
Utah	5,063	4,389	293	381	3,718	79.4
Vermont	1,757	1,435	201	121	1,264	77.3
Virginia	17,500 ²	13,308	4,192	0	10,264	58.7
Washington	16,094	10,149	936	5,009	9,290	83.8
West Virginia	6,785	5,076	1,128	581	3,847	62.0
Wisconsin	9,971 ²	4,735	686	4,550	3,946	72.8
Wyoming	1,810	1,263	54	493	1,242	94.3
VA Hospitals	291	214	9	68	152	68.2
American Samoa	25	25	0	0	9	36.0
Panama Canal Area	9	5	0	4	5	100.0
Guam	166	115	36	15	94	62.3
Micronesia ³	144	99	30	15	36	27.9
Puerto Rico	14,612	11,419	3,074	119	8,947	61.7
Virgin Islands	265	145	120	0	113	42.6
USA + Territories	770,254	582,719	89,202	98,333	481,025	71.6
Totals						
Canada	21,311	18,079	2,537	695	13,008	63.1
GED Testing Service	14,473	12,432	1,213	828	10,551	77.3
Program Total	806,038	613,230	92,952	99,856	504,584	71.5

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TABLE 1. Testing Volumes

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	- Number of People Who -				Met Score Requirements	
		Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Years	Completed Part of Battery	Number	%	
Alberta	3,437	2,996	357	84	2,397	71.5	
British Columbia	4,815	4,338	370	107	3,258	69.2	
Manitoba	2,290	1,557	343	390	926	48.7	
New Brunswick	2,229	1,789	421	19	1,274	57.6	
Newfoundland	1,161	989	140	32	677	60.0	
Northwest Territories	195	169	26	0	144	73.8	
Nova Scotia	3,796	3,402	392	2	2,115	55.7	
Prince Edward Island	290	249	41	0	164	56.6	
Saskatchewan	2,819	2,321	439	59	1,808	65.5	
Yukon Territory	70	64	5	1	51	73.9	
Canadian Military	209	205	3	1	194	93.3	
Canada	21,311	18,079	2,537	695	13,008	63.1	
Am. Civ. Overseas	926	857	49	20	740	81.7	
Corr. & Health Instit.	8,674	7,405	795	474	6,346	77.4	
US Military Overseas	608	519	66	23	538	92.0	
For. Natn'ls Overseas	945	861	68	16	554	59.6	
CONUS Military	3,320	2,790	235	295	2,373	78.4	
GED Testing Service	14,473	12,432	1,213	828	10,551	77.3	
Totals							
USA + Territories	770,254	582,719	89,202	98,333	481,025	71.6	
Program Total	806,038	613,230	92,952	99,856	504,584	71.5	

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TABLE 2. Percent of People Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%)											Average Age
	-16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
Alabama	0.6	5.4	20.2	13.2	23.2	10.9	9.9	6.0	7.6	2.5	0.7	25.5
Alaska	4.3	11.6	16.5	11.2	24.0	13.0	9.3	4.2	4.2	1.5	0.2	23.7
Arizona	4.7	9.8	13.3	10.5	27.5	13.7	8.6	5.0	4.7	1.9	0.5	24.4
Arkansas	0.1	12.0	13.6	9.2	20.4	13.3	11.2	7.7	8.6	3.4	0.7	26.7
California	0.0	6.6	15.5	10.1	27.5	16.5	11.4	6.2	4.7	1.2	0.3	25.0
Colorado	0.0	13.3	13.9	11.2	24.8	13.1	10.0	6.0	5.4	1.7	0.4	24.8
Connecticut	0.1	1.8	9.6	13.8	31.3	17.3	11.6	6.1	5.9	2.1	0.5	26.0
Delaware	1.0	5.5	17.7	13.9	29.2	9.8	9.0	6.0	5.0	2.1	0.9	24.8
District of Columbia	2.6	6.2	12.7	9.8	33.5	13.0	10.6	6.2	3.9	1.2	0.1	24.4
Florida	1.2	5.4	11.7	13.5	31.3	12.4	9.0	6.1	6.3	2.5	0.8	25.5
Georgia	0.5	4.6	15.2	13.4	27.1	12.5	9.4	7.0	7.0	2.7	0.6	25.8
Hawaii	0.3	18.3	17.9	10.8	24.5	11.0	7.7	4.9	3.2	0.9	0.5	23.1
Idaho	2.5	8.9	13.7	11.1	23.0	13.7	11.5	5.8	6.2	2.6	0.8	25.6
Illinois	0.2	2.6	10.4	12.1	29.6	15.0	11.5	7.4	7.5	3.0	0.8	26.9
Indiana	0.1	1.9	6.6	10.4	32.3	13.9	12.2	7.9	9.3	4.2	1.2	28.1
Iowa	1.2	12.4	12.2	9.8	24.8	13.0	10.8	6.7	5.9	2.3	0.8	25.5
Kansas	4.3	8.9	14.9	9.7	23.3	13.9	10.8	6.2	5.2	2.1	0.8	25.1
Kentucky	0.6	6.0	10.6	9.8	23.2	13.4	12.3	8.8	10.2	4.3	0.8	28.0
Louisiana	1.9	17.6	17.8	12.9	20.5	9.3	7.9	5.7	4.4	1.5	0.4	23.5
Maine	0.0	6.0	13.5	9.6	26.3	14.5	10.5	6.4	8.6	3.6	1.0	27.0
Maryland	1.0	6.7	11.2	10.2	30.9	13.4	10.1	7.3	6.3	2.5	0.5	25.8
Massachusetts	1.6	5.6	9.0	9.8	29.9	16.8	11.5	6.9	6.1	2.2	0.7	26.1
Michigan	0.9	3.7	17.1	13.9	27.8	12.6	9.6	5.9	5.5	2.2	0.7	25.1
Minnesota	0.2	5.3	9.6	12.7	27.3	23.8	9.2	4.6	4.0	2.3	0.9	25.5
Mississippi	0.3	12.3	16.8	12.5	22.9	11.0	9.1	6.2	6.5	2.1	0.4	24.8
Missouri	1.4	7.5	11.6	12.6	28.5	12.7	10.3	6.3	6.0	2.7	0.5	25.5
Montana	0.0	7.3	17.5	13.1	25.8	13.3	10.3	5.4	5.0	1.7	0.6	24.7
Nebraska	2.5	7.1	13.4	13.4	28.1	12.4	8.6	5.5	6.0	2.2	0.8	25.0
Totals												
USA + Territories	1.3	7.0	13.2	11.3	26.9	13.5	10.1	6.6	7.1	2.3	0.7	25.8
Canada	0.0	0.2	1.5	7.0	25.3	19.0	17.1	12.9	14.5	2.2	0.3	30.3
GED Testing Service	0.9	3.7	8.3	10.5	36.4	16.8	11.4	6.0	4.7	1.2	0.1	25.3
Program Total	1.0	5.8	11.1	10.6	27.3	14.5	11.3	7.5	8.0	2.2	0.6	26.4

Note: See Table 1 for the total number of people tested in each jurisdiction.

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TABLE 2. Percent of People Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%)										Average Age	
	-16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59		60+
Nevada	0.1	16.0	12.6	10.0	25.1	12.9	9.8	5.2	4.7	2.3	1.5	25.0
New Hampshire	1.0	5.0	10.7	8.7	28.7	16.9	11.5	7.3	6.6	3.0	0.6	26.6
New Jersey	0.6	3.6	10.0	12.4	33.3	15.2	10.1	6.4	5.9	1.9	0.7	25.8
New Mexico	0.4	13.3	16.8	10.7	21.6	12.1	10.2	6.6	5.7	2.2	0.5	25.0
New York	2.1	7.9	10.4	10.5	26.8	15.4	10.9	6.9	6.5	2.0	0.6	25.8
North Carolina	2.3	7.0	11.0	10.6	28.0	13.2	11.0	8.1	3.9	3.8	1.1	26.1
North Dakota	0.0	1.8	10.2	12.5	28.3	14.2	12.1	7.3	9.0	3.7	0.9	27.5
Ohio	1.0	4.0	7.2	9.8	26.1	15.0	13.9	9.1	9.3	3.8	0.8	28.1
Oklahoma	0.0	2.6	9.3	11.0	26.6	15.4	14.2	8.4	8.4	3.2	0.9	27.7
Oregon	2.6	9.6	12.5	10.9	26.2	13.2	10.8	6.4	5.3	1.9	0.5	25.1
Pennsylvania	5.8	11.9	12.1	9.3	22.2	12.7	9.9	6.2	6.6	2.5	0.9	25.4
Rhode Island	0.4	4.1	11.4	11.9	34.9	14.2	10.9	5.6	5.2	0.7	0.8	25.0
South Carolina	1.7	13.3	12.9	11.9	21.8	10.8	9.0	6.4	8.3	3.5	0.4	25.8
South Dakota	0.0	8.6	10.8	12.5	30.4	14.3	8.9	4.8	6.4	2.2	0.9	25.4
Tennessee	0.0	5.4	16.0	9.9	22.8	12.9	11.2	7.9	9.2	3.8	1.0	27.3
Texas	1.7	12.0	13.3	10.2	23.3	13.0	10.5	6.9	6.1	2.1	0.4	25.2
Utah	0.8	6.4	16.6	16.3	31.3	12.5	7.7	3.5	2.8	1.2	1.0	23.5
Vermont	7.0	12.0	14.1	10.8	22.0	9.5	8.4	6.2	6.1	2.7	1.1	24.8
Virginia	0.0	6.8	14.6	10.9	26.1	13.0	9.8	7.2	11.5	0.0	0.0	25.9
Washington	4.6	9.4	10.3	11.2	27.7	14.1	9.6	5.4	4.9	1.7	1.0	24.8
West Virginia	0.9	5.3	13.6	11.0	24.1	14.1	12.1	7.8	7.8	2.5	0.6	26.5
Wisconsin	0.0	5.1	12.5	12.1	30.5	14.8	11.0	6.4	5.5	1.5	0.5	25.4
Wyoming	0.1	2.8	13.9	10.0	24.3	16.2	13.4	7.9	8.6	2.4	0.5	27.1
VA Hospitals	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.4	6.5	21.0	23.4	35.4	9.3	2.1	39.6
American Samoa	4.0	0.0	24.0	12.0	44.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	22.8
Panama Canal Area	0.0	0.0	22.2	11.1	22.2	22.2	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0	27.0
Guam	1.2	5.4	13.3	14.5	33.7	18.7	6.0	4.8	1.8	0.6	0.0	23.3
Micronesia	0.7	2.2	5.0	9.4	33.1	13.7	14.4	8.6	7.2	2.9	2.9	28.3
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	25.7	15.9	27.5	10.3	7.4	5.6	5.9	1.4	0.2	24.2
Virgin Islands	0.0	5.7	9.1	12.5	35.8	14.0	8.3	4.5	8.3	1.1	0.8	25.5
USA + Territories	1.3	7.0	13.2	11.3	26.9	13.5	10.1	6.6	7.1	2.3	0.7	25.8
Totals												
Canada	0.0	0.2	1.5	7.0	25.3	19.0	17.1	12.9	14.5	2.2	0.3	30.3
GED Testing Service	0.9	3.7	8.3	10.5	36.4	16.8	11.4	6.0	4.7	1.2	0.1	25.3
Program Total	1.0	5.8	11.1	10.6	27.3	14.5	11.3	7.5	8.0	2.2	0.6	26.4

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TABLE 2. Percent of People Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%)											Average Age
	16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
Alberta	0.0	0.2	3.4	5.6	22.7	21.3	18.9	12.5	13.4	2.0	0.1	30.1
British Columbia	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.9	26.9	19.0	17.0	11.2	11.5	2.0	0.5	29.2
Manitoba	0.2	0.0	0.1	2.8	25.7	20.8	18.7	13.5	14.7	3.3	0.2	31.3
New Brunswick	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	21.0	14.7	17.2	16.6	21.8	3.5	0.3	32.9
Newfoundland	0.0	0.0	0.1	15.1	35.4	15.2	12.7	10.2	10.2	1.0	0.1	27.6
Northwest Territories	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.2	32.3	23.1	15.4	11.3	5.1	0.0	0.0	27.1
Nova Scotia	0.0	0.0	1.2	8.3	27.1	17.1	16.9	12.7	14.2	2.2	0.2	30.0
Prince Edward Island	0.0	0.3	2.1	7.9	25.9	17.6	18.3	10.0	14.8	2.8	0.3	30.1
Saskatchewan	0.0	0.2	1.1	6.2	23.8	20.4	17.7	11.7	13.9	2.9	2.0	31.0
Yukon Territory	0.0	1.4	1.4	8.6	32.9	21.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	0.0	0.0	27.7
Canadian Military	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	18.8	24.0	20.7	27.9	4.3	0.0	36.1
Canada	0.0	0.2	1.5	7.0	25.3	19.0	17.1	12.9	14.5	2.2	0.3	30.3
Am. Civ. Overseas	2.4	8.1	13.4	9.7	27.1	18.7	12.3	5.0	2.8	0.4	0.0	24.1
Corr. & Health Instit.	0.0	0.1	1.2	2.6	20.1	21.7	20.2	14.2	14.8	4.3	0.7	32.1
US Military Overseas	0.0	0.3	2.5	12.8	59.9	12.8	7.9	2.3	1.3	0.2	0.0	23.2
For. Natn'ls Overseas	1.9	6.6	14.2	12.9	29.3	17.9	9.0	4.9	2.5	0.7	0.0	23.7
CONUS Military	0.0	3.2	10.1	14.2	45.6	12.7	7.6	3.8	2.2	0.5	0.0	23.3
GED Testing Service	0.9	3.7	8.3	10.5	36.4	16.8	11.4	6.0	4.7	1.2	0.1	25.3
Totals												
USA + Territories	1.3	7.0	13.2	11.3	26.9	13.5	10.1	6.6	7.1	2.3	0.7	25.8
Program Total	1.0	5.8	11.1	10.6	27.3	14.5	11.3	7.5	8.0	2.2	0.6	26.4

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TABLE 3. Number of Credentials Issued and Percents by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Credentials Issued	Age Groups (%)										
		-16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+
Alabama	8,022	0.3	2.4	12.9	15.9	29.3	11.8	9.3	7.1	7.5	2.8	0.7
Alaska	1,623	4.3	11.6	16.5	11.2	24.0	13.0	9.3	4.2	4.2	1.5	0.2
Arizona	9,978	4.7	9.3	13.4	10.6	27.7	13.6	8.7	5.1	4.7	1.7	0.5
Arkansas	7,891	0.1	12.0	13.6	9.2	20.4	13.3	11.2	7.7	8.6	3.4	0.7
California	39,226	Not Reported										
Colorado	6,818	0.0	14.0	14.2	11.1	25.1	12.1	10.4	5.9	5.3	1.6	0.4
Connecticut	5,306	0.2	2.2	11.2	14.3	30.4	16.7	11.4	5.6	5.7	1.9	0.5
Delaware	821	0.5	4.7	15.3	12.6	29.1	10.8	7.9	8.5	6.5	3.1	1.1
District of Columbia	734	2.9	5.2	12.3	8.4	31.6	15.0	12.0	6.0	4.8	1.5	0.3
Florida	35,673	1.2	5.4	11.7	13.5	31.3	12.4	9.0	6.1	6.3	2.5	0.8
Georgia	15,527	0.4	4.2	15.4	14.1	27.1	12.5	9.6	6.7	7.1	2.5	0.4
Hawaii	1,361	0.3	18.3	17.9	10.8	24.5	11.0	7.7	4.9	3.2	0.9	0.5
Idaho	983	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.7	28.5	15.8	15.4	6.7	8.5	5.0	1.4
Illinois	12,607	Not Reported										
Indiana	12,520	0.1	2.1	6.8	10.3	31.6	13.6	12.3	8.0	9.4	4.4	1.3
Iowa	5,305	0.3	16.4	16.8	11.3	18.7	14.9	9.0	3.7	5.8	2.4	0.7
Kansas	5,328	4.3	8.9	14.9	9.7	23.3	13.9	10.8	6.2	5.2	2.1	0.8
Kentucky	12,613	0.3	3.4	9.4	10.9	25.5	13.4	12.6	9.3	10.3	4.1	0.8
Louisiana	7,305	Not Reported										
Maine	3,423	0.0	6.0	13.5	9.6	26.3	14.5	10.5	6.4	8.6	3.6	1.0
Maryland	6,211	1.1	7.8	12.0	10.6	31.4	12.9	9.3	6.9	5.6	1.9	0.5
Massachusetts	10,849	0.2	1.1	4.2	18.4	32.1	15.9	11.1	7.3	6.7	2.4	0.5
Michigan	14,111	0.0	0.0	8.1	15.7	35.9	14.2	10.2	6.8	6.2	2.3	0.5
Minnesota	6,151	0.3	5.9	11.5	16.3	31.2	12.7	9.2	4.7	5.1	2.3	0.9
Mississippi	6,053	0.3	13.8	17.3	12.1	21.9	10.5	9.1	6.3	6.6	1.9	0.4
Missouri	8,543	1.4	7.5	11.6	12.6	28.5	12.7	10.3	6.4	6.0	2.7	0.5
Montana	1,740	0.0	8.0	19.5	13.9	24.1	11.4	9.5	5.6	5.5	1.8	0.6
Nebraska	2,517	0.0	0.0	15.5	15.3	28.9	13.7	9.1	6.1	7.4	3.2	0.7
Totals												
USA + Territories	471,040	1.0	6.8	12.7	12.2	27.7	13.4	10.1	6.3	6.6	2.4	0.7
Canada	12,814	0.0	0.3	1.9	7.6	26.4	19.0	16.9	12.5	13.3	1.8	0.3
Program Total	483,854	0.9	5.9	11.1	11.5	27.5	14.2	11.1	7.2	7.6	2.3	0.6

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TABLE 3. Number of Credentials Issued and Percents by Age Group

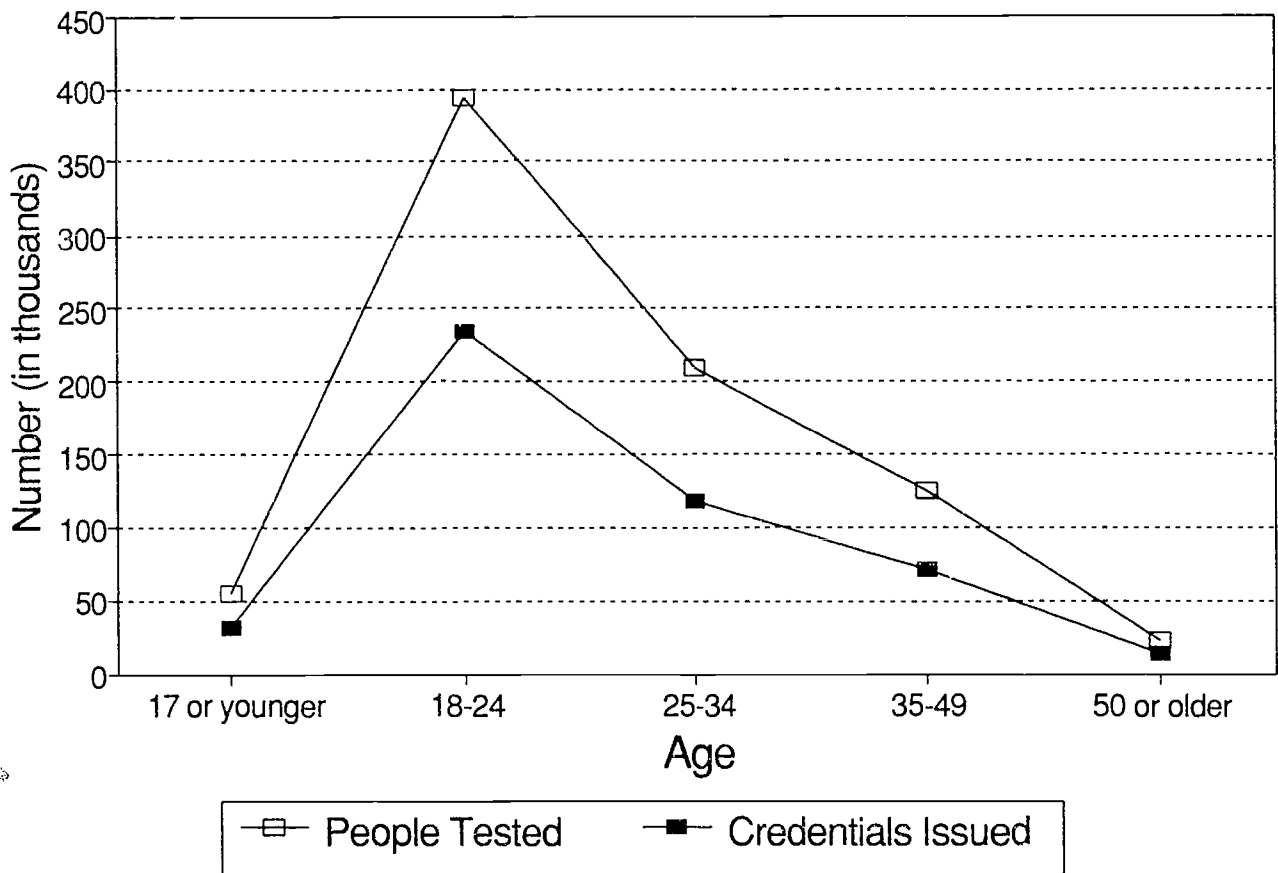
Jurisdiction	Credentials Issued	Age Groups (%)										
		-16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+
Nevada	2,734	0.1	16.2	14.2	10.2	24.2	13.5	8.9	5.0	5.1	2.2	0.4
New Hampshire	2,276	1.0	4.8	10.9	9.1	29.7	16.0	11.8	6.9	6.0	3.3	0.6
New Jersey	8,430	0.8	4.5	11.9	12.9	32.8	14.7	9.0	6.0	5.3	1.7	0.5
New Mexico	4,161	0.4	15.1	17.6	11.3	21.1	11.2	9.9	6.2	4.9	1.9	0.5
New York	32,668	2.5	9.1	11.4	11.1	26.9	14.7	10.0	6.3	5.9	1.6	0.5
North Carolina	13,331	2.6	7.5	11.6	10.4	26.2	11.7	10.1	7.2	8.5	3.3	0.9
North Dakota	858	0.7	5.4	14.3	12.9	24.0	12.1	11.6	5.6	9.0	3.6	0.8
Ohio	19,969	0.9	3.8	7.1	9.8	26.4	15.0	14.0	9.4	9.2	3.6	0.8
Oklahoma	6,293	0.0	2.3	9.0	11.0	26.7	15.8	14.1	8.7	8.4	3.1	0.7
Oregon	8,723	2.6	9.7	12.6	11.1	26.5	13.4	10.9	6.5	5.4	1.0	0.2
Pennsylvania	20,378	5.7	12.2	12.2	9.2	22.1	12.3	9.9	6.3	6.7	2.6	0.8
Rhode Island	2,654	0.4	4.1	11.4	11.9	34.9	14.2	10.9	5.6	5.2	0.7	0.8
South Carolina	6,060	1.7	13.3	12.9	11.9	21.8	10.8	9.0	6.4	8.3	3.5	0.4
South Dakota	1,113	0.0	8.6	10.7	12.9	29.1	14.8	9.3	4.8	6.6	2.3	1.0
Tennessee	11,759	0.0	5.8	16.6	10.1	22.8	12.4	11.4	8.1	8.7	3.4	0.7
Texas	39,944	1.1	10.1	13.8	11.1	24.0	13.0	10.8	6.8	6.8	2.0	0.5
Utah	801	0.0	3.2	16.1	12.3	28.7	14.9	13.2	5.0	4.3	2.2	0.2
Vermont	1,264	4.0	10.9	11.6	11.1	28.5	12.9	8.1	5.3	6.0	1.2	0.5
Virginia	10,264	0.0	8.2	15.6	11.1	26.4	12.6	9.8	6.7	1.9	1.0	6.6
Washington	9,523	4.1	8.2	8.6	15.5	28.0	13.4	9.4	5.6	4.9	1.8	0.4
West Virginia	4,155	Not Reported										
Wisconsin	3,948	0.0	1.8	7.2	8.5	52.7	10.3	8.5	5.4	3.8	1.3	0.5
Wyoming	1,304	0.3	5.4	17.8	10.1	21.2	13.8	13.3	7.3	7.8	2.8	0.4
American Samoa	Not Reported											
Panama Canal Area	5	0.0	0.0	22.2	11.1	22.2	22.2	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0
Guam	94	1.2	5.4	13.3	14.5	33.7	18.7	6.0	4.8	1.8	0.6	0.0
Micronesia	32	0.0	3.2	6.5	16.1	29.0	6.5	12.9	12.9	6.5	6.5	0.0
Puerto Rico	8,947	0.0	0.0	21.1	16.1	28.2	10.8	7.9	6.4	7.7	1.5	0.3
Virgin Islands	113	0.0	5.7	9.1	12.5	35.8	14.0	8.3	4.5	8.3	1.1	0.8
USA + Territories	471,040	1.0	6.8	12.7	12.2	27.7	13.4	10.1	6.3	6.6	2.4	0.7
Totals												
Canada	12,814	0.0	0.3	1.9	7.6	26.4	19.0	16.9	12.5	13.3	1.8	0.3
Program Total	483,854	0.9	5.9	11.1	11.5	27.5	14.2	11.1	7.2	7.6	2.3	0.6

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Jurisdiction	Credentials Issued	Age Groups (%)										
		-16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+
Alberta	2,397	0.0	0.2	3.4	3.4	19.6	23.2	20.1	13.5	14.8	1.6	0.3
British Columbia	3,258	0.1	0.0	0.3	9.9	25.8	18.6	17.8	12.5	12.4	2.0	0.8
Manitoba	926	Not Reported										
New Brunswick	1,274	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.9	20.5	14.0	18.4	17.0	21.5	3.3	0.3
Newfoundland	677	0.0	0.0	0.1	14.9	36.5	15.5	11.5	8.9	10.9	1.5	0.1
Northwest Territories	144	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.2	32.3	23.1	15.4	11.3	5.1	0.0	0.0
Nova Scotia	2,115	0.0	0.0	1.2	8.3	27.1	17.1	16.9	12.7	14.2	2.2	0.2
Prince Edward Island	164	0.0	0.3	2.1	7.9	25.9	17.6	18.3	10.0	14.8	2.8	0.3
Saskatchewan	1,808	0.0	0.2	1.1	5.5	22.4	20.1	18.1	13.2	16.2	3.0	0.2
Yukon Territory	51	0.0	2.0	2.0	7.8	27.5	21.6	15.7	13.7	9.8	0.0	0.0
Canada	12,814	0.0	0.3	1.9	7.6	26.4	19.0	16.9	12.5	13.3	1.8	0.3
Totals												
USA + Territories	471,040	1.0	6.8	12.7	12.2	27.7	13.4	10.1	6.3	6.6	2.4	0.7
Program Total	483,854	0.9	5.9	11.1	11.5	27.5	14.2	11.1	7.2	7.6	2.3	0.6

Figure 2. Testing Volume and Credentials Issued by Age Group



Source: 1991 GED Statistical Report, American Council on Education

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TABLE 4. Number of People Tested by Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alabama	13,095	13,095	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	2,637	2,610	25	0	1	0	1
Arizona	14,157	13,414	573	1	8	0	161
Arkansas	10,221	10,195	12	0	5	1	8
California	58,625	53,202	5,387	5	11	4	16
Colorado	10,385	10,379	0	0	4	0	2
Connecticut	7,557	6,971	576	0	7	1	2
Delaware	1,935	1,935	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1,525	1,441	84	0	0	0	0
Florida	50,215	48,048	2,105	0	42	0	20
Georgia	23,528	23,464	55	2	1	1	5
Hawaii	2,271	2,270	0	0	1	0	0
Idaho	3,682	3,679	2	0	1	0	0
Illinois	30,481	29,384	1,074	0	4	0	19
Indiana	15,730	15,700	17	2	4	0	7
Iowa	8,373	8,368	3	0	0	0	2
Kansas	8,185	8,082	91	0	8	0	4
Kentucky	22,491	22,376	23	0	1	4	87
Louisiana	8,874	8,861	10	1	1	0	1
Maine	4,840	4,827	5	4	2	0	2
Maryland	11,692	11,596	77	0	5	1	13
Massachusetts	14,795	13,596	907	276	1	0	15
Michigan	30,660	30,600	43	0	3	0	14
Minnesota	9,906	9,881	19	0	5	0	1
Mississippi	9,594	9,580	4	0	6	0	4
Missouri	11,728	11,705	12	1	4	0	6
Montana	2,726	2,712	1	0	0	0	13
Nebraska	4,494	4,490	1	0	0	0	3
Totals							
USA + Territories	770,254	732,757	35,502	829	326	20	820
Canada	21,311	21,001	3	297	2	0	8
GED Testing Service	14,473	12,154	2,249	16	1	2	51
Program Total	806,038	765,912	37,754	1,142	329	22	879

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TABLE 4. Number of People Tested by Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Nevada	3,443	3,413	29	0	0	1	0
New Hampshire	2,963	2,950	8	0	3	0	2
New Jersey	17,524	16,340	1,152	0	7	0	25
New Mexico	7,172	6,879	289	0	1	0	3
New York	64,360	58,177	5,664	490	22	1	6
North Carolina	19,220	19,216	1	0	2	0	1
North Dakota	1,469	1,466	0	0	3	0	0
Ohio	25,388	25,250	44	0	7	5	82
Oklahoma	9,194	9,174	16	0	4	0	0
Oregon	12,623	12,545	59	0	14	0	5
Pennsylvania	26,693	26,075	453	32	79	0	54
Rhode Island	5,576	5,445	111	14	3	0	3
South Carolina	8,506	8,495	0	0	4	0	7
South Dakota	2,216	2,212	0	0	0	0	4
Tennessee	18,792	18,757	1	0	2	0	32
Texas	76,221	73,908	2,256	0	20	0	37
Utah	5,063	5,004	22	1	4	0	32
Vermont	1,757	1,754	3	0	0	0	0
Virginia	17,500	17,376	96	0	13	1	14
Washington	16,094	15,899	147	0	5	0	43
West Virginia	6,785	6,725	1	0	1	0	58
Wisconsin	9,971	9,872	88	0	5	0	6
Wyoming	1,810	1,806	2	0	2	0	0
VA Hospitals	291	290	1	0	0	0	0
American Samoa	25	25	0	0	0	0	0
Panama Canal Area	9	9	0	0	0	0	0
Guam	166	166	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia	144	144	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	14,612	666	13,946	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	265	258	7	0	0	0	0
USA + Territories	770,254	732,757	35,502	829	326	20	820
Totals							
Canada	21,311	21,001	3	297	2	0	8
GED Testing Service	14,473	12,154	2,249	16	1	2	51
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		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alberta	3,437	3,433	0	3	0	0	1
British Columbia	4,815	4,805	0	6	0	0	4
Manitoba	2,290	2,290	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	2,229	1,945	0	282	0	0	2
Newfoundland	1,161	1,160	0	0	0	0	1
Northwest Territories	195	195	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	3,796	3,792	0	4	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	290	290	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	2,819	2,816	0	1	2	0	0
Yukon Territory	70	70	0	0	0	0	0
Canadian Military	209	205	3	1	0	0	0
Canada	21,311	21,001	3	297	2	0	8
Am. Civ. Overseas	926	889	37	0	0	0	0
Corr. & Health Instit.	8,674	6,427	2,179	16	0	1	51
US Military Overseas	608	608	0	0	0	0	0
For. Natn'ls Overseas	945	912	33	0	0	0	0
CONUS Military	3,320	3,318	0	0	1	1	0
GED Testing Service	14,473	12,154	2,249	16	1	2	51
Totals							
USA + Territories	770,254	732,757	35,502	829	326	20	820
Program Total	806,038	765,912	37,754	1,142	329	22	879

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**TABLE 5. Volume of Special Testing Accommodations
for Candidates with Documented Disabilities**

Jurisdiction	Special Accommodation ¹				Requests for SLD ² Accommodations
	Time	Reading Device	Answer Marking	Other	
Alabama	67	0	0	7	20
Alaska	5	0	0	1	3
Arizona	4	2	0	1	0
Arkansas	3	0	0	0	2
California	36	0	3	4	49
Colorado	8	0	0	0	12
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	1	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	2	0	0	0	0
Florida	46	1	13	12	40
Georgia	19	5	4	5	15
Hawaii	1	0	0	1	1
Idaho	2	0	0	0	0
Illinois	45	14	2	2	6
Indiana	17	0	1	5	11
Iowa	52	4	1	3	1
Kansas	21	3	3	6	12
Kentucky	14	0	0	0	7
Louisiana	9	0	2	3	1
Maine	3	0	0	0	0
Maryland	26	0	6	0	22
Massachusetts	10	3	3	4	6
Michigan	113	1	2	3	15
Minnesota	16	2	7	6	9
Mississippi	5	0	2	0	14
Missouri	8	0	6	3	4
Montana	1	0	0	0	1
Nebraska	7	1	1	2	3
Totals					
USA + Territories	1,595	85	151	210	600
Canada	14	1	2	4	4
GED Testing Service	0	0	0	0	0
Program Total	1,609	86	153	214	604

1 Accommodations to standard testing conditions include: extended testing time; use of special reading or optical devices; alternative answer-recording methods and miscellaneous other adaptations to standard testing conditions. An examinee may be granted a combination of these adaptations as described in the GED Examiner's Manual.

2 These numbers represent requests to GEDTS for special accommodations based on specific learning disabilities (SLD).

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**TABLE 5. Volume of Special Testing Accommodations
for Candidates with Documented Disabilities**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Special Accommodation</u>				<u>Requests for SLD Accommodations</u>
	<u>Time</u>	<u>Reading Device</u>	<u>Answer Marking</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Nevada	0	0	0	0	1
New Hampshire	9	0	0	7	6
New Jersey	23	3	4	7	12
New Mexico	8	1	0	0	5
New York	196	2	24	52	143
North Carolina	11	0	4	1	15
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	6
Ohio	40	0	0	0	12
Oklahoma	13	11	4	8	1
Oregon	19	0	0	0	49
Pennsylvania	19	1	16	1	13
Rhode Island	9	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	9	0	4	0	6
South Dakota	2	0	0	1	3
Tennessee	20	5	1	5	10
Texas	85	7	11	8	19
Utah	1	0	0	1	5
Vermont	2	1	0	0	0
Virginia	12	0	2	6	11
Washington	46	6	10	8	5
West Virginia	19	5	0	0	3
Wisconsin	22	3	2	10	19
Wyoming	7	1	1	18	2
VA Hospitals	0	0	0	0	0
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	0
Panama Canal Area	0	0	0	0	0
Guam	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	482	3	12	9	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
USA + Territories	1,595	85	151	210	600
Totals					
Canada	14	1	2	4	4
Program Total	1,609	86	153	214	604

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**TABLE 5. Volume of Special Testing Accommodations
for Candidates with Documented Disabilities**

Jurisdiction	Special Accommodation				Requests for SLD Accommodations
	Time	Reading Device	Answer Marking	Other	
Alberta	2	0	0	1	1
British Columbia	3	1	1	1	0
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	1	0
Newfoundland	1	0	0	1	0
Northwest Territories	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	6	0	1	0	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	2	0	0	0	3
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0
Canadian Military	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	14	1	2	4	4
Am. Civ. Overseas	0	0	0	0	0
Corr. & Health Instit.	0	0	0	0	0
US Military Overseas	0	0	0	0	0
For. Natn'ls Overseas	0	0	0	0	0
CONUS Military	0	0	0	0	0
GED Testing Service	0	0	0	0	0
Totals					
USA + Territories	1,595	85	151	210	600
Program Total	1,609	86	153	214	604

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TABLE 6. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alabama	0.7	2.6	10.6	20.7	29.5	32.9	3.0	9.9
Alaska	1.1	1.4	9.0	16.2	29.8	35.1	7.5	10.1
Arizona	1.2	1.4	9.1	16.8	28.5	36.5	6.5	10.1
Arkansas	0.9	2.7	10.9	20.4	30.1	33.1	2.0	9.8
California	6.4	1.0	3.9	11.0	24.7	45.4	7.7	10.1
Colorado	1.9	1.0	5.3	16.6	30.8	37.5	6.9	10.1
Connecticut	1.2	1.3	8.2	23.4	30.8	31.1	4.1	9.9
Delaware	0.4	1.9	13.7	23.6	31.7	25.4	3.4	9.7
District of Columbia	0.9	2.2	7.4	18.3	27.2	38.6	5.4	10.1
Florida	0.9	1.7	8.6	19.5	30.3	32.5	6.5	10.0
Georgia	1.5	2.3	9.3	21.5	30.1	29.2	6.2	9.9
Hawaii	0.5	0.6	3.1	15.0	30.8	46.0	3.9	10.3
Idaho	1.2	2.2	9.2	19.7	30.6	34.1	3.1	9.9
Illinois	1.3	1.3	7.1	15.0	30.3	39.4	5.7	10.1
Indiana	0.0	1.3	9.7	22.0	34.1	30.5	2.4	9.9
Iowa	0.7	1.5	11.5	20.9	31.9	31.1	2.5	9.9
Kansas	1.2	1.4	7.8	18.6	30.8	37.2	3.1	10.0
Kentucky	1.2	3.1	14.7	24.5	29.4	25.7	1.5	9.6
Louisiana	0.8	2.9	11.8	23.6	31.8	28.1	1.1	9.7
Maine	0.6	1.6	13.6	23.8	32.5	24.6	3.2	9.7
Maryland	0.7	2.2	9.8	20.7	27.2	36.8	2.4	9.9
Massachusetts	1.2	2.8	11.6	22.6	30.2	25.8	5.8	9.8
Michigan	0.4	1.2	6.8	19.3	33.3	37.7	1.3	10.0
Minnesota	0.7	0.8	5.5	16.5	33.1	39.2	4.2	10.1
Mississippi	1.7	3.8	12.2	22.1	27.7	27.8	4.8	9.7
Missouri	0.4	1.4	9.3	21.3	33.0	31.4	3.2	9.9
Montana	0.8	1.9	9.6	18.6	30.3	36.6	2.2	9.9
Nebraska	0.8	1.6	7.1	20.4	31.4	34.4	4.4	10.0
Totals								
USA + Territories	1.1	1.7	9.9	19.7	29.5	33.4	4.6	9.9
Canada	1.4	6.5	10.9	19.7	34.1	25.2	2.3	9.6
GED Testing Service	2.3	1.3	5.0	12.5	25.4	36.9	16.6	10.3
Program Total	1.2	2.4	9.7	19.2	29.9	32.5	5.0	9.9

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TABLE 6. Highest Grade Completed

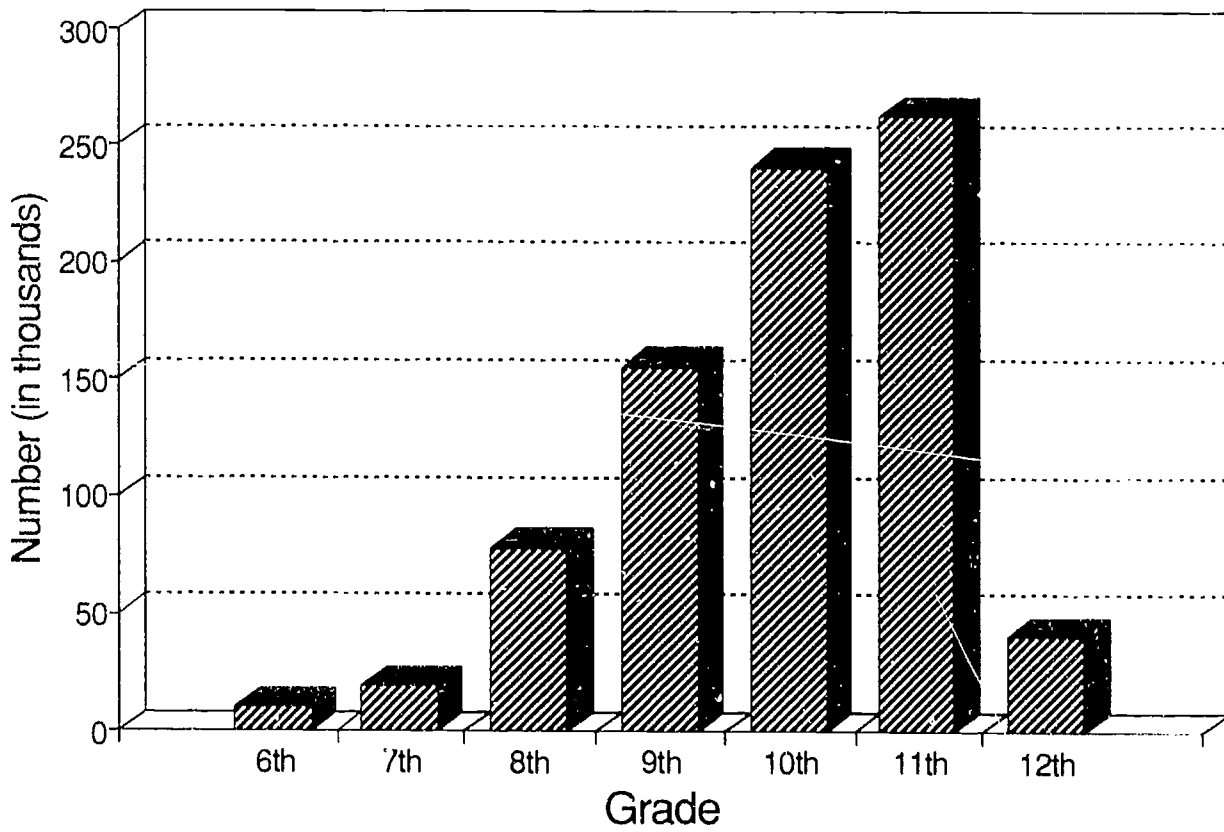
Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Nevada	4.1	1.4	3.3	11.8	25.5	37.1	16.8	10.3
New Hampshire	0.9	1.9	14.8	23.0	30.8	26.3	2.3	9.7
New Jersey	0.7	1.2	5.9	16.2	30.3	32.8	12.9	10.2
New Mexico	2.5	2.6	8.7	21.1	32.2	30.6	2.3	9.8
New York	1.3	1.6	6.6	16.6	29.0	32.7	12.1	10.2
North Carolina	1.0	1.8	11.0	26.3	33.9	25.3	0.7	9.7
North Dakota	0.8	1.5	13.2	18.7	29.2	34.3	2.2	9.9
Ohio	0.9	1.1	8.0	20.0	32.0	35.6	2.4	10.0
Oklahoma	0.8	2.1	8.7	19.0	31.2	34.5	3.6	10.0
Oregon	3.7	1.4	8.0	19.2	32.0	32.3	3.3	9.8
Pennsylvania	1.7	1.6	7.7	20.8	32.2	31.4	4.6	9.9
Rhode Island	0.7	1.9	10.1	25.1	33.5	25.2	3.5	9.8
South Carolina	0.9	2.9	13.0	25.1	31.7	23.4	3.0	9.7
South Dakota	0.3	1.5	11.0	19.7	32.3	32.8	2.3	9.9
Tennessee	1.0	2.6	11.6	21.2	31.0	29.1	3.5	9.8
Texas	2.8	3.0	10.8	22.1	28.2	29.0	4.0	9.7
Utah	2.6	0.8	3.2	11.4	26.2	43.8	12.1	10.4
Vermont	0.7	2.2	18.4	30.5	23.7	22.0	2.6	9.5
Virginia	0.0	0.0	14.6	21.8	31.8	29.9	1.8	9.8
Washington	2.2	2.1	7.8	19.7	31.8	32.4	4.1	9.9
West Virginia	1.3	3.8	12.8	24.2	29.1	24.9	4.0	9.7
Wisconsin	0.5	0.9	5.8	16.6	30.9	41.0	4.4	10.2
Wyoming	1.4	1.4	7.4	19.7	29.6	36.9	3.7	10.0
VA Hospitals	1.4	2.5	13.7	20.4	28.1	33.7	0.4	9.7
American Samoa	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	16.0	64.0	8.0	10.7
Panama Canal Area	0.0	0.0	44.4	0.0	22.2	33.3	0.0	9.4
Guam	0.0	1.2	0.6	12.7	21.7	56.0	7.8	10.5
Micronesia	0.0	0.8	7.9	16.7	25.4	46.8	2.4	10.2
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.1	19.1	42.4	23.6	14.1	0.6	9.3
Virgin Islands	0.0	4.9	7.5	17.0	25.7	24.9	20.0	10.2
USA + Territories	1.1	1.7	9.9	19.7	29.5	33.4	4.6	9.9
Totals								
Canada	1.4	6.5	10.9	19.7	34.1	25.2	2.3	9.6
GED Testing Service	2.3	1.3	5.0	12.5	25.4	36.9	16.6	10.3
Program Total	1.2	2.4	9.7	19.2	29.9	32.5	5.0	9.9

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TABLE 6. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alberta	0.0	0.2	1.1	2.5	58.4	29.2	8.6	10.4
British Columbia	0.4	1.3	6.1	13.7	46.6	30.5	1.4	10.0
Manitoba	2.2	2.4	11.5	22.1	34.6	26.7	0.5	9.7
New Brunswick	0.9	4.0	11.6	18.8	33.4	23.5	7.9	9.8
Newfoundland	1.6	6.6	18.0	25.2	27.0	21.6	0.2	9.3
Northwest Territories	3.1	3.6	15.9	19.0	39.5	19.0	0.0	9.1
Nova Scotia	1.8	5.5	11.6	27.0	31.1	20.9	1.9	9.6
Prince Edward Island	2.8	8.3	15.9	22.1	35.9	15.2	0.0	9.5
Saskatchewan	0.9	2.5	12.9	20.3	37.3	24.9	1.2	9.7
Yukon Territory	1.5	1.5	9.0	26.9	31.3	29.9	0.0	9.7
Canadian Military	0.0	35.6	6.4	19.3	0.0	35.6	3.0	9.0
Canada	1.4	6.5	10.9	19.7	34.1	25.2	2.3	9.6
Am. Civ. Overseas	2.2	1.1	5.9	12.8	30.2	32.5	15.2	10.3
Corr. & Health Instit.	6.0	3.1	10.2	16.2	22.8	28.0	13.6	9.9
US Military Overseas	0.0	0.5	3.6	11.6	28.6	44.5	11.2	10.5
For. Natn'ls Overseas	2.9	1.3	2.8	6.1	13.4	37.7	35.9	10.8
CONUS Military	0.2	0.4	2.7	15.6	32.0	42.0	7.2	10.3
GED Testing Service	2.3	1.3	5.0	12.5	25.4	36.9	16.6	10.3
Totals								
USA + Territories	1.1	1.7	9.9	19.7	29.5	33.4	4.6	9.9
Program Total	1.2	2.4	9.7	19.2	29.9	32.5	5.0	9.9

Figure 3. Highest Grade Completed in School



Source: 1991 GED Statistical Report, American Council on Education

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TABLE 7. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1991	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study	
				Number	%
Alabama	13,095	51	37	7,753	59.2
Alaska	2,637	31	35	1,429	54.2
Arizona	14,157	43	4	12,799	90.4
Arkansas	10,221	69	27	6,005	58.8
California	58,625	213	414	37,412	63.8
Colorado	10,385	39	0	3,997	38.5
Connecticut	7,557	27	16	2,569	34.0
Delaware	1,935	8	3	710	36.7
District of Columbia	1,525	1	7	1,145	75.1
Florida	50,215	71	267	40,226	80.1
Georgia	23,528	92	109	12,705	54.0
Hawaii	2,271	13	29	1,418	62.4
Idaho	3,682	10	8	2,522	68.5
Illinois	30,481	213	6	23,625	77.5
Indiana	15,730	75	0	N/A	N/A
Iowa	8,373	17	19	4,508	53.8
Kansas	8,185	38	22	6,058	74.0
Kentucky	22,491	53	4	1,224	5.4
Louisiana	8,874	51	21	6,538	73.7
Maine	4,840	98	10	2,870	59.3
Maryland	11,692	21	56	7,804	66.7
Massachusetts	14,795	34	100	9,176	62.0
Michigan	30,660	155	72	14,317	46.7
Minnesota	9,906	55	21	7,395	74.7
Mississippi	9,594	81	18	3,351	3.5
Missouri	11,728	25	220	N/A	N/A
Montana	2,726	21	15	2,274	83.4
Nebraska	4,494	45	1	3,016	67.1
Totals					
USA + Territories	770,254	2,833	2,837	434,025	58.4
Canada	21,311	78	416	10,106	53.1
GED Testing Service	14,473	534	2,348	11,133	76.9
Program Total	806,038	3,445	5,601	455,264	58.6

1. Indiana and Missouri are not included.

2. Manitoba is not included.

3. Indiana, Missouri and Manitoba are not included.

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TABLE 7. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1991	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study	
				Number	%
Nevada	3,443	20	5	1,375	39.9
New Hampshire	2,963	25	36	2,034	68.6
New Jersey	17,524	31	131	9,811	56.0
New Mexico	7,172	26	24	4,922	68.6
New York	64,360	73	0	25,838	40.1
North Carolina	19,220	85	189	12,727	66.2
North Dakota	1,469	17	0	965	65.7
Ohio	25,388	84	0	15,719	61.9
Oklahoma	9,194	49	152	6,795	73.9
Oregon	12,623	42	327	8,455	67.0
Pennsylvania	26,693	82	56	6,289	23.6
Rhode Island	5,576	12	8	3,616	64.8
South Carolina	8,506	1	0	5,971	70.2
South Dakota	2,216	36	7	1,305	58.9
Tennessee	18,792	36	8	9,539	50.8
Texas	76,221	200	132	43,089	56.5
Utah	5,063	20	22	3,767	74.4
Vermont	1,757	17	6	989	56.3
Virginia	17,500	51	60	12,748	72.8
Washington	16,094	58	63	10,672	66.3
West Virginia	6,785	59	38	3,335	49.2
Wisconsin	9,971	62	22	6,056	60.7
Wyoming	1,810	34	9	1,187	65.6
VA Hospitals	291	50	0	207	71.1
American Samoa	25	0	0	25	100.0
Panama Canal Area	9	1	0	9	100.0
Guam	166	1	0	139	83.7
Micronesia	144	4	1	115	79.9
Puerto Rico	14,612	7	0	13,215	90.4
Virgin Islands	265	0	0	265	100.0
USA + Territories	770,254	2,833	2,837	434,025	58.4
Totals					
Canada	21,311	78	416	10,106	53.1
GED Testing Service	14,473	534	2,348	11,133	76.9
Program Total	806,038	3,445	5,601	455,264	58.6

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TABLE 7. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1991	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study	
				Number	%
Alberta	3,437	21	54	1,716	49.9
British Columbia	4,815	15	95	2,386	49.6
Manitoba	2,290	1	0	N/A	N/A
New Brunswick	2,229	19	58	1,244	55.8
Newfoundland	1,161	1	0	501	43.2
Northwest Territories	195	1	0	195	100.0
Nova Scotia	3,796	1	0	2,577	67.9
Prince Edward Island	290	1	0	170	58.6
Saskatchewan	2,819	1	0	1,108	39.3
Yukon Territory	70	1	0	59	84.3
Canadian Military	209	16	209	150	71.8
Canada	21,311	78	416	10,106	53.1
Am. Civ. Overseas	926	113	1	767	82.8
Corr. & Health Instit.	8,674	103	0	6,580	75.9
US Military Overseas	608	113	552	472	77.6
For. Natn'ls Overseas	945	85	0	842	89.1
CONUS Military	3,320	120	1,795	2,472	74.5
GED Testing Service	14,473	534	2,348	11,133	76.9
Totals					
USA + Territories	770,254	2,833	2,837	434,025	58.4
Program Total	806,038	3,445	5,601	455,264	58.6

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TABLE 8. Credentials Issued, 1971-1991

Jurisdiction	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	Cum. 71-91
Alabama	9,116	6,486	6,907	7,549	8,022	198,813
Alaska	2,200	1,736	1,199	1,367	1,623	45,303
Arizona	7,971	9,098	7,292	8,512	9,978	142,570 ³
Arkansas	7,552	6,375	6,341	7,013	7,891	114,453
California ¹	12,040	11,888	9,468	16,800	39,226	205,276
Colorado	7,839	7,592	5,978	7,633	6,818	138,598
Connecticut	4,523	4,213	3,636	4,811	5,306	86,713
Delaware ¹	829	768	795	1,050	821	17,451
District of Columbia	850	461	575	650	734	25,318
Florida ¹	30,205	21,825	25,279	32,734	35,673	477,688
Georgia	14,158	12,656	12,686	13,174	15,527	232,697
Hawaii	1,511	1,723	1,271	1,318	1,361	30,350
Idaho	738	899	813	790	983	18,715
Illinois	16,166	14,803	16,281	15,137	12,607	307,059
Indiana ¹	7,171	10,916	9,035	10,581	12,520	134,900
Iowa	5,137	3,858	4,006	5,027	5,305	95,419
Kansas ¹	6,060	6,479	5,268	5,489	5,328	135,046
Kentucky	14,815	12,885	10,463	11,822	12,613	225,347
Louisiana	9,684	8,592	6,601	6,874	7,305	192,101
Maine	2,953	1,932	3,307	3,415	3,423	53,110
Maryland	7,285	5,444	5,412	5,782	6,211	142,474
Massachusetts	10,177	10,928	8,655	9,389	10,849	179,441
Michigan ¹	11,494	12,578	11,549	12,687	14,111	245,916
Minnesota	5,591	4,311	5,098	5,757	6,151	116,901
Mississippi	8,887	6,189	5,466	5,751	6,053	131,951
Missouri	8,427	8,391	7,698	8,174	8,543	167,074
Montana ¹	1,387	1,820	1,471	1,649	1,740	41,346
Nebraska ¹	2,629	2,528	2,350	2,300	2,517	47,434
Totals						
USA + Territories	457,635	421,016²	364,287	418,634	471,040	8,236,852³
Canada	14,372	14,302	12,592	12,597	12,814	233,722
Program Total	472,007	435,318²	376,879	431,231	483,854	8,470,574³

1. This jurisdiction's report may be incomplete because high schools also issue credentials based on GED Test results.

2. Revised 1988 totals.

3. Revised to reflect 1990 totals.

4. Not reported.

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TABLE 8. Credentials Issued, 1971-1991

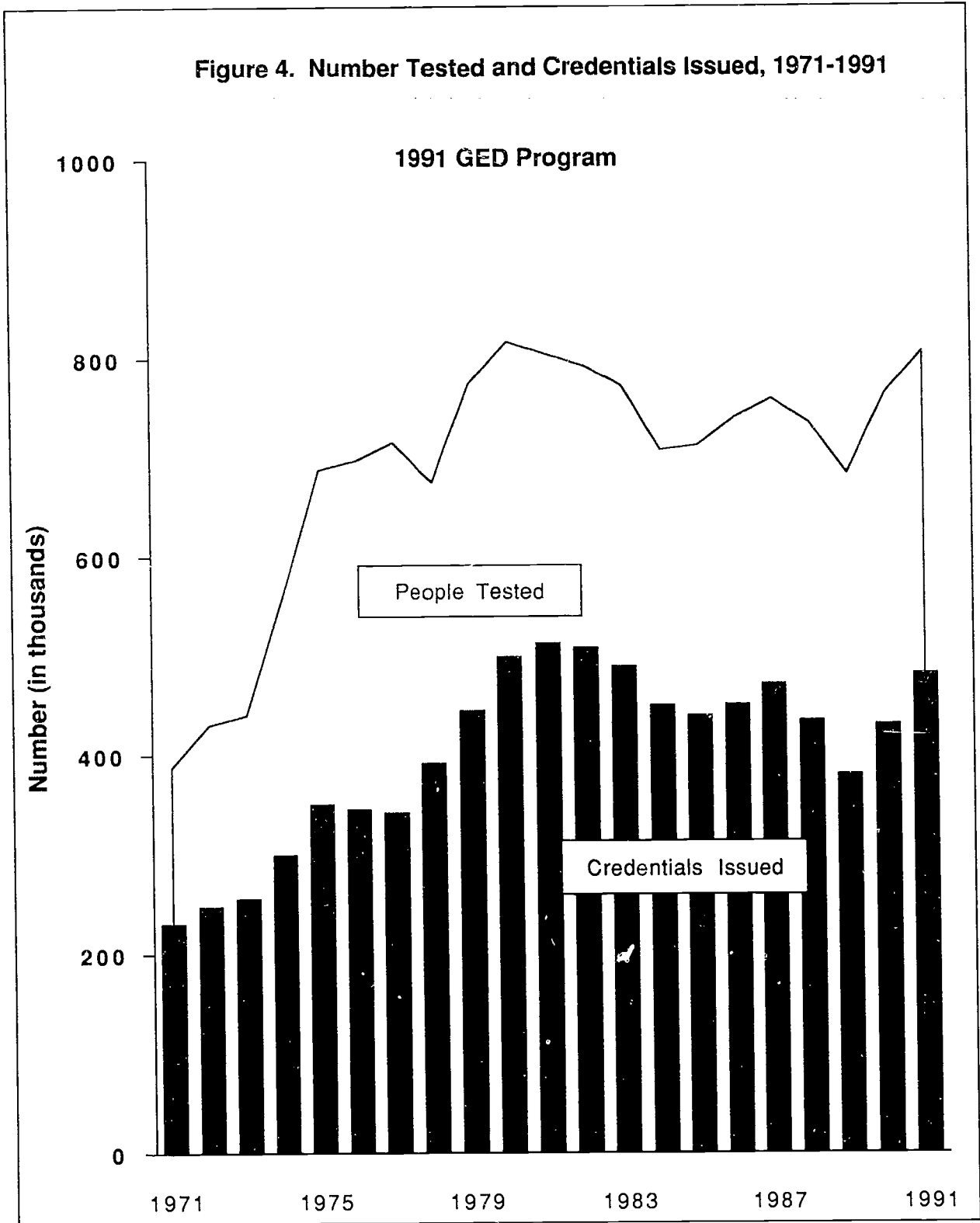
Jurisdiction	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	Cum. 71-91
Nevada ¹	1,977	2,531	2,760	2,453	2,734	39,335
New Hampshire	1,654	1,739	1,677	2,177	2,276	36,093
New Jersey	10,218	9,625	5,636	8,146	8,430	243,864
New Mexico	4,557	4,324	3,487	3,965	4,161	94,539
New York	37,779	38,922	31,569	35,727	32,668	779,899
North Carolina	13,765	13,604	13,552	11,981	13,331	272,633
North Dakota	1,224	830	778	795	858	20,958
Ohio	13,999	17,127	11,007	17,281	19,969	229,856
Oklahoma	8,581	3,677	4,485	5,527	6,293	116,425
Oregon	7,223	7,731	5,990	6,690	8,723	139,320
Pennsylvania ¹	20,756	11,601	13,852	17,166	20,378	344,907
Rhode Island	1,840	1,808	1,844	2,455	2,654	51,711
South Carolina	5,375	4,597	4,702	5,708	6,060	86,666
South Dakota	1,341	1,023	892	1,075	1,113	29,095
Tennessee	11,395	12,551	9,093	9,953	11,759	187,674
Texas	44,640	45,027	33,187	37,442	39,944	805,924
Utah	1,042	1,050	1,007	901	801	12,364
Vermont	1,687	1,195	1,060	1,278	1,264	24,496
Virginia	9,432	9,133	8,446	9,911	10,264	193,842
Washington	9,609	12,790 ²	10,363	8,736	9,523	175,635
West Virginia	5,606	5,564	3,004	3,101	4,155	102,266
Wisconsin	8,468	4,603	2,660	3,058	3,948	132,723
Wyoming	1,323	1,270	1,025	1,137	1,304	25,882
American Samoa	14	14	14	0 ⁴	0 ⁴	537
Panama Canal Area	0	0	0	6	5	196
Guám	60	62	62	78	94	2,640
Micronesia	21	30	2	0 ⁴	32	618
Puerto Rico	13,026	11,098	7,167	8,574	8,947	134,676
Virgin Islands	128	116	66	78	113	2,614
USA + Territories	457,635	421,016	364,287	418,634	471,040	8,236,852
Totals						
Canada	14,372	14,302	12,592	12,597	12,814	233,722
Program Total	472,007	435,318	376,879	431,231	483,854	8,470,574

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TABLE 8. Credentials Issued, 1971-1991

Jurisdiction	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	Cum. 71-91
Alberta	3,204	2,649	2,355	2,461	2,397	24,110
British Columbia	3,474	4,495	3,118	2,550	3,258	62,459
Manitoba	1,482	1,434	1,431	1,535	926	33,782
New Brunswick	1,763	1,636	1,513	1,457	1,274	18,257
Newfoundland	535	517	677	714	677	12,995
Northwest Territories	65	66	90	117	144	1,586
Nova Scotia	1,856	1,716	1,494	1,816	2,115	33,312
Prince Edward Island	206	190	254	165	164	4,899
Saskatchewan	1,751	1,565	1,618	1,729	1,808	41,394
Yukon Territory	36	34	42	53	51	928
Canada	14,372	14,302	12,592	12,597	12,814	233,722
Totals						
USA + Territories	457,635	421,016	364,287	418,634	471,040	8,236,852
Program Total	472,007	435,318	376,879	431,231	483,854	8,470,574

Figure 4. Number Tested and Credentials Issued, 1971-1991



Source: 1991 GED Statistical Report, American Council on Education

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TABLE 9. Comparative Testing Data, 1949 - 1991

Year	Number of Official GED Test Centers	Number of People Tested	Percentage Meeting Score Requirements	Average Age	Average Years of Schooling	Percent Planning Further Study	Number of Credentials Issued
1949-58	587 ¹	414,849 ²	77.8 ³	27.0 ⁴	10.0 ⁴	38.0 ⁴	N/A ⁵
1959	660	56,496	76.0	28.0	10.0	36.0	N/A
1960	658	61,093	77.0	29.0	10.0	31.0	N/A
1961	702	68,080	74.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	N/A
1962	745	75,428	75.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	N/A
1963	801	88,242	71.0	29.0	10.0	33.0	N/A
1964	840	116,875	73.0	29.0	10.0	32.5	N/A
1965	928	143,974	72.0	29.0	9.7	38.0	N/A
1966	1,031	185,778	71.7	29.3	9.8	35.0	N/A
1967	1,194	218,386	70.0	29.5	9.7	36.0	N/A
1968	1,336	265,499	69.4	29.5	9.7	39.9	N/A
1969	1,566	293,451	71.7	29.4	9.7	37.3	N/A
1970	1,711	331,534	70.8	29.1	9.7	40.1	N/A
1971	1,858	387,733	68.7	28.0	9.8	41.2	231,558
1972	1,997	430,346	67.4	27.4	9.8	44.3	248,790
1973	2,135	440,216	68.2	25.1	9.8	42.0	256,905
1974	2,421	561,203	68.9	27.2	10.7	40.0	300,674
1975	2,462	687,426	70.2	25.1	10.0	42.1	351,327
1976	2,549	696,623	67.8	25.4	10.0	39.4	346,490
1977	2,704	715,116	69.7	25.0	10.0	37.8	342,828
1978	2,708	674,724	N/A	25.9	9.9	35.6	392,511
1979	2,799	773,996	68.4	25.3	10.0	40.8	445,426
1980	2,753	816,176	70.8	25.1	10.0	36.6	500,203
1981	2,900	804,813	72.1	25.1	9.9	46.1	513,549
1982	3,046	792,132	73.9	25.1	9.9	48.4	509,155
1983	3,009	772,080	73.1	25.4	9.8	48.6	490,329
1984	3,395	707,076	73.0	25.8	9.8	49.1	450,331
1985	3,371	711,392	72.4	25.8	9.8	51.3	439,957
1986	3,243	739,683	72.6	26.5	9.9	54.8	451,294
1987	3,314	758,367	74.1	26.7	9.9	49.7	472,007
1988	3,450	734,087	72.3	26.7	9.9	47.5	435,318 ⁶
1989	3,468	682,728	68.4	26.2	10.0	53.6	376,879
1990	3,316	763,618	69.9	26.5	9.9	56.5	431,231⁶
1991	3,445	806,038	71.5	26.4	9.9	58.3	483,854

1. Average number of centers for ten-year period.

2. Total number of people tested in ten-year period.

3. Average percentage for years 1954-1958 only.

4. Data for 1958. Other years=N/A.

5. N/A=Data not available.

6. This number has been revised.

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**TABLE 10. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing
High School Equivalency Credentials**

UNITED STATES		STATES	
Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹	Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹
Alabama	35 and 45	Nevada	35 and 45
Alaska	35 and 45	New Hampshire	35 and 45
Arizona	35 and 45	New Jersey ²	
Arkansas	40 and 45	New Mexico	40 or 50
California	40 and 45	New York	35 and 45
Colorado	35 and 45	North Carolina	35 and 45
Connecticut	35 and 45	North Dakota	40 or 50
Delaware	40 and 45	Ohio	35 and 45
District of Columbia	35 and 45	Oklahoma	40 and 45
Florida	40 and 45	Oregon	40 and 45
Georgia	35 and 45	Pennsylvania	35 and 45
Hawaii	35 and 45	Rhode Island	35 and 45
Idaho	35 and 45	South Carolina	45 Average
Illinois	35 and 45	South Dakota	40 and 45
Indiana	35 and 45	Tennessee	35 and 45
Iowa	35 and 45	Texas	40 or 45
Kansas	35 and 45	Utah	40 and 45
Kentucky	35 and 45	Vermont	35 and 45
Louisiana	40 or 45	Virginia	35 and 45
Maine	35 and 45	Washington	40 and 45
Maryland	40 and 45	West Virginia	40 and 45
Massachusetts	35 and 45	Wisconsin	40 and 50
Michigan	35 and 45	Wyoming	35 and 45
Minnesota	35 and 45		
Mississippi	40 or 45		
Missouri	40 and 45		
Montana	35 and 45		
Nebraska	40 or 45		

1. Minimum scores of 35 and 45 mean a person must score at least 35 on each test and achieve an average of 45 on the entire battery.

2. N.J. = 42 on Test 1, 40 on Tests 2-4 and 45 on Test 5. Total score of 225.

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**TABLE 10. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing
High School Equivalency Credentials**

U. S. TERRITORIES		CANADA	
Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹	Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores ¹
American Samoa	40 each test	Alberta	45 each test
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is.	40 or 45	British Columbia	45 each test
Guam	35 and 45	Manitoba	45 each test
Kwajalein Island	35 and 45	New Brunswick	45 each test
Panama Canal Area	40 and 45	Newfoundland	40 and 45
Puerto Rico	35 and 45	Northwest Territories	45 each test
Republic of the Marshall Islands	40 or 45	Nova Scotia	45 each test
Republic of Palau	40 and 45	Prince Edward Island	45 each test
Virgin Islands	35 and 45	Saskatchewan	45 each test
		Yukon Territory	45 each test

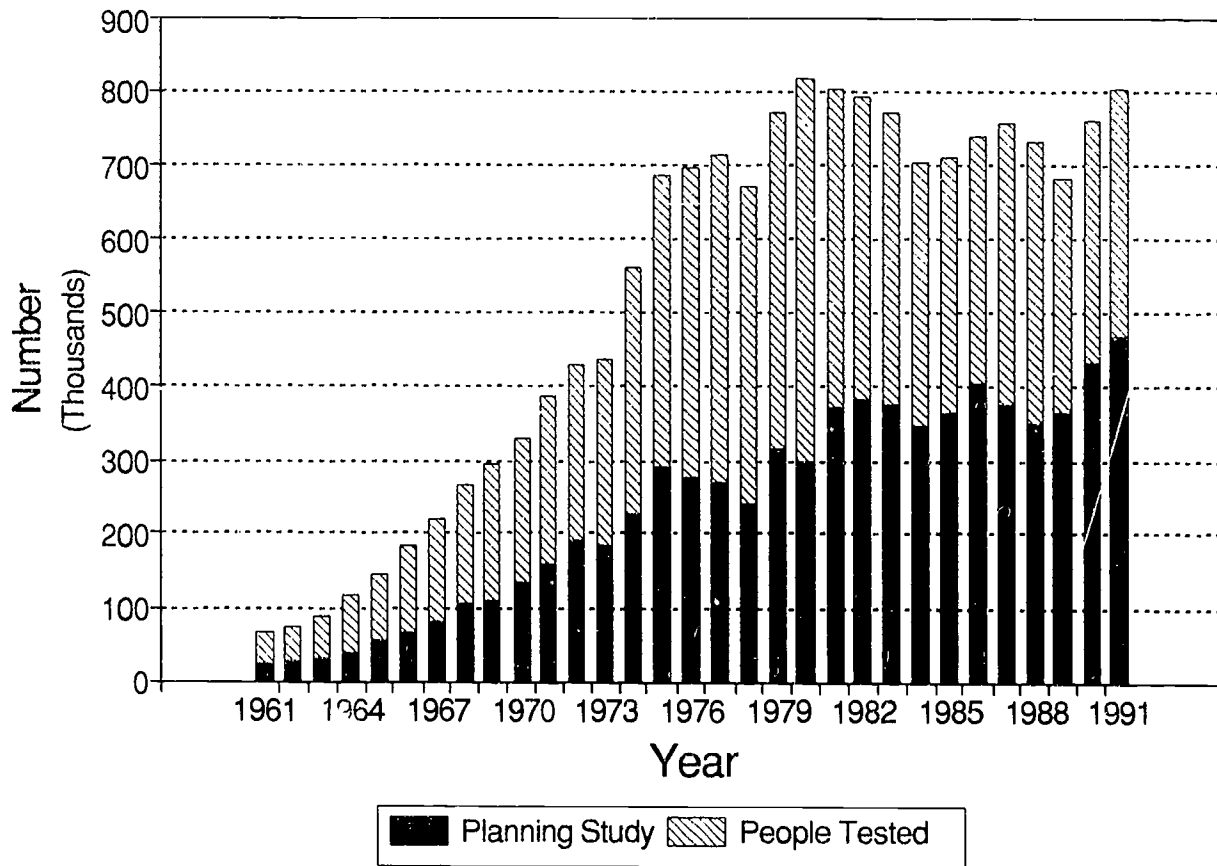
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Table 11. Percentage of Graduating High School Seniors Meeting Minimum Score Requirements

<u>Score Requirements</u>	<u>U.S.¹</u>
Minimum 40 or Mean 45	75%
Minimum 40 or Mean 50	71%
Mean 45	71%
Minimum 35 and Mean 45	70%
Minimum 40	70%
Minimum 40 and Mean 45	66%
Minimum 45	51%
Minimum 40 and Mean 50	51%

1. U.S. percentages are based on data from a sample of 1,287 graduating High School Seniors who took all five GED Tests in the Spring of 1987.

Figure 5. Number of GED Candidates Planning Further Study, 1961 - 1991



Source: 1991 GED Statistical Report, American Council on Education

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