

Table 268. General Educational Development (GED) Credentials Issued: 1975 to 2004

[GEDs issued in thousands (340 represents 340,000). For the 50 states and DC]

Year	GEDs issued	Percent distribution by age of test taker				
		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
1975	340	33	26	14	9	18
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
2001	648	41	26	11	8	14
2002	330	49	25	10	6	11
2003	387	47	26	10	7	11
2004	406	46	26	11	6	10

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*, annual.