

**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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