

**Table 275. General Educational Development (GED) Credentials Issued: 1980 to 2009**

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

Year	GEDs issued	Percent distribution of GED test takers				
		16 to 18 years old <sup>1</sup>	19 to 24 years old <sup>1</sup>	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	22	39	13	10	15
1995	504	27	36	13	9	15
2000	487	33	37	11	7	13
2003	387	35	37	10	7	11
2004	406	35	38	11	6	10
2005	424	34	37	12	7	11
2006	398	35	36	12	6	11
2007	429	35	35	12	7	11
2008	469	34	35	13	7	11
2009	448	31	36	13	8	12

<sup>1</sup> For 1985 and prior years, 19-year-olds are included with the 16- to 18-year-olds instead of the 19- to 24-year-olds.

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

**Table 276. College Enrollment of Recent High School Completers: 1970 to 2009**

[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
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
2009	2,937	1,407	1,531	1,863	415	459	70	66	74	71	70	59

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 229. <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 277. College Enrollment by Sex and Attendance Status: 2005 to 2010**

[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		2007		2008		2009		2010 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>18,248</b>	<b>6,979</b>	<b>19,103</b>	<b>7,355</b>	<b>20,428</b>	<b>7,705</b>	<b>20,550</b>	<b>7,849</b>
Male	7,456	2,653	7,816	2,787	8,189	2,955	8,770	3,099	8,904	3,172
14 to 17 years old	78	41	75	17	92	19	98	22	90	22
18 to 19 years old	1,592	235	1,805	273	1,850	278	1,798	178	1,987	315
20 to 21 years old	1,778	318	1,633	288	1,792	342	1,854	315	1,987	377
22 to 24 years old	1,355	405	1,551	544	1,558	485	1,666	441	1,700	535
25 to 29 years old	978	539	1,020	435	1,177	602	1,357	725	1,276	622
30 to 34 years old	545	306	659	430	640	414	713	441	704	442
35 years old and over	1,130	809	1,074	799	1,080	814	1,284	976	1,161	859
Female	10,032	4,038	10,432	4,192	10,914	4,401	11,658	4,606	11,645	4,678
14 to 17 years old	121	27	104	9	101	12	102	7	118	21
18 to 19 years old	2,018	338	2,173	327	2,240	357	2,250	282	2,387	385
20 to 21 years old	2,000	430	2,129	452	2,137	409	2,037	308	2,330	460
22 to 24 years old	1,717	571	1,811	685	1,922	703	2,025	651	2,028	747
25 to 29 years old	1,406	709	1,502	824	1,560	818	1,702	844	1,646	860
30 to 34 years old	809	499	770	449	842	547	1,006	668	893	554
35 years old and over	1,960	1,464	1,943	1,446	2,112	1,554	2,537	1,846	2,243	1,650

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