

**Table 107.—General Educational Development (GED) credentials issued, and number and age of test takers: United States and outlying areas, 1971 to 1998**

Year	Number of credentials issued, in thousands <sup>1</sup>	Number completing test battery, in thousands <sup>2</sup>	Number of test takers, in thousands <sup>3</sup>	Percentage distribution of test takers, by age				
				19 years old or less	20- to 24-year-olds	25- to 29-year-olds	30- to 34-year-olds	35 years old or over
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1971 .....	227	—	377	—	—	—	—	—
1972 .....	245	—	419	—	—	—	—	—
1973 .....	249	—	423	—	—	—	—	—
1974 .....	295	412	540	35	27	13	9	17
1975 .....	342	507	652	33	26	14	9	18
1976 .....	337	507	656	31	28	14	10	17
1977 .....	331	488	680	40	24	13	9	14
1978 .....	381	467	641	31	27	13	10	19
1979 .....	435	583	744	35	27	13	8	16
1980 .....	488	708	779	37	27	13	8	15
1981 .....	500	701	770	37	27	13	8	15
1982 .....	494	692	756	37	28	13	8	15
1983 .....	477	678	740	34	29	14	9	15
1984 .....	437	613	676	32	28	15	9	16
1985 .....	427	622	685	33	26	15	10	16
1986 .....	439	648	713	33	26	15	10	16
1987 .....	458	662	729	33	24	15	10	18
1988 .....	421	617	701	36	23	14	10	17
1989 .....	364	554	645	36	24	13	10	16
1990 .....	419	628	727	35	25	14	10	17
1991 .....	471	672	770	33	27	14	10	17
1992 .....	465	653	754	32	28	13	11	16
1993 .....	476	652	757	33	27	14	11	16
1994 .....	499	684	793	34	26	13	10	16
1995 .....	513	698	803	37	25	13	10	15
1996 .....	514	733	842	40	25	13	9	15
1997 .....	471	697	802	41	25	12	8	14
1998 .....	496	693	796	43	25	11	8	14

<sup>1</sup> Number of people receiving high school equivalency credentials based on the GED tests.

<sup>2</sup> Number of people completing the entire GED battery of five tests.

<sup>3</sup> Number of people taking the GED tests (one or more subtests).

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Because of rounding, percentages may not add to 100. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.

SOURCE: American Council on Education, General Educational Development Testing Service. (This table was prepared August 1999.)