

## APPENDIX G1

## Percentage of Candidates Reporting Various Reasons for Taking the GED® Test in the United States: 2009

Jurisdiction	Candidates Indicating Reasons for Testing <sup>1</sup>		Educational Reasons						Military Reasons		
			Four-Year College	Two-Year College	Technical or Trade Prog.	Skills Certification	Job Training	Any Educ. Reason	Military Entrance	Military Career	Any Military Reason
			(N)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Alabama	14,816	97.0	23.7	37.0	18.6	7.2	8.5	64.7	7.3	4.0	9.0
Alaska	2,513	92.2	16.4	12.8	17.0	11.3	18.1	48.3	7.0	4.2	8.4
Arizona	17,049	90.1	16.1	23.5	16.8	9.0	8.9	53.4	5.2	2.3	5.9
Arkansas	8,333	96.4	24.1	26.3	16.9	6.9	7.4	55.6	5.5	3.2	6.7
California	52,192	89.8	17.2	28.6	17.6	9.9	9.5	56.8	4.4	1.7	4.9
Colorado	16,641	100.0	19.4	26.2	16.4	10.3	10.1	54.8	4.4	1.9	4.9
Connecticut	5,548	100.0	18.9	30.3	21.1	11.5	10.7	67.1	3.1	1.5	3.7
Delaware	895	99.2	26.3	32.6	27.9	10.1	9.7	68.6	5.7	1.9	6.0
District of Columbia	878	82.0	36.8	23.6	17.8	12.6	13.3	68.0	2.7	2.5	4.2
Florida	47,913	96.7	25.4	33.3	22.9	7.0	9.1	67.6	7.3	3.7	8.4
Georgia	26,983	80.6	19.8	25.9	34.0	7.1	6.6	67.5	5.9	3.3	7.3
Hawaii	1,953	97.9	33.6	34.6	11.4	8.7	9.0	63.6	12.7	7.1	14.7
Idaho	4,938	85.0	24.2	25.3	15.3	8.4	9.1	54.1	6.1	2.8	6.7
Illinois	25,828	85.6	10.1	19.0	96.9	10.4	10.1	98.5	4.1	3.5	6.5
Indiana	14,579	97.5	23.6	32.5	19.5	9.4	9.3	62.3	5.6	2.8	6.5
Iowa	5,154	81.2	14.3	32.4	11.0	5.7	6.6	49.8	3.8	1.5	4.4
Kansas	3,288	96.3	23.1	32.0	21.0	9.5	9.2	63.4	5.3	4.0	6.9
Kentucky	10,699	95.5	21.8	26.7	20.2	8.4	12.0	58.5	4.3	2.5	5.0
Louisiana	11,208	94.8	23.7	23.3	32.5	9.4	9.8	66.9	6.5	3.9	7.8
Maine	4,068	95.3	18.1	26.6	17.8	8.0	15.0	57.1	6.1	3.2	7.2
Maryland	8,290	92.7	27.0	29.9	20.1	9.9	10.0	63.0	5.8	3.0	6.7
Massachusetts	11,065	83.0	24.3	35.5	20.0	11.5	12.9	68.1	4.0	1.7	4.5
Michigan	20,187	92.8	21.3	32.0	16.0	9.1	11.1	59.6	5.3	2.4	6.1
Minnesota	8,982	87.6	20.4	34.8	24.8	9.0	8.8	64.0	4.3	1.9	4.9
Mississippi	14,495	95.7	24.8	45.6	17.9	8.9	10.8	69.7	6.8	4.1	8.3
Missouri	12,179	90.2	24.9	31.0	21.3	8.6	9.5	61.8	5.6	3.0	6.5
Montana	3,275	93.5	21.7	23.3	17.0	8.4	12.2	57.5	7.0	3.6	8.4
Nebraska	3,982	97.4	21.9	36.3	15.8	8.8	8.4	60.3	4.6	1.9	5.2
Nevada	5,930	84.6	17.1	22.7	16.2	8.7	9.0	50.2	5.9	2.3	6.4
New Hampshire	2,433	91.9	15.9	26.4	21.9	8.3	8.9	53.5	5.9	2.8	7.0
New Jersey	12,549	92.6	26.8	34.9	26.9	13.4	14.5	72.5	4.3	2.4	5.1
New Mexico	8,465	93.9	25.9	27.1	16.4	9.6	11.1	61.7	4.9	2.5	5.6
New York	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
North Carolina	24,719	85.7	17.3	32.5	19.7	8.6	8.8	60.9	6.9	2.7	8.0
North Dakota	1,597	94.2	20.4	29.8	16.4	5.1	7.0	55.2	5.7	2.4	6.4
Ohio	15,572	71.2	22.1	40.2	24.3	6.5	11.7	69.2	4.2	2.0	5.0
Oklahoma	9,173	96.2	17.7	20.3	23.4	8.4	10.1	54.3	5.7	3.2	6.9
Oregon	13,686	89.1	18.8	32.3	14.0	11.2	12.1	58.0	3.6	1.6	4.1
Pennsylvania	23,564	93.0	18.7	24.9	26.5	10.3	13.2	61.2	4.1	2.1	4.8
Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Carolina	9,615	95.5	21.3	33.9	34.5	10.1	11.8	71.8	9.7	5.2	11.4
South Dakota	1,938	98.1	19.1	23.3	18.2	7.0	13.3	55.2	7.7	3.0	8.7
Tennessee	14,965	95.6	21.4	26.5	25.6	7.4	8.5	60.9	4.7	2.2	5.6
Texas	51,409	94.2	21.4	30.8	20.2	11.4	10.7	60.8	5.2	2.5	5.9
Utah	5,054	69.7	21.2	22.7	18.4	10.6	11.2	55.3	4.9	2.2	5.4
Vermont	665	47.3	23.5	28.0	23.2	16.7	19.2	63.6	8.1	4.2	9.0
Virginia	22,709	93.9	18.1	30.0	17.6	9.4	10.2	55.9	8.1	4.8	9.8
Washington	16,930	69.1	16.9	32.5	19.0	11.9	12.8	60.5	5.9	3.8	7.8
West Virginia	5,882	96.3	20.9	21.8	21.1	10.8	14.3	57.0	6.1	4.2	7.4
Wisconsin	15,525	85.6	15.3	25.9	27.6	10.0	9.6	57.1	3.6	1.9	4.3
Wyoming	1,906	97.0	18.5	27.7	10.1	8.0	9.4	49.9	5.0	2.4	5.9
<b>U.S. Subtotal</b>	<b>622,217</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>

Employment Reasons					Social Reasons				Personal Reasons			Any Other Reason
Get First Job	Keep Current Job	Get Better Job	Employer Required	Any Employ. Reason	Early Release	Court Order	Public Asst. Requirement	Any Social Reason	Positive Role Model	Personal Satisfaction	Any Personal Reason	
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
8.6	2.0	40.1	6.6	49.6	1.8	3.2	0.6	5.2	20.6	42.1	46.2	14.9
10.8	2.1	42.7	8.7	54.9	4.2	1.8	2.1	7.5	19.9	52.0	55.3	23.6
9.6	3.0	39.8	8.4	51.9	2.8	3.3	0.9	6.5	23.1	48.5	52.6	12.0
10.1	2.0	38.2	7.6	49.8	8.6	6.6	0.6	14.4	22.7	53.7	56.9	19.6
10.6	2.3	38.2	10.6	50.7	2.5	1.1	1.5	4.9	22.8	49.1	52.3	15.6
8.4	2.4	41.7	8.4	51.0	4.1	5.4	2.1	10.9	22.6	53.2	56.5	16.5
0.0	2.2	7.1	10.4	17.8	3.3	2.0	1.1	5.5	16.4	41.9	44.9	13.3
7.5	2.6	45.6	8.7	55.8	0.9	3.9	0.8	5.0	29.8	60.0	64.2	10.6
12.6	2.6	38.4	11.2	52.6	3.3	2.1	0.3	5.6	21.0	38.3	42.9	16.2
7.7	1.7	33.6	8.0	40.3	2.3	1.5	0.4	4.1	18.5	44.8	47.9	16.7
7.9	2.2	35.1	5.2	44.9	2.2	3.1	0.4	5.3	17.0	37.2	41.2	4.6
15.3	2.0	35.0	9.8	51.3	6.2	2.5	0.6	8.6	20.5	47.0	51.1	19.4
9.1	2.4	39.5	7.3	49.4	1.7	11.6	0.7	13.3	22.4	55.0	57.5	19.7
8.2	15.0	17.7	10.9	41.6	4.1	5.3	13.8	19.2	22.4	14.7	29.0	2.3
8.6	2.2	48.5	10.2	58.9	10.1	5.3	0.5	14.5	26.3	56.7	59.9	15.6
6.5	1.5	43.9	6.6	51.6	1.5	10.9	4.2	16.2	21.5	56.6	59.8	16.0
7.1	2.0	45.1	5.7	52.9	2.9	7.4	1.4	10.6	24.7	55.2	58.0	12.1
10.3	2.3	40.2	6.7	50.7	4.6	4.4	0.8	9.4	22.6	53.2	56.2	13.6
9.9	1.6	36.4	7.7	47.8	5.0	3.0	0.5	7.9	22.6	46.6	50.7	15.5
8.4	1.7	43.9	8.3	53.7	0.7	1.2	2.7	4.6	20.9	55.1	58.0	15.4
8.5	2.0	42.5	10.1	53.3	2.2	2.7	0.2	4.6	22.6	47.9	51.8	14.6
8.2	1.8	40.1	8.0	49.2	1.0	2.1	2.4	5.3	21.2	45.3	49.1	14.1
11.2	2.2	42.4	9.2	55.3	1.8	7.2	1.1	9.6	24.7	52.9	56.7	15.4
5.8	2.0	46.2	9.0	53.5	0.6	2.4	2.2	5.0	23.0	54.0	57.6	15.0
11.7	2.3	42.4	8.6	54.6	2.1	3.4	0.6	5.8	23.9	43.9	49.8	15.8
7.8	2.4	44.4	8.0	53.0	2.8	5.7	0.5	8.4	27.0	57.5	60.8	21.3
7.0	2.2	40.0	8.5	49.0	2.1	6.9	1.8	10.3	18.8	51.6	54.2	18.2
6.5	2.5	52.1	8.4	59.2	2.7	5.6	1.1	9.0	29.1	61.3	64.6	15.7
7.9	2.7	40.8	11.7	51.2	4.6	3.3	0.9	8.2	20.9	48.4	51.4	17.9
6.2	1.6	43.7	8.5	51.9	4.1	3.0	1.5	8.1	19.5	55.4	58.0	18.2
9.4	2.6	42.7	9.5	52.8	1.3	1.6	1.5	4.1	25.6	48.9	53.4	11.6
7.8	2.5	43.3	9.1	52.6	3.1	2.7	0.9	6.1	22.0	47.6	51.1	17.0
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8.2	1.6	39.3	6.6	48.5	4.9	4.3	1.2	9.7	22.2	47.2	50.9	13.2
7.0	2.4	38.3	15.3	54.7	4.3	3.6	1.8	8.9	17.2	47.8	51.2	16.0
6.5	2.1	36.0	5.2	43.6	1.7	4.8	0.9	7.0	24.4	43.8	49.7	12.9
7.1	2.8	42.1	8.2	51.5	6.7	7.9	1.6	13.4	24.0	52.7	55.9	18.0
13.3	1.8	39.9	8.1	53.5	2.9	2.3	1.4	6.3	21.4	54.1	56.7	20.5
8.8	2.5	45.0	10.6	55.3	2.9	5.9	1.7	9.6	24.4	51.0	55.5	12.9
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
9.4	2.0	41.8	9.7	53.1	1.1	2.5	0.6	4.0	23.3	46.7	50.8	11.0
7.3	2.3	41.9	8.7	49.3	2.7	7.6	1.0	10.6	20.1	51.3	53.9	23.2
7.9	1.8	44.6	7.8	54.0	3.2	3.4	1.1	7.3	23.0	48.6	52.3	15.6
9.3	2.8	44.6	9.4	54.5	3.7	8.6	0.6	12.5	26.5	49.1	53.6	15.5
5.8	2.8	41.2	9.3	48.9	2.1	5.8	1.5	8.9	20.7	53.6	55.7	20.8
17.9	2.0	55.0	15.0	72.2	1.2	1.5	2.7	5.3	28.7	74.7	78.9	21.8
9.0	2.5	43.1	8.0	53.0	3.1	3.1	1.0	6.2	22.3	50.2	54.0	14.5
13.8	4.4	40.8	11.7	55.9	2.8	4.6	5.8	11.0	18.1	45.6	49.1	16.6
12.4	2.1	46.4	9.4	58.6	3.9	6.6	3.0	11.9	22.1	50.1	52.8	17.5
6.4	1.9	43.6	7.9	50.8	2.3	3.9	1.2	6.9	22.8	54.4	57.9	20.3
4.8	2.5	42.2	5.5	49.3	1.5	11.6	1.2	13.5	17.8	48.6	51.9	15.9
<b>8.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>14.7</b>

Source: 2009 GED Testing Service® data.

NA = Not available.

<sup>1</sup>. Candidates could report more than one reason for testing.

Note: Caution should be exercised in interpreting results when response rate is below 85 percent.