



# GED® 2014: Florida Program Trends

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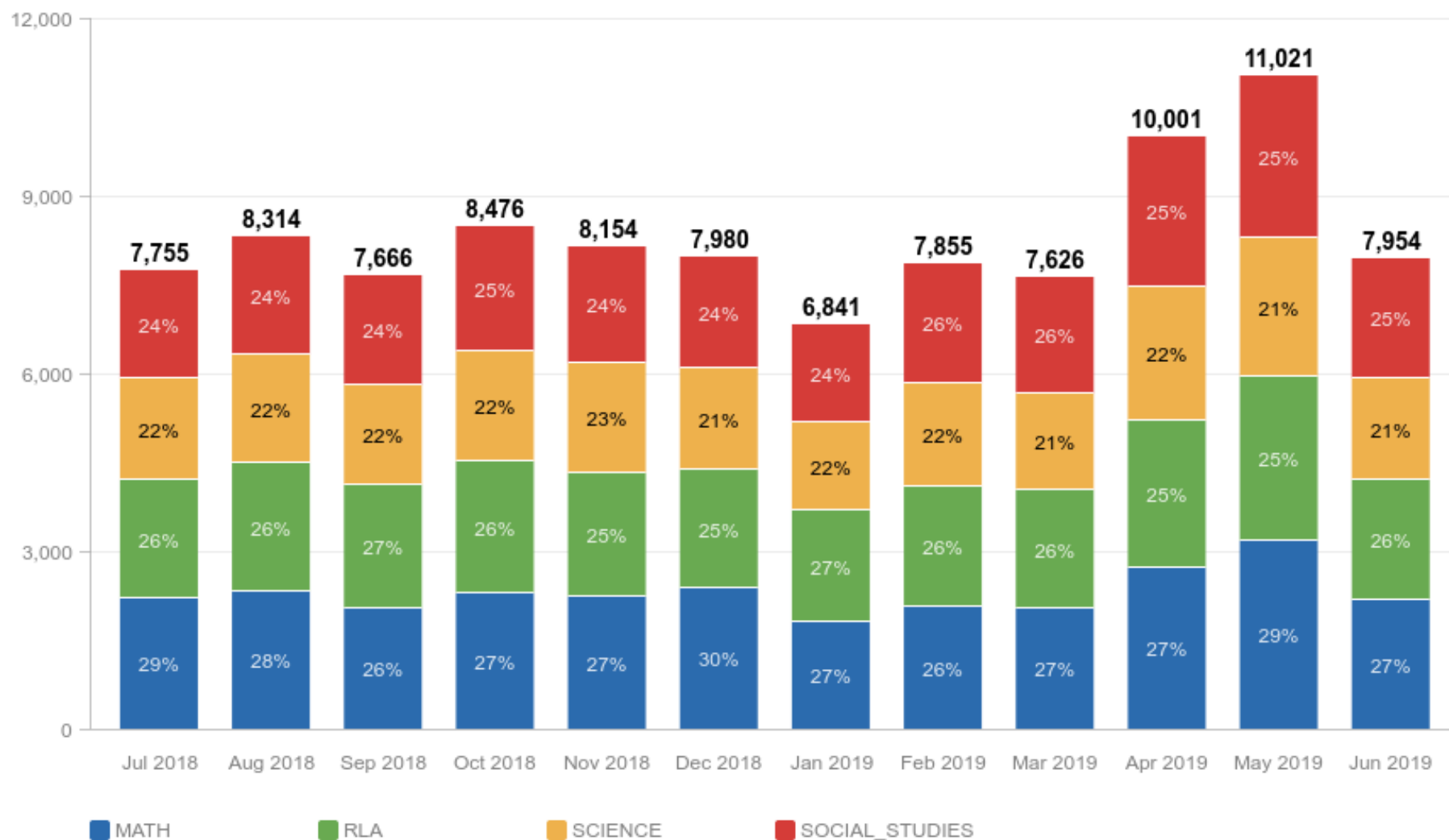
# GED® Testing Program Results

Florida's Results

## **July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

- 30,585 Test takers
- 99,792 Tests administered
- 65,555 GED Ready® Tests administered
- 21,270 Completers
- 16,806 Passers
- 79% Pass Rate

## GED® Tests Taken by Content Area and Month

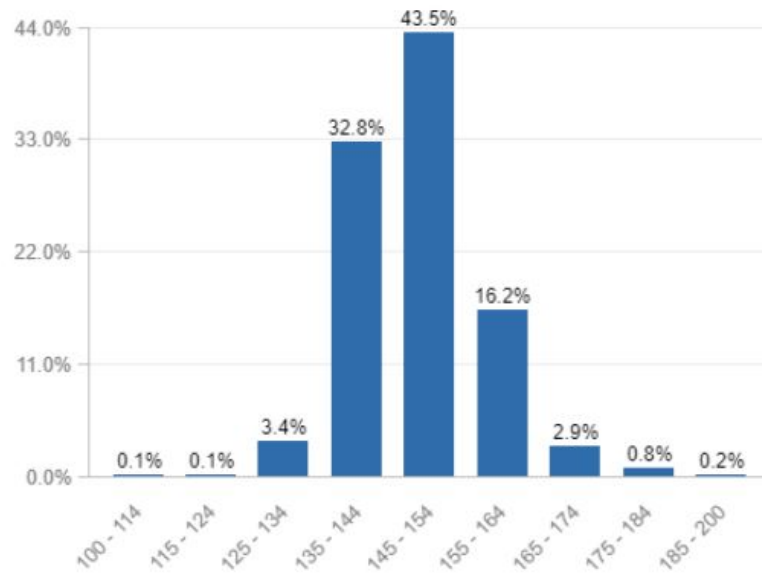


## GED® Test Taker Performance Distribution

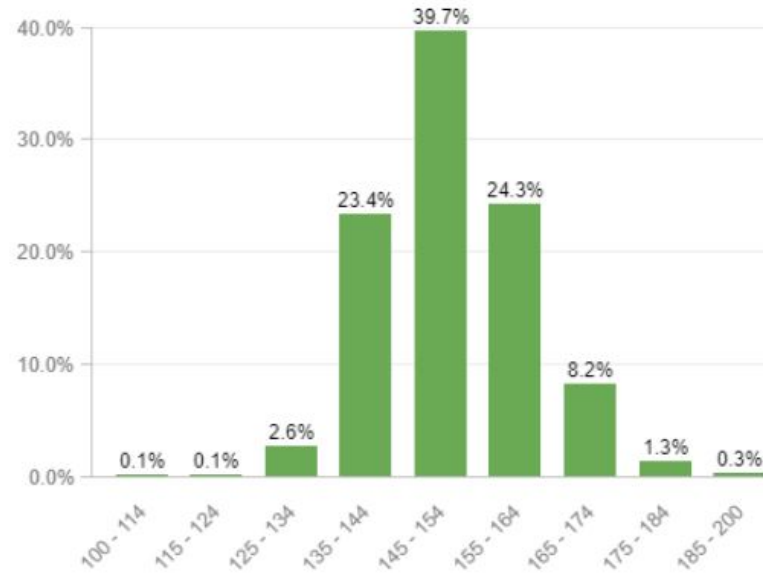
	Math	RLA	Science	Social Studies
<b>Below Passing</b>	19%	14%	6%	11%
<b>Passed</b>	81%	86%	94%	89%
<b>Nat'l Pass %</b> <small>All tests delivered since 1/1/2014 No filtering available</small>	85%	89%	93%	90%
High School Equivalent	76%	75%	83%	76%
College Ready	5%	11%	11%	13%
College Ready + Credit	1%	2%	1%	3%

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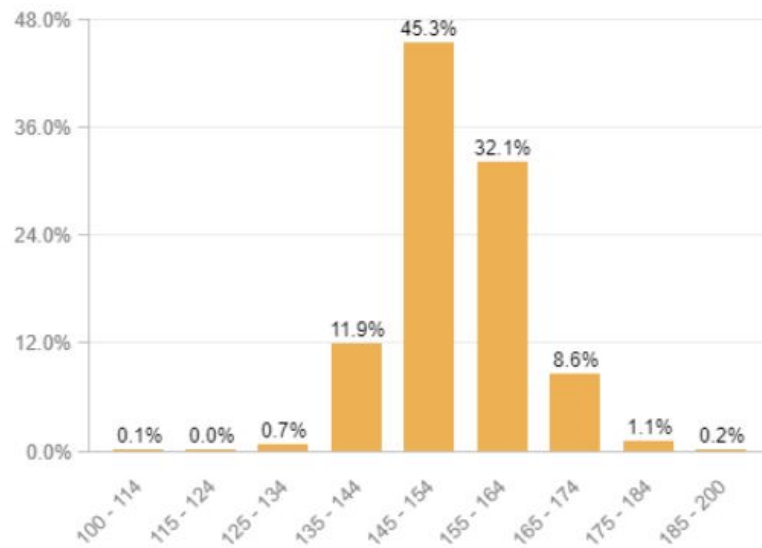
GED® Math Test Score % Distribution



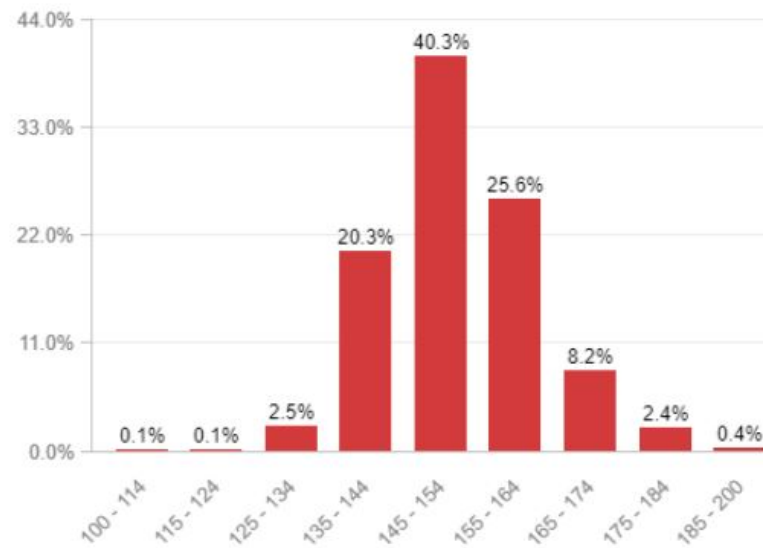
GED® RLA Test Score % Distribution



GED® Science Test Score % Distribution



GED® Social Studies Test Score % Distribution



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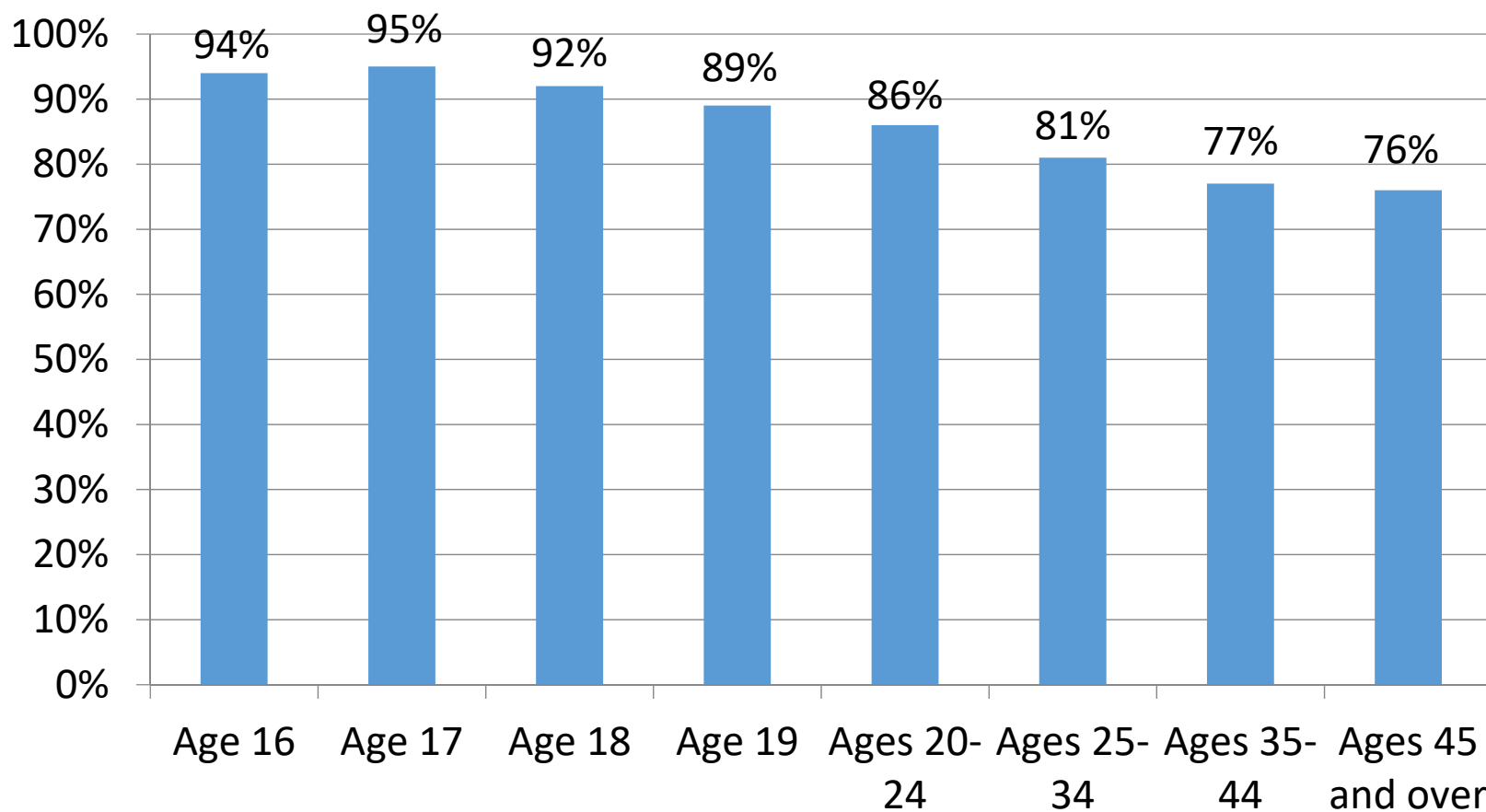
## Average Scores by Test Subject

	Math	RLA	Science	Social Studies
Average Passing Score	153	155	155	156
Average Non-Passing Score	140	140	141	140
Overall Average	150	153	153	154

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## Pass Rate on 2014 GED® Test by Age Range

January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019



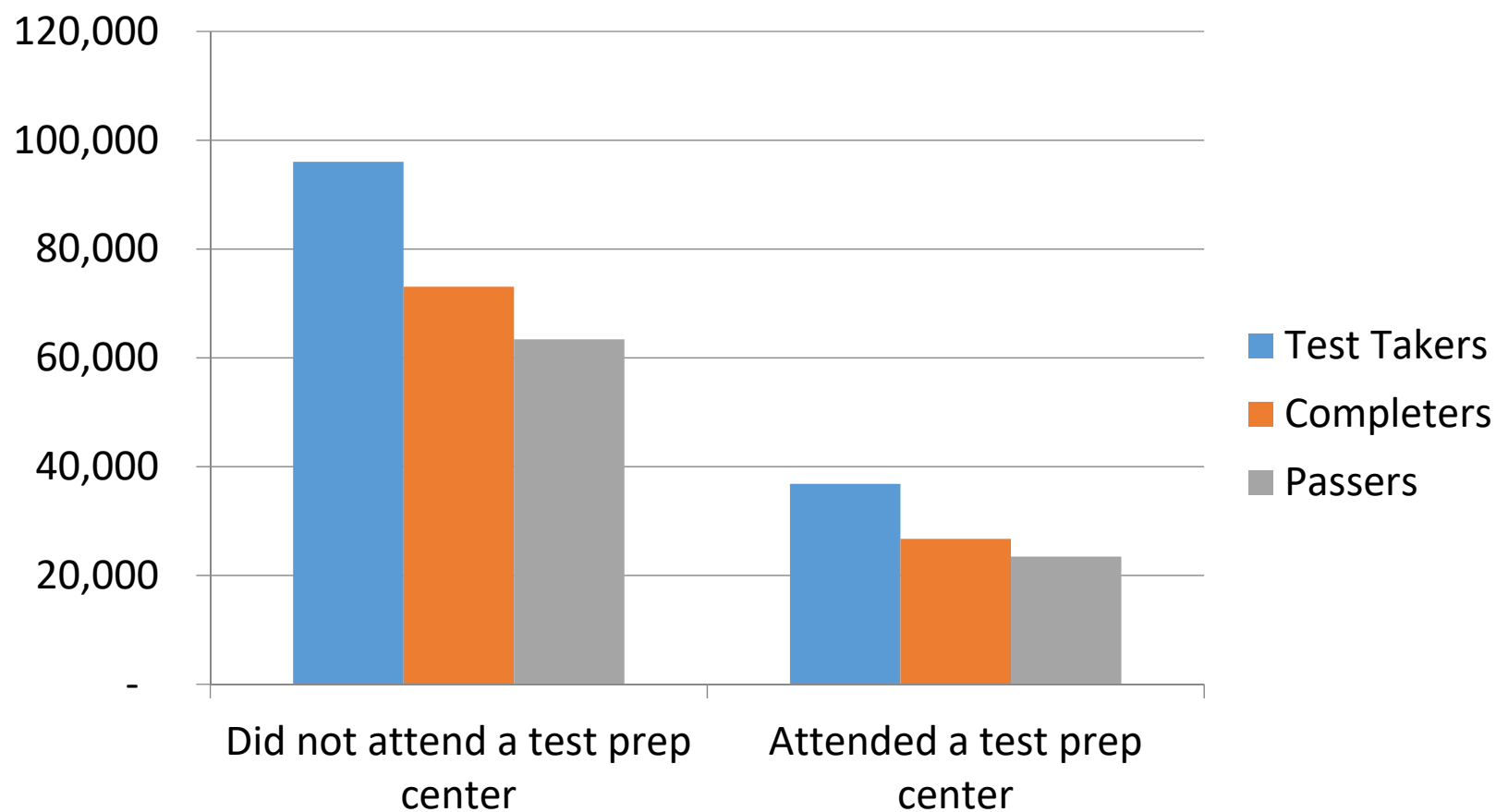
Pass Rate = #Earning diploma/#Completers

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# Statistics by Test Prep Center participation

January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019



*NOTE: Test Prep center participation is self-reported*

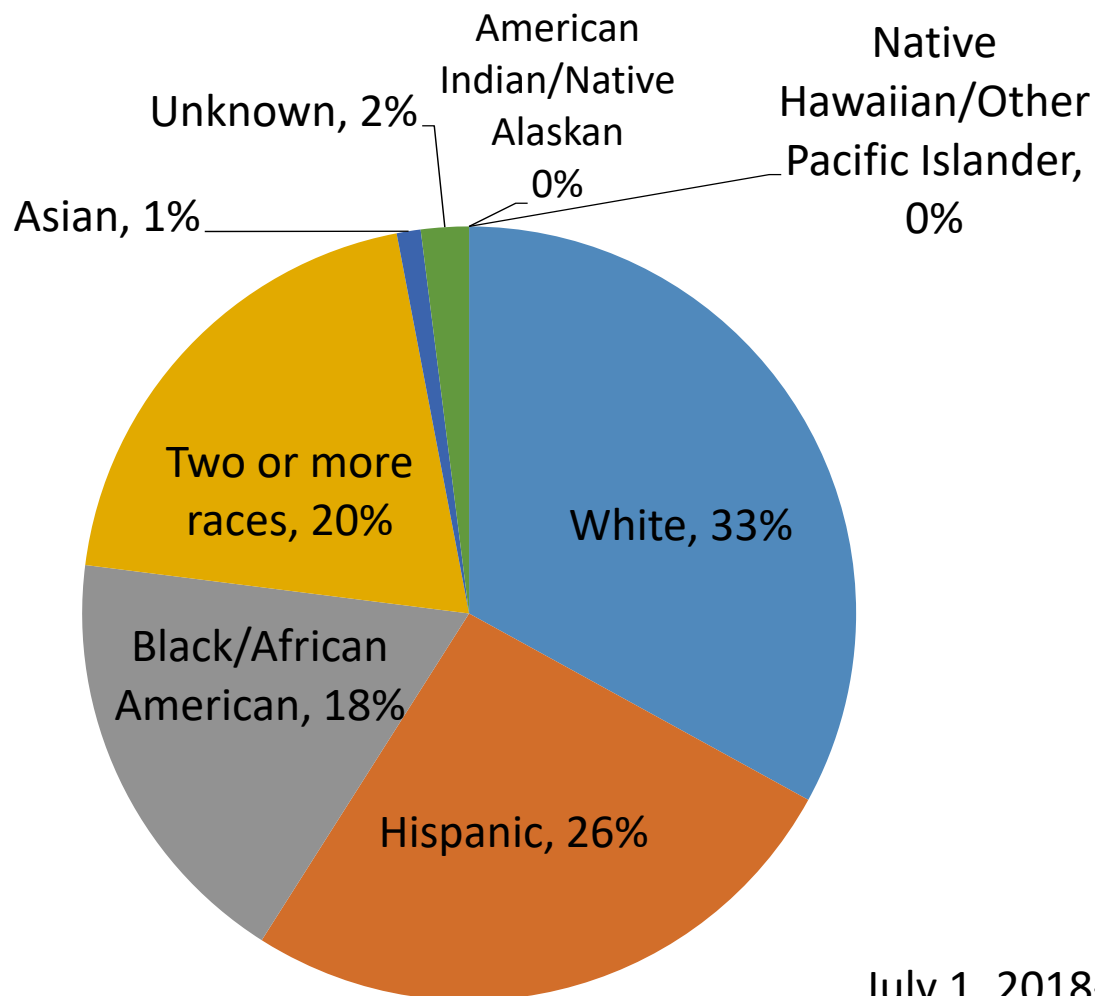
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# Demographics of Test Takers

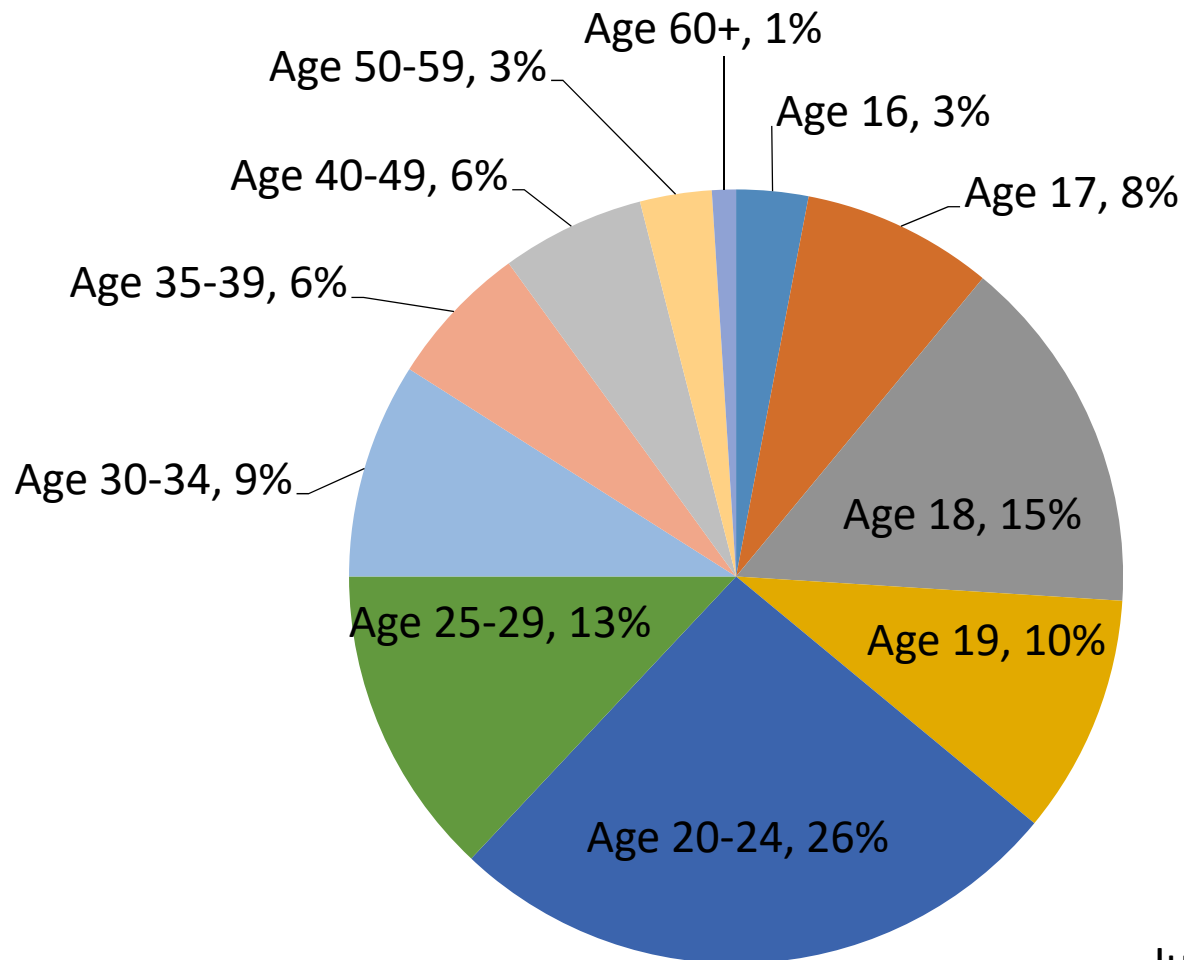
## % of Test Takers by Race/Ethnicity



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## % of Test Takers by Age Group



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## Other Analytics

# GED Testing Comparison 2014-2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
# Test Takers	21,828	29,542	34,951	33,462	32,303
# Completers	13,387	17,795	27,117	22,997	22,679
# Passed	7,814	11,685	22,537	18,288	18,150
Pass Rate	58.4%	65.7%	83.1%	79.5%	80.0%

## Sources:

2014: GED Analytics system for testers from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.(2014 GED® Test)

2015: GED Analytics system for testers from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 (2014 GED® Test) - Adjusted by DOE to include all completers in the tracking period, not just first time completers.

2016: GED Analytics system for testers from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 (2014 GED® Test) - On March 23, 2016, 145 passing score went into effect based on SBR; therefore, an additional 4,377 passers were awarded diplomas that month who had tested in prior months.

2017: GED Analytics system for testers from January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

2018: GED Analytics system for testers from January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018

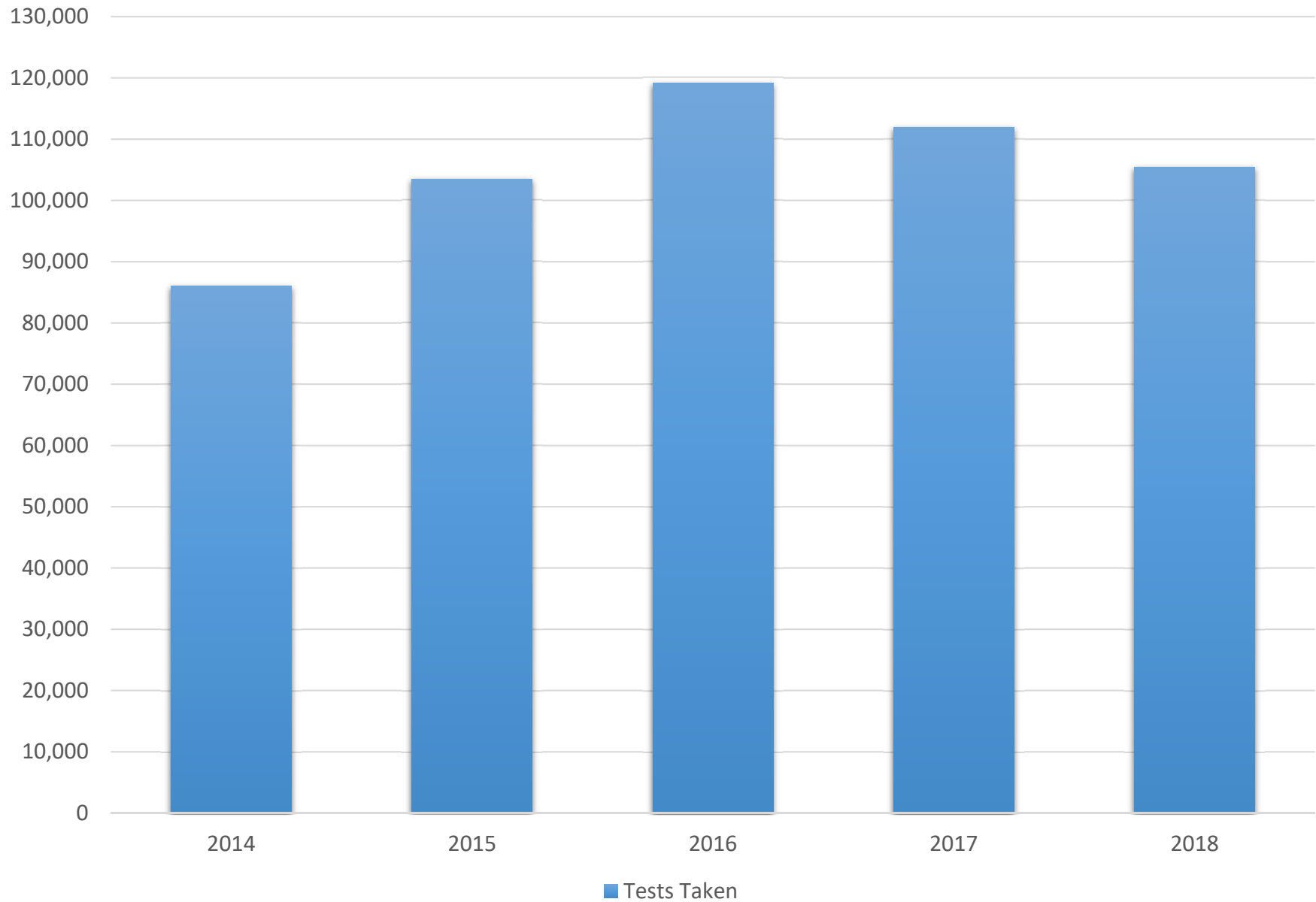
## NOTES:

Testing statistics are based on the calendar year.

# Passed = Number of test takers issued the high school equivalency diploma

# Completers = Number of test takers who took at least one test module during the calendar year AND attempted all required test modules for the test series

## Tests Taken



## District AGE Enrollments- NRS Programs

Program	2017-18 Enrollments	2018-19 Enrollments	Percent Change
Adult Basic Education (ABE)	37,512	34,608	-8%
Adult High School	4,511	4,469	-1%
Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	81,731	76,601	-6%
English Literacy for Career and Technical Education (ELCATE)	313	30	-90%
GED Preparation	14,743	8,103	-45%
Totals	138,810	123,811	-11%

\*Data provided by Office of Research and Evaluation

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## FCS AGE Enrollments- NRS Programs

Program	2017-18 Enrollments	2018-19 Enrollments	Percent Change
Adult Basic Education	10,546	9,175	-13%
Adult High School	1,396	1,146	-18%
GED Preparation	4,064	3,055	-25%
Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	15,406	14,460	-6%
English Literacy for Career and Technical Education (ELCATE)	49	3	-94%
Totals	31,461	27,839	-12%

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# Announcements

## GEDPrep Connect™

Candidates can share scores with and agree to be contacted by GED Preparation Center Staff in their GED.com profile

- Candidates can designate the center when they first register for an account or by editing their profile at anytime
- Allows choice of only one center
- Authorized GED Preparation Center Staff access the candidate's information using GED Manager
  - Requests for staff authorization must come from the Adult Education Director for the School District/State College
  - Contact the High School Equivalency Diploma Office about authorization process

[https://ged.com/educators\\_admins/teaching/promote\\_your\\_program/](https://ged.com/educators_admins/teaching/promote_your_program/)

## GED Sign-up Day

- Objectives
  - Promote GED preparation/adult education
  - Have more adults earn their high school diploma
- Concept
  - Marketing through social media, advertising and traditional media encouraging adults to do one of key calls to action
  - Set-up local information stations to provide information about how to get started, who to call, etc.
  - In-person touchpoints at a local business partner (Starbucks, KFC, etc.) where an adult educator would be stationed to speak with adults to get them started

## GED Sign-up Day

- GED Testing Service will be providing assistance with the marketing plan and obtaining a commitment from a business partner
- How to get involved?
  - Email [diane.vaccari@fldoe.org](mailto:diane.vaccari@fldoe.org) so you can be included in future communications about this event
  - Hoping to provide additional information at the ACE Conference



## High School Equivalency Diploma Office Contact Information

- Email [flgedhelp@fldoe.org](mailto:flgedhelp@fldoe.org)
- Phone (850) 245-0449
- Phone Toll free in Florida (877) 352-4331
- When calling press 0 to reach a customer service representative and by pass the recording

# QUESTIONS?



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# GED 2014: Florida and National Trends

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# July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 National Data: What We Know of Student Successes

Facts	Numbers
GED.com accounts	730,798
Test-takers	292,182
Completers	188,796
Passers	149,464
Pass rate	79%

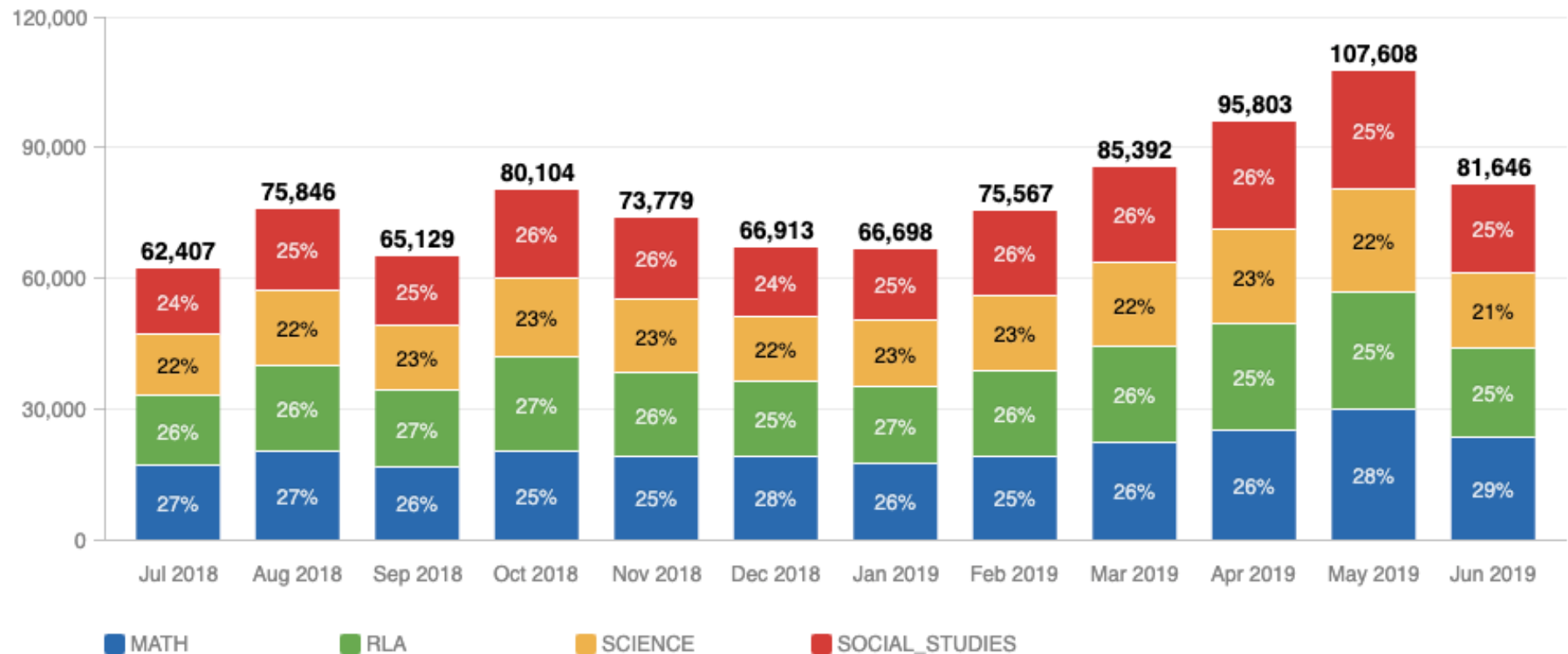
# Pass rates

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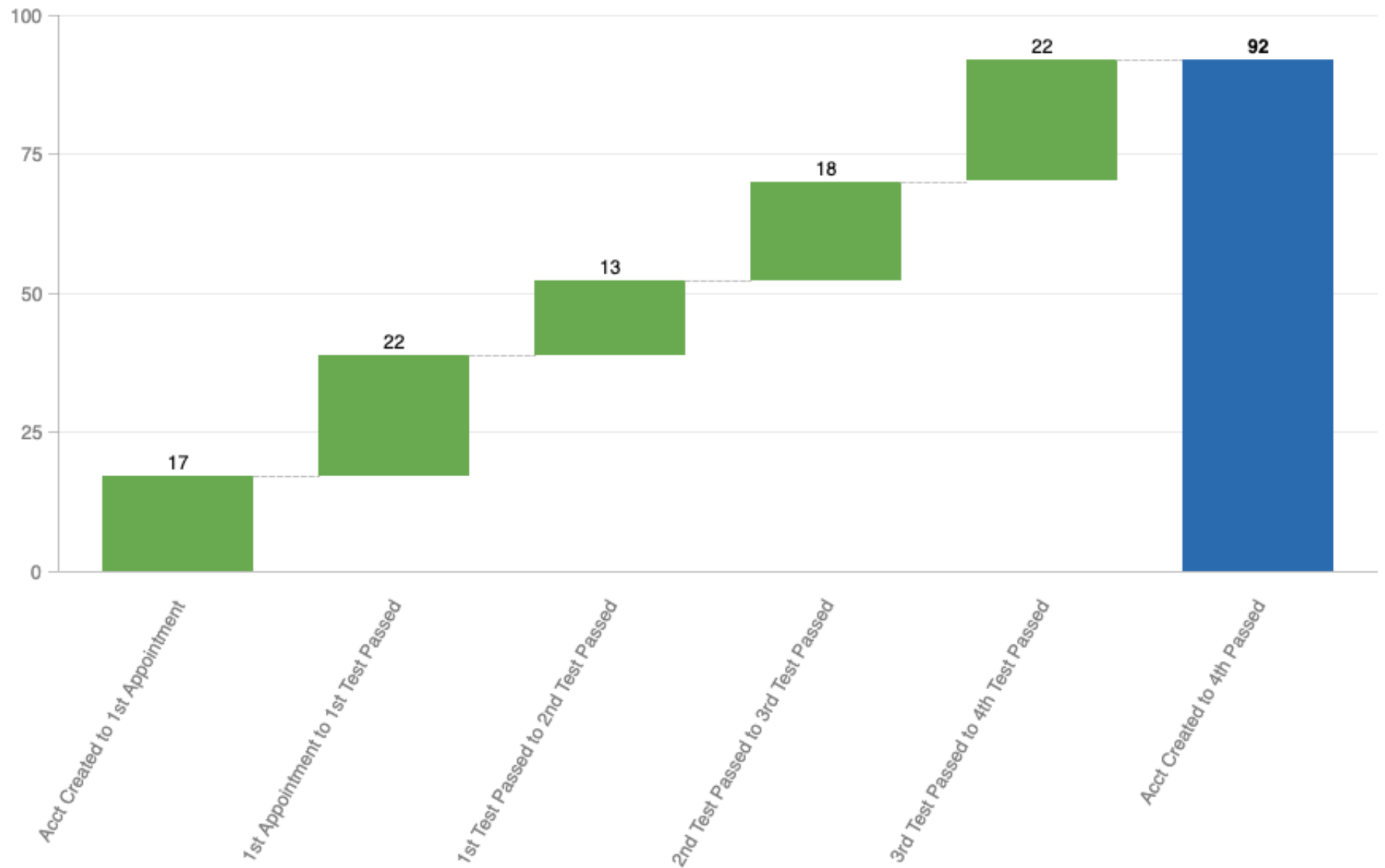
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# 2018-2019 National Data

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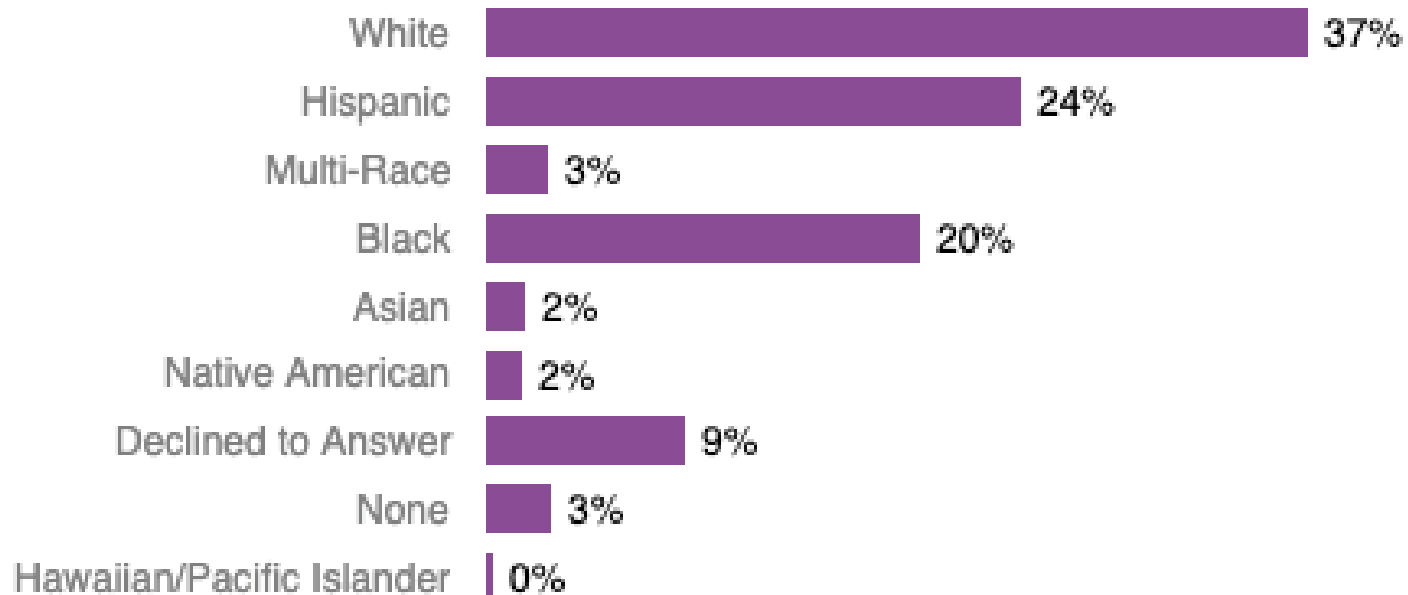


Test Taker Journey Breakdown - Average Days to Pass



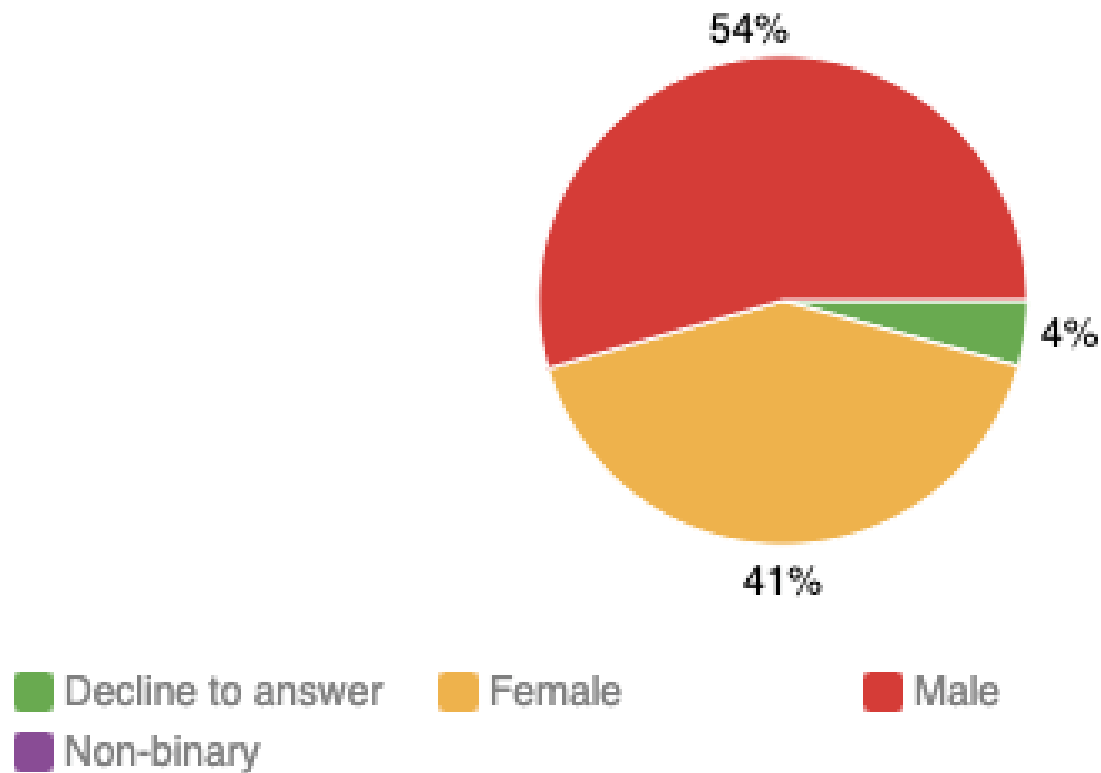
# National Testers by Race / Ethnicity

## Race/Ethnicity Percentages



# National Testers by Gender

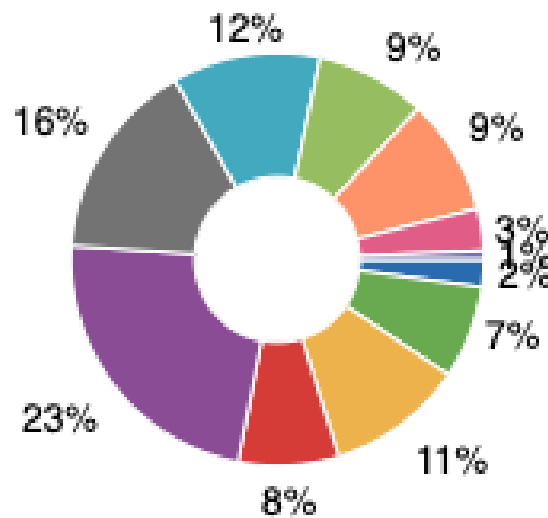
Gender




# National Testers by Age

Age Group ▼

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Avg Age





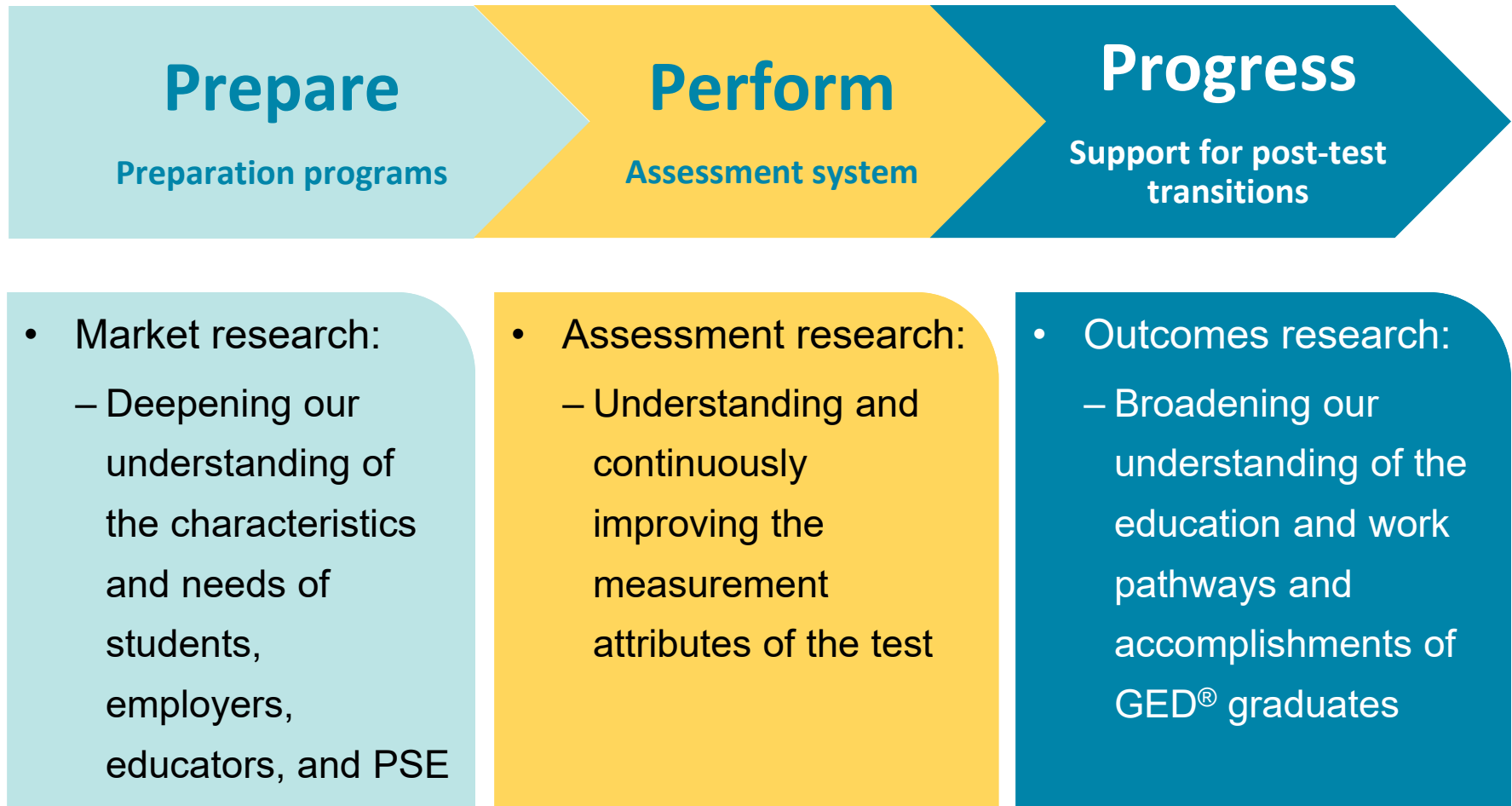


# GED® Test Outcomes Research Update

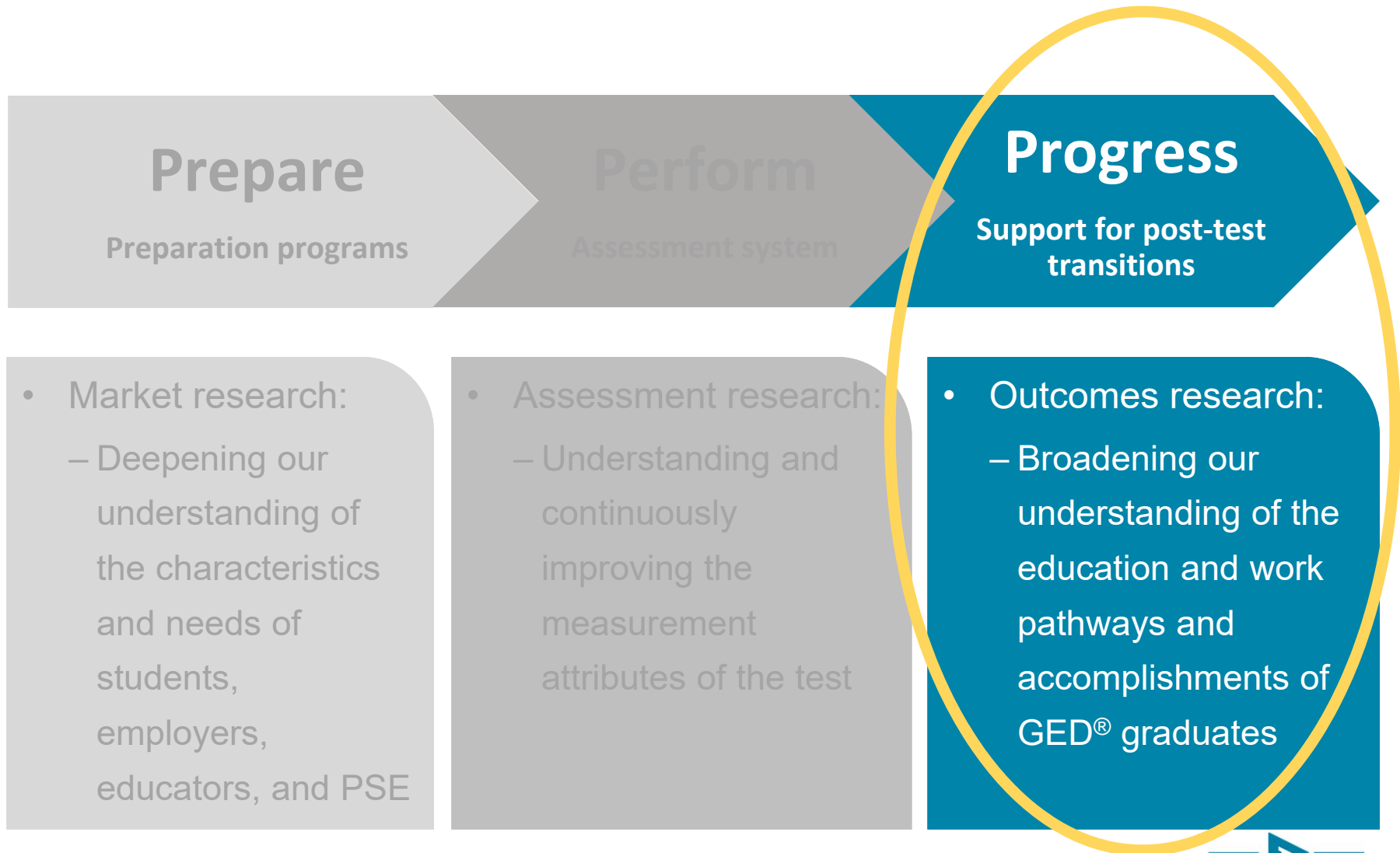
*Evidence that GED® Graduates are better  
prepared for success in college than ever  
before*



# The GED® Program Frames Our Research



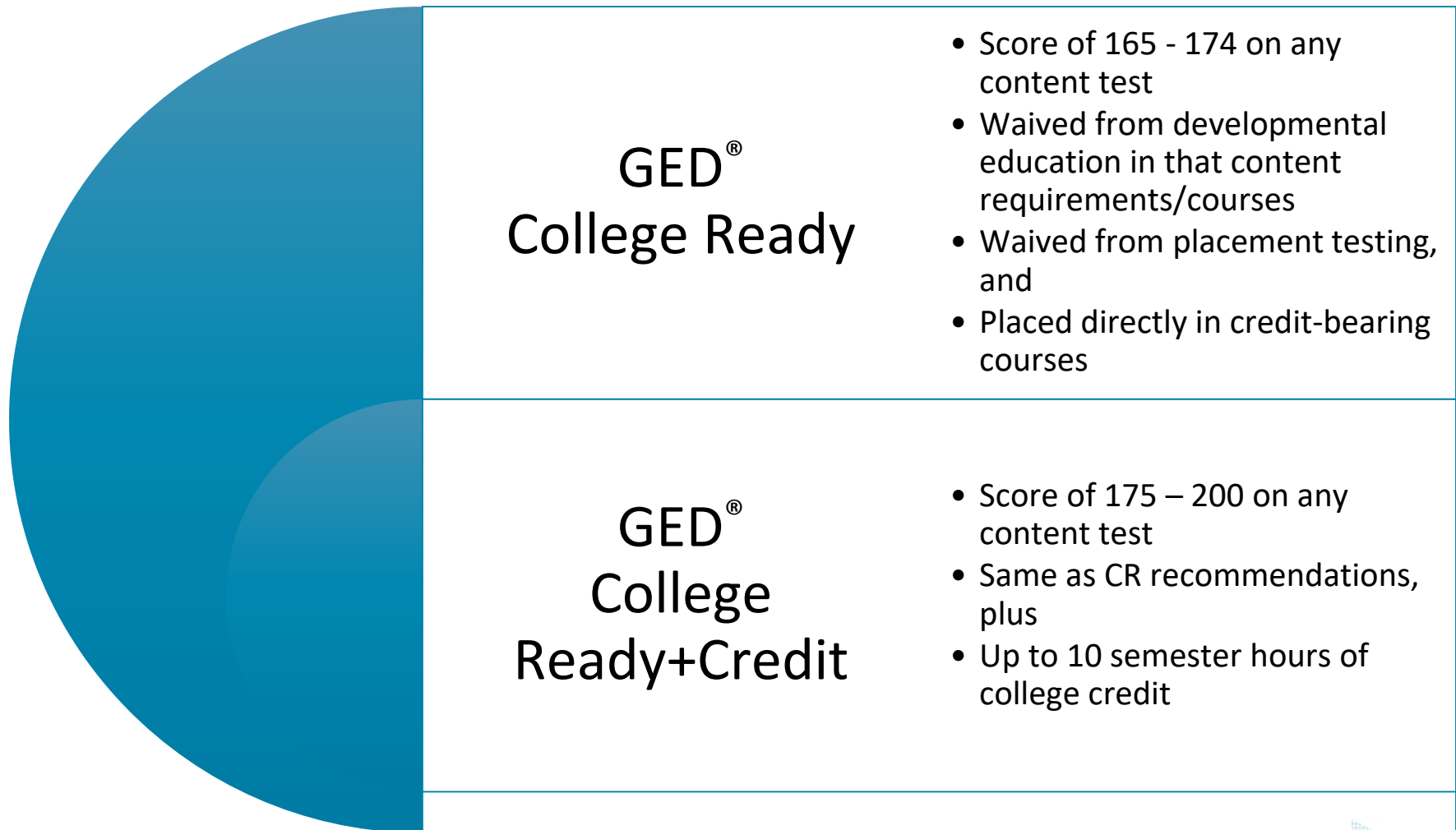
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# GED® Test Performance Levels



# American Council on Education (ACE) Recommendations for the GED® Test





## Many colleges have already adopted the ACE<sup>®</sup> Credit Recommendations

- Approximately 225 colleges across the U.S. have implemented one, or both, of the recommendations (CR and/or CR+credit)
  - Colorado Community College System (both recommendations)
  - Connecticut Public College System
  - Georgia Technical College System
  - Illinois Community College System
  - Kansas Board of Regents (4-year colleges)
  - Kentucky Community College System
  - Ohio Community College System
  - Virginia Community College System
- Additional Colleges in AL, AZ, KS, MA, MO, NJ, NM, OR, PA, RI, WA



Since the launch of the new test in 2014, we have been pursuing evidence of improved student outcomes ...



- Conducting data matches with the National Student Clearinghouse to document rates of progression to postsecondary education



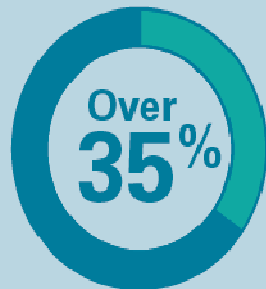
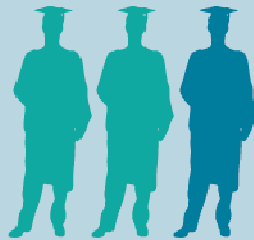
- Working with jurisdictions and colleges to expand the recognition of the ACE<sup>®</sup> Credit Recommendations for the GED<sup>®</sup> test



- Seeking student performance data from jurisdictions and colleges to document student success in credit-bearing college courses

## Our Graduates Are Interested in College

**2 out of 3**  
express interest



Enroll in college  
**within a year** of  
earning their GED  
credential



Enroll in college  
**within 4 years** of  
earning their GED  
credential

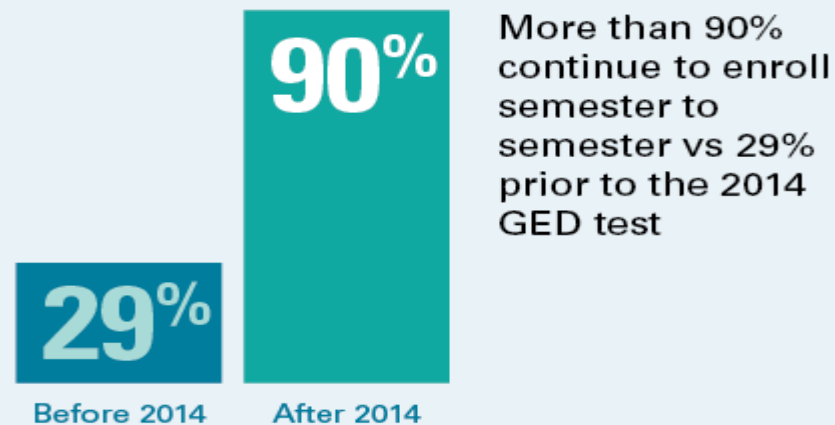
Data match with the National Student Clearing House shows:

- **35%** of GED grads enroll in college within **1 year**
- **41%** of GED grads enroll in college within **2 years**
- **45%** of GED grads enroll in college within **3 years**
- **47%** of GED grads enroll in college within **4 years**



## Our Graduates Follow Through in College

**Persistence is at an all-time high**



Over  
**225**  
U.S. Colleges



accept the GED  
College Ready  
recommendations

# Updated NSC Results

- Mean scores of GED graduates going on to college is well above the minimum passing score for high school equivalency:
  - Math: 158
  - RLA: 162
  - Science: 161
  - Social Studies: 161
- Age of GED graduates going on to college has remained stable over time
  - 81% to 86% of matched grads were between the ages of 16 and 24 when they received their credential

# GED® score crosswalk to SAT and ACT

## SAT

GED® College Ready (165)

- SAT Math – 620
- SAT Reading – 633

GED® CR+Credit (175)

- SAT Math – 657
- SAT Reading – 671

## ACT

GED® College Ready (165)

- ACT Math – 28
- ACT Reading – 29

GED® CR+Credit (175)

- ACT Math – 30
- ACT Reading – 31



# Outcomes data match with a large community college district

## Study design

- Matched GED® graduate scores with district student enrollment and grade data from 2014 - 2018
- Over 1,300 students were matched with credit-bearing course data

## Key outcomes results

- PSE Enrollment – overall, **40% enrolled prior to completing** the GED® credential, and **58% enrolled within 2 years**
- Credit-bearing GPAs were **2.0 or above** for
  - 80% of students at CR+credit
  - 74% for students at CR
  - 70% for students at HSE

## Conclusions

- Confirmed previous GEDTS research on
  - PSE progression rates
  - GED® test Performance
- Supported our hypotheses about college performance of GED® grads

# Research: Next Steps

- We are currently working with a few states and community colleges on data matching of GED test passers to determine enrollment in college, persistence in college, degrees/certificates earned, GPAs, etc as well as job related data.
- We are looking for additional state or local partners across the U.S. to do this type of data matching to study what our GED test passers are doing after earning their credential.





# Thank you!

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