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## New Mexico GED Testing Program Annual Data Summary

*The Tests of General Educational Development (GED) are developed by the GED Testing Service of the American Council on Education to enable persons who have not graduated from high school to demonstrate the attainment of developed abilities normally acquired through completion of a high school program of study. The credential issued by the NM State Board of Education to residents who pass the GED Tests is the **New Mexico High School Diploma**.*

### In New Mexico in 1999:

- ❖ **8,435** candidates took one or more subtest of the GED Tests.
- ❖ **6,699** candidates completed the entire battery of tests.
- ❖ **378** (4%) candidates took the Spanish language version of the tests.
- ❖ **60** requests for special accommodations to testing were granted.
- ❖ The average age of all GED candidates was **23**.
- ❖ The average highest grade completed of all GED candidates was **10<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ **4,577** (68%) of the candidates who successfully completed the GED Tests qualified for the **New Mexico High School Diploma**.
- ❖ The average age of the **New Mexico High School Diploma** recipient was **22**.
- ❖ Of those candidates who received the **New Mexico High School Diploma**:

<b>46%</b> were <i>Female</i>	<b>54%</b> were <i>Male</i>
<b>1%</b> were <i>Asian</i>	<b>2%</b> were <i>African American</i>
<b>39%</b> were <i>Hispanic</i>	<b>6%</b> were <i>Native American</i>
<b>37%</b> were <i>Caucasian</i>	<b>3%</b> were <i>Other</i>
<b>12%</b> were <i>Unknown</i>	
- ❖ **68%** of GED candidates indicated they took the GED Tests for further education.
- ❖ **35%** of GED candidates indicated they took the GED Tests for employment.
- ❖ A **39%** increase in the number of the **New Mexico High School Diplomas** issued has occurred from 1989–1999.

❖ **134,605** of the *New Mexico High School Diplomas* were issued from 1971–1999.