

## NJ GED Tester Profile

The average GED tester in NJ:

Average Age of Tester	26.8 years
Average Age of Passer	24.8 years
Average Education Level	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Gender	
Tester	52% male      48% female
Passers	58.8% male    41.2% female
Tested in 2002	8242
Passed GED in 2002	4304            52% Pass rate

The highest possible total score on the current GED test is 4000. One NJ tester did score a perfect 4000 in 2004.

Top Three reasons for testing:

- Educational pursuits
- Personal Reasons
- Employment

### Additional NJ Statistical Data:

854,197 NJ residents 19 years of age and older lack a high school diploma

Currently 30 GED testing centers in NJ  
(11 of 19 NJ County Colleges conduct GED testing)

Of the 8752 NJ residents tested in 2002, 7955 tested in English, 797 in Spanish and zero tested in French

NJ individuals of note who attained a GED:

- Former Governor Jim Florio
- Dr. Carol M Swain; Associate Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

## National Statistics

According to the 2000 US Census, over 34 million adults over 18 years, or 16% of the entire US population within this age range did not complete high school and do not have a high school diploma.

More than 860,000 people worldwide take the GED test annually

The current, 2002 version of the GED test is the fourth version of the GED test since it's introduction in 1942.

More than 95 % of US employers consider the GED graduates equivalent with high school graduates in regard to hiring, salary and opportunity

Only six out of ten current high school graduates would be unable to pass the current GED test.

In the US and Canada in 2002 only 1.5% adults without a high school diploma took the GED test.

National GED graduates include;

Current Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner

Senator John Nighthorse Campbell

Bill Cosby Comedian/Actor

Kelly McGillis Actress

Walter Amos Famous Amos Cookies

Mary Lou Retton Olympic Gold Medal Winner

Christian Slater Actor

Dave Thomas Founder: Wendy's