



# 2014 State Report – Oregon

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# About the 2014 State Report

For 72 years, the GED® test has provided a second opportunity for adults without a high school credential to earn their jurisdiction's GED® test credential. The 2014 Report on the GED® program shares the most recent testing results for the first year of the 2014 GED® program.

As in the past, this report provides GED® test performance statistics for test-takers in your state. However, this year's redesigned report is broken down into two separate reports: a state-specific report and a national report. These two reports will be released separately, with the state-specific report available first. This change allows us to make your state's statistical findings available as quickly as possible for reporting purposes. The 2014 National Report examining national data will be available shortly.

This report includes your state's statistical findings in 2014 as well as January-June 2015. You can use these findings to gauge GED® program performance in your state and report on your program's performance for state/local grants or funding. Please share this information with your state programs and testing centers as you see fit.

# 2014 Oregon findings

|                                      | OR 2014 Series testing | National 2014 Series testing | OR 2002 Series testing | National 2002 Series testing | Total OR | Total National |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Test subjects (modules) administered | 14,947                 | 643,508                      | -                      | 295,935                      | 14,947   | 939,443        |
| Test-takers                          | 4,216                  | 172,678                      | -                      | 60,326                       | 4,216    | 233,004        |
| Test completers                      | 2,348                  | 98,573                       | -                      | 54,113                       | 2,348    | 152,686        |
| GED® graduates                       | 1,770                  | 58,571                       | -                      | 35,927                       | 1,770    | 94,498         |
| Pass rate                            | 75.4%                  | 59.4%                        | -                      | 66.4%                        | 75.4%    | 61.9%          |

# Caveat slide

- Small variances may exist between the data maintained by Oregon and the numbers in this report
- Contributing factors include but are not limited to test-taker movement between jurisdictions and duplicate records

# A look at 2014 vs 2015

## Comparison of Oregon test-taker performance in 2014 and 2015

|                            | January<br>– June<br>2014 OR | January<br>– June<br>2015 OR | %<br>Variance<br>OR | January<br>– June<br>2014<br>National | January<br>– June<br>2015<br>National | %<br>Variance |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Test subjects administered | 7,037                        | 13,030                       | 85.2%               | 428,942                               | 556,836                               | 29.8%         |
| Test-takers                | 2,065                        | 4,391                        | 112.6%              | 116,982                               | 176,247                               | 50.7%         |
| Test completers            | 1,104                        | 2,099                        | 90.1%               | 76,111                                | 87,815                                | 15.4%         |
| GED <sup>®</sup> graduates | 775                          | 1,749                        | 125.7%              | 39,925                                | 60,669                                | 52.0%         |
| Pass rate                  | 70.2%                        | 83.3%                        | 18.7%               | 52.5%                                 | 69.1%                                 | 31.7%         |

# Notable trends in Oregon

- Oregon has seen test volume increases in 2015 that exceed the national averages
- The pass rate in Oregon is among the highest states in the country
- 2015 YTD OR has seen a 86% increase in test-takers as compared to the same time period in 2014
- 2015 YTD OR has seen a 102% increase in passers as compared to the same time period in 2014

# A closer look: 2014 [transition] volume

- The introduction of a new test always results in significant but temporary changes in volume compared with older test results. Prior to 2014, the last new test release in 2002 resulted in a 50% drop in volume. In 2003, testing volume bounced back to 81% of pre-close out volume.(1)
- 2013 saw a surge in testing (540,000 in 2013 vs. 400,000 in 2012), typical of a close-out year before a new test is launched.(2)
- In June 2015, the unemployment rate fell to 5.3%, which is the lowest it's been in seven years.(3) We've consistently seen a drop in GED<sup>®</sup> testing volume during periods of low unemployment.
- High school equivalency testing declined across the U.S. regardless of the test each state used. States offering the GED<sup>®</sup> test in 2014 saw a 49% decline in HSE testing volume from 2013, while states offering the TASC and HiSET tests saw a 56% and 41% decline, respectively.(4)

# National Report available soon

- The National Annual Report will be publicly available next month
- The report will include information on:
  - National GED<sup>®</sup> test volume and pass rates
  - National HSE testing trends (GED<sup>®</sup> test, HiSET, TASC )
  - GED<sup>®</sup> graduate performance after the test
  - Top-level look at state GED<sup>®</sup> program data



# Sources

- (1) 2003 Annual Statistical report: <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/historical-testing-data>
- (2) 2012, 2013 Annual Statistical reports: <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/historical-testing-data>
- (3) Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000000>
- (4) Based on numbers provided/reported in the Wall Street Journal and to the: [National Council of State Adult Education Directors](#)

# Questions?

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