

Adult Secondary Credentials

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Comparing the Three Options

Option	Name	Main Measure	Authority	Diploma Issuer
Credit	High School Diploma	Credits (Grades, Instructional Hours)	Local K-12 School District	Local School District
Test	High School Equivalency Diploma	Passing Test Scores	GED Testing Service*	Minnesota Department of Education
Competency	Standard Adult High School Diploma	Demonstration of Competencies	Minnesota Department of Education	Minnesota Department of Education (& district?)

New State Standard Adult High School Diploma Programs launched annually

Application typically due in February

Must complete before launching:

- **College and Career Readiness Standards Training (9 months)**
- **Standard Adult Diploma 101 (2 days typically in May)**



Current G.E.D. Subsidy

\$10 off the first test in each subject (\$40 max)

Use code **MNGED10**

Test in Minnesota or approved border
community testing center

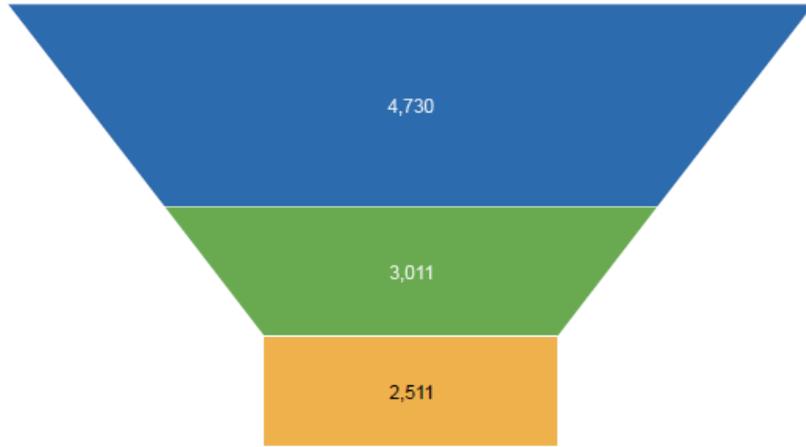
MN legislature allocated \$125,000 for subsidy

Will be available until all funds are spent



2,511 High School Equivalency Diplomas Issued and 14,498 GED Tests Taken in Minnesota in 2017-18

GED® Test Takers to Passer Funnel Chart



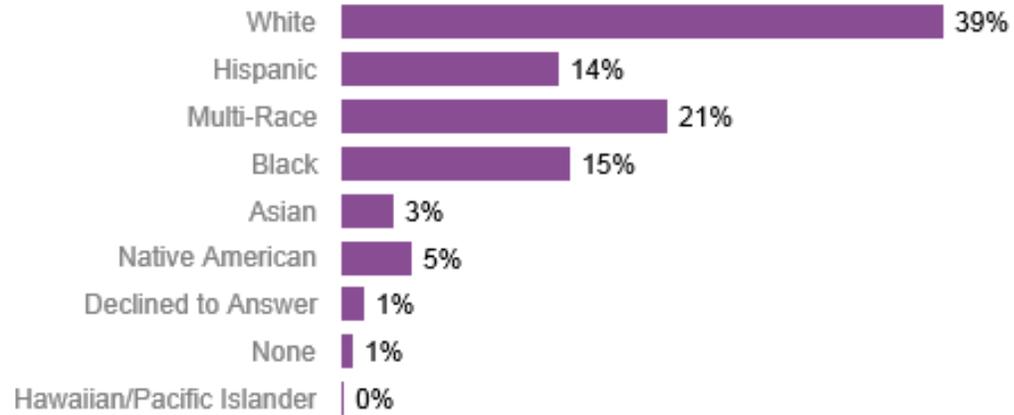
GED® Test Takers # Completers # Passers

GED® Tests Taken by Content Area and Month

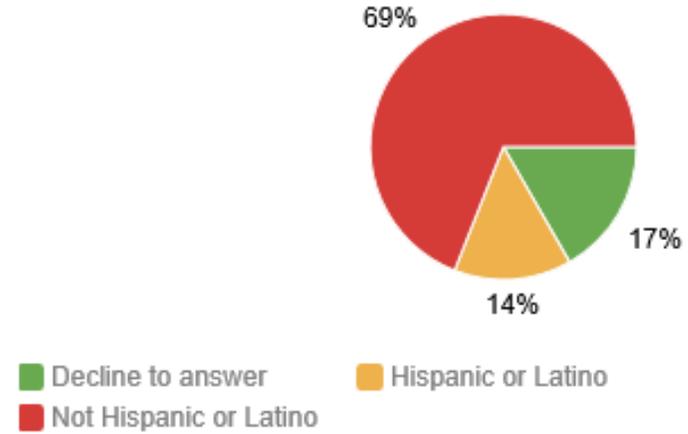


Minnesota's GED Testers

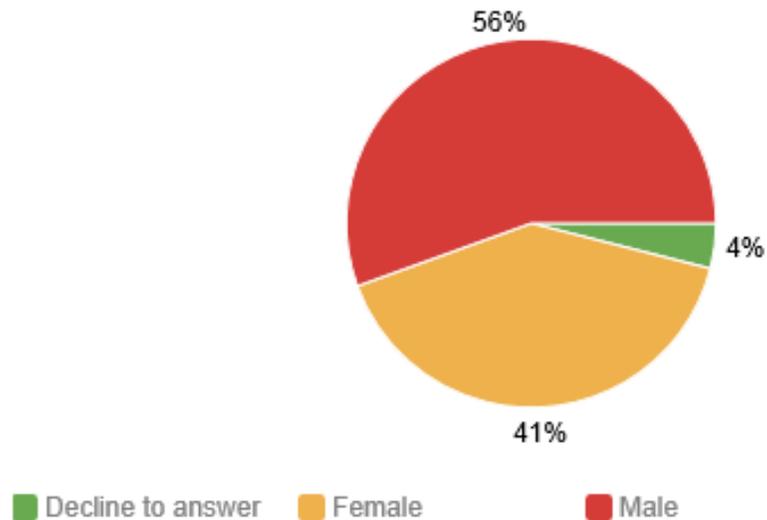
Race/Ethnicity Percentages



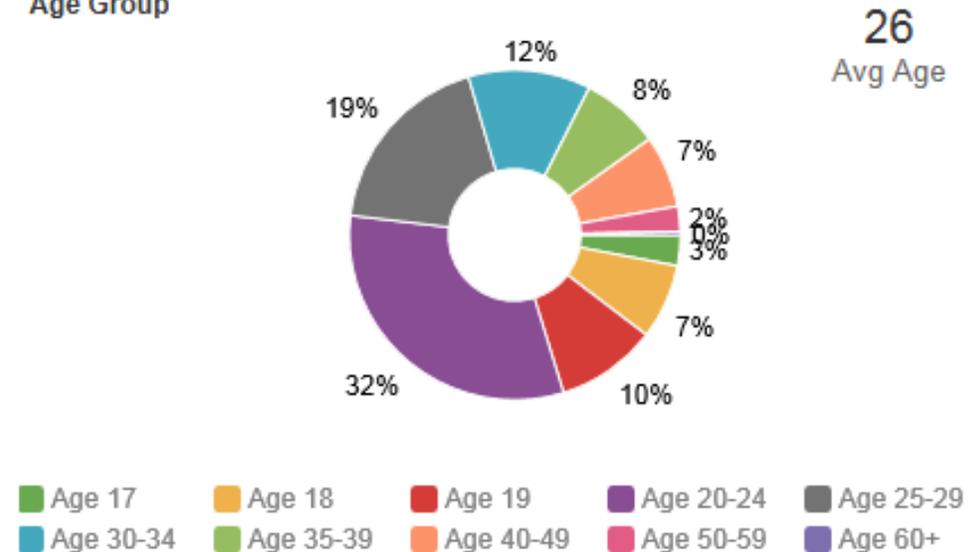
Ethnicity



Gender



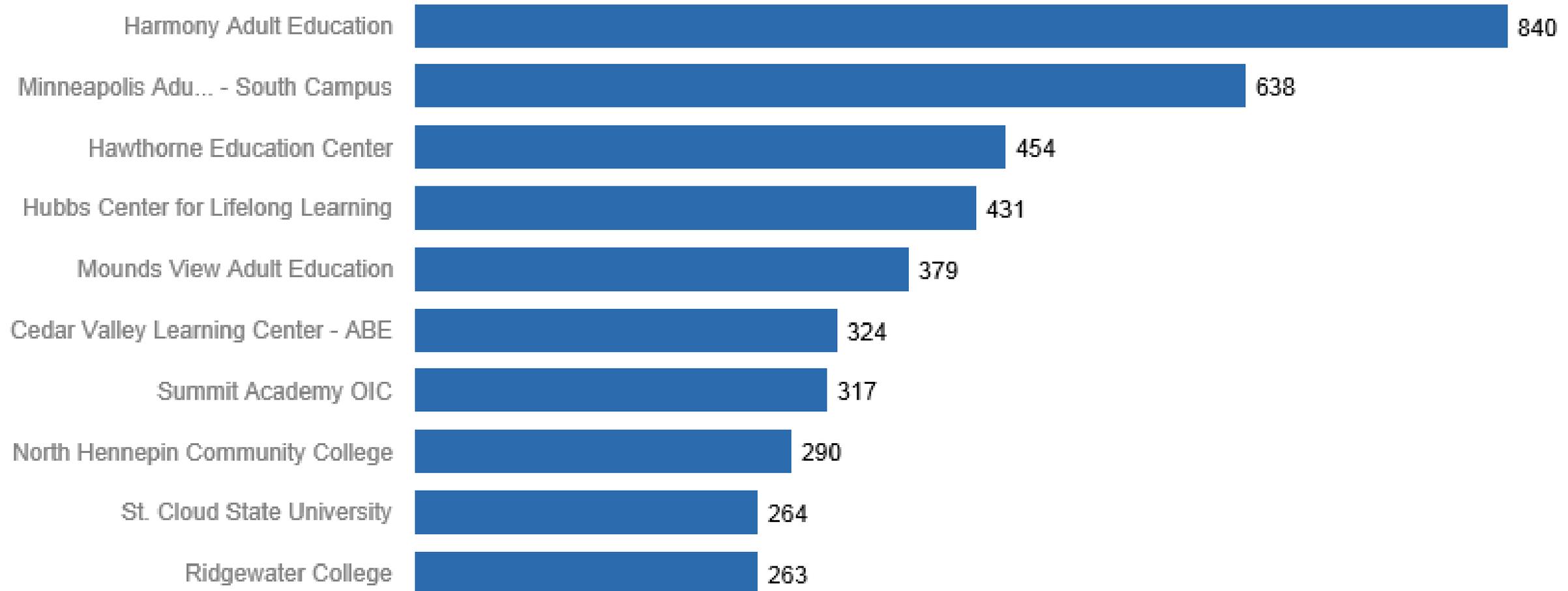
Age Group



Thank You, GED Test Centers!

of Test Centers 192

Top 10 Test Centers by # of Exams Taken



Additional GED Testing News

BREAKING NEWS



- Reporting testing errors is not happening consistently or timely enough. All errors should be reported that day using Service Direct reporting!
- New trainings available from GED Testing Service, especially for corrections programs.
- New pilot of GED Analytics Lite by some local ABE GED specialists.
- Make sure the appropriate ABE program staff have student-authorized access to GED Manager. Request access for new staff and request removal of staff that leave your program.

Contact Brad Hasskamp with questions.

Minnesota High School Equivalency Test Selection

The ABE Stakeholder Group met twice to:

- Review research from other states and assessment specialists
- Develop and prioritize recommendations for test proposal criteria and process

ABE Stakeholder Group's 16 Members

Adam Kuehnel	Minnesota Department of Corrections
Amy Fish	Detroit Lakes
Amy Stotzheim	St. Paul
Andy Albee	Robbinsdale
Annessia Swann	American Indian OIC
Brent Olinger	Metro East
Britt Gulstrand	Metro East
Christian McCleary	St. Paul
Dave Close	Red Lake
Dave Haugen	Minneapolis
Karen Wolters	Mankato
Lindsey Cermak	St. Paul
Patty Fleege	Duluth
Sarah Hoggard	ThinkSelf, Inc. Deaf ABE
Shane Mueller	South Washington County
Shari Bruner	Glacial Lakes

Where are we in the process?



4 Phases

1. Planning and Process Development
2. Overview and Recommendations for Criteria and RFP
3. **RFP Process (current phase)**
4. Approval, Transition Planning, and Implementation

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A collage of graduation caps and gowns. The top half shows several black graduation caps (mortarboards) against a light blue sky, with some hands holding them up. The bottom half shows a group of diverse graduates in black gowns, smiling and celebrating, with some raising their arms. The background is a soft, warm glow, possibly from a sunset or sunrise.

Minnesota Department of Education is now working with Department of Administration on creating the application/RFP (request for proposals)

Application expected to be posted late Fall 2018. Results to be announced by June 2019. If there are changes, we will be planning a transition period with the tests.

Questions?

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