

# HSE Update: National External Diploma Program, College Credit, TASC™

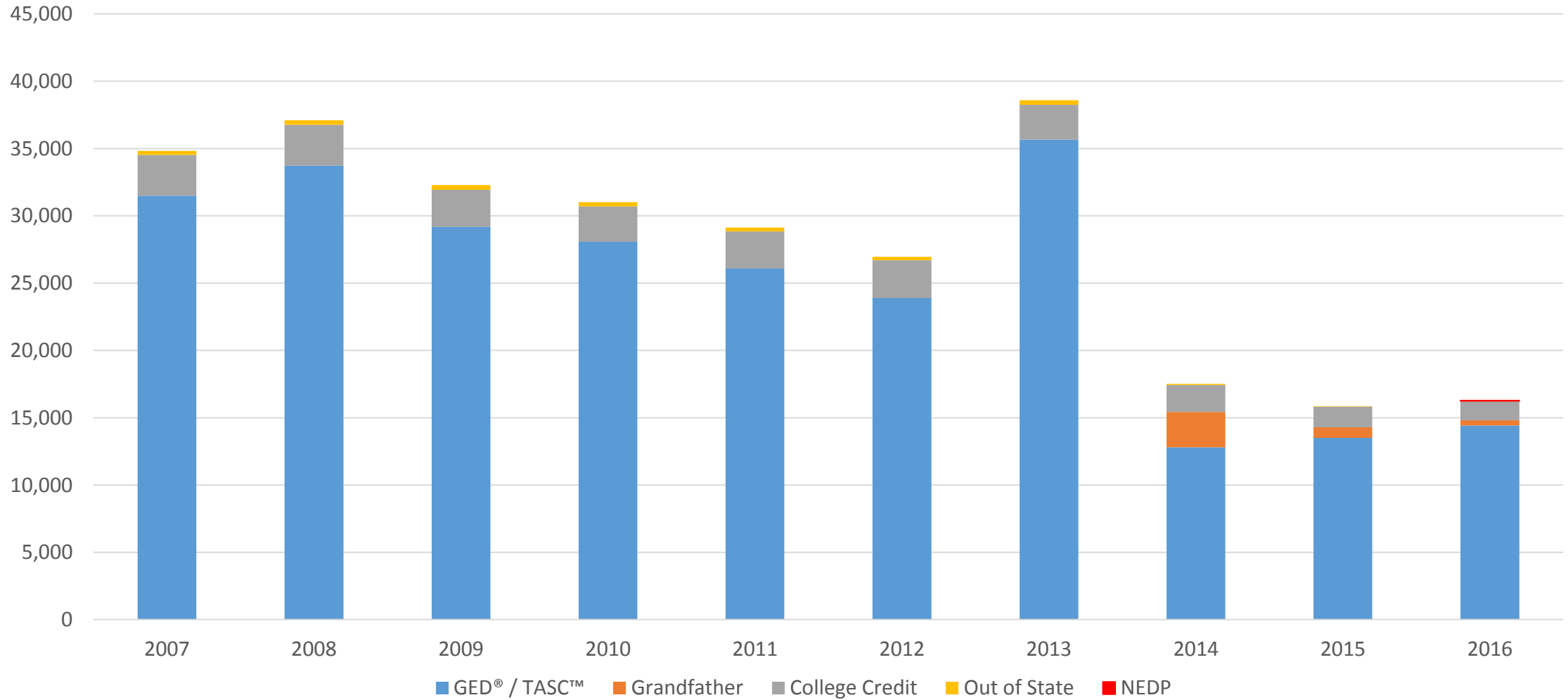
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# High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma: Three Pathways

- **24 College Credits**
- **National External Diploma Program (NEDP)**
- **High School Equivalency Test – Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC™ test)**

# High School Equivalency Diplomas Issued 2007-2016



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# National External Diploma Program (NEDP)

- May 17, 2016: CR 100.7 added NEDP as 3<sup>rd</sup> pathway to State HSE diploma; student eligibility age lowered from 21 to 18 years of age
- NYSED issues HSE diplomas and provides other needed resources to NEDP agencies
- 34 state HSE diplomas issued between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. An additional 121 were issued at the local level prior to September 2016.

# NEDP Assessment Design: Overview

- NEDP is a competency-based, applied performance assessment system where students must demonstrate 100% mastery of tasks that mirror real life and work situations.
- NEDP contains competencies in 10 content areas (including *Applied Math and Numeracy*, *Science*, and *21<sup>st</sup> Century Workplace*).
- After the student completes all tasks, a final evaluation is done by an NEDP reviewer. Upon approval, the student is granted a New York State high school equivalency diploma.

# NEDP Sample Performance Task: Science

**Competency:** Identify and analyze scientific issues underlying national debate and decisions, citing supporting evidence.

**Performance Task:** Collect research information presenting both sides of a scientific issue currently in the news, and:

- Identify textual evidence that describes both sides of the identified issue;
- Use multiple data sources to identify claims and counterclaims fairly for both sides of the argument;
- Differentiate the most relevant evidence from the data sources presented;
- Describe the strengths and limitations of both claims and counterclaims; and
- Write a concluding statement that supports one side of the argument, citing supporting evidence.

# NEDP Locations in NYS



# NEDP Expansion in NYS

- SED is incentivizing growth; contract allows for 10 new/expansion sites per FY through 2018.
- Recruitment efforts: equitable geographic distribution, familiarity with NEDP; program sustainability
- CASAS training/support
- EPE funding; increased contact hours



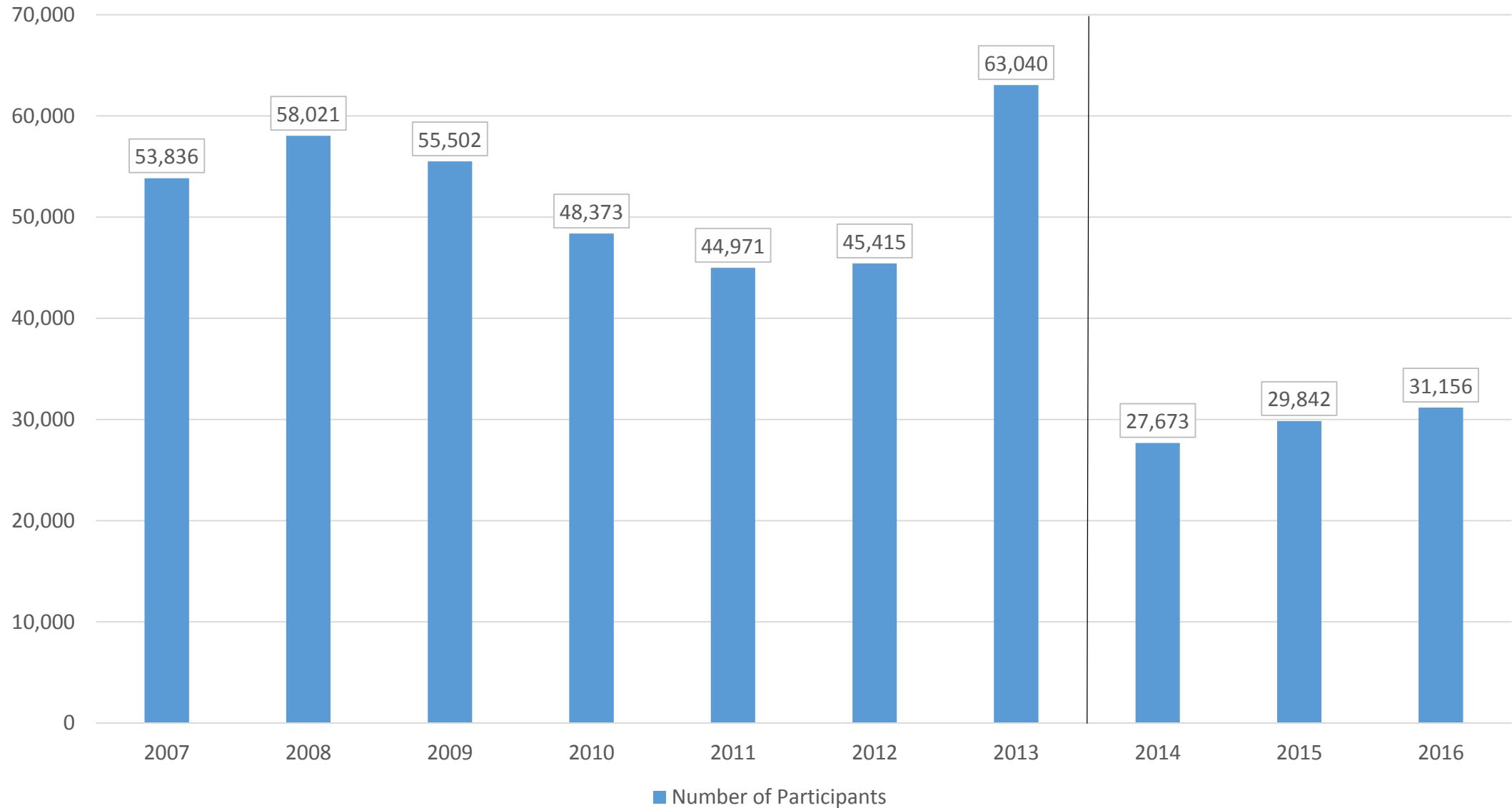
# College Credit: Second Pathway

- Established in 1963
- 24 credit hours of college-level courses
  - 6 credits in English Language Arts
  - 3 credits each in: mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences and humanities
  - 6 credits within the registered degree or certificate program
- Application review conducted by NYSED
- Applicants often include Ability-to-Benefit (ATB), home schooled, and foreign-born students attending college in NYS

# HSE Test: First Pathway

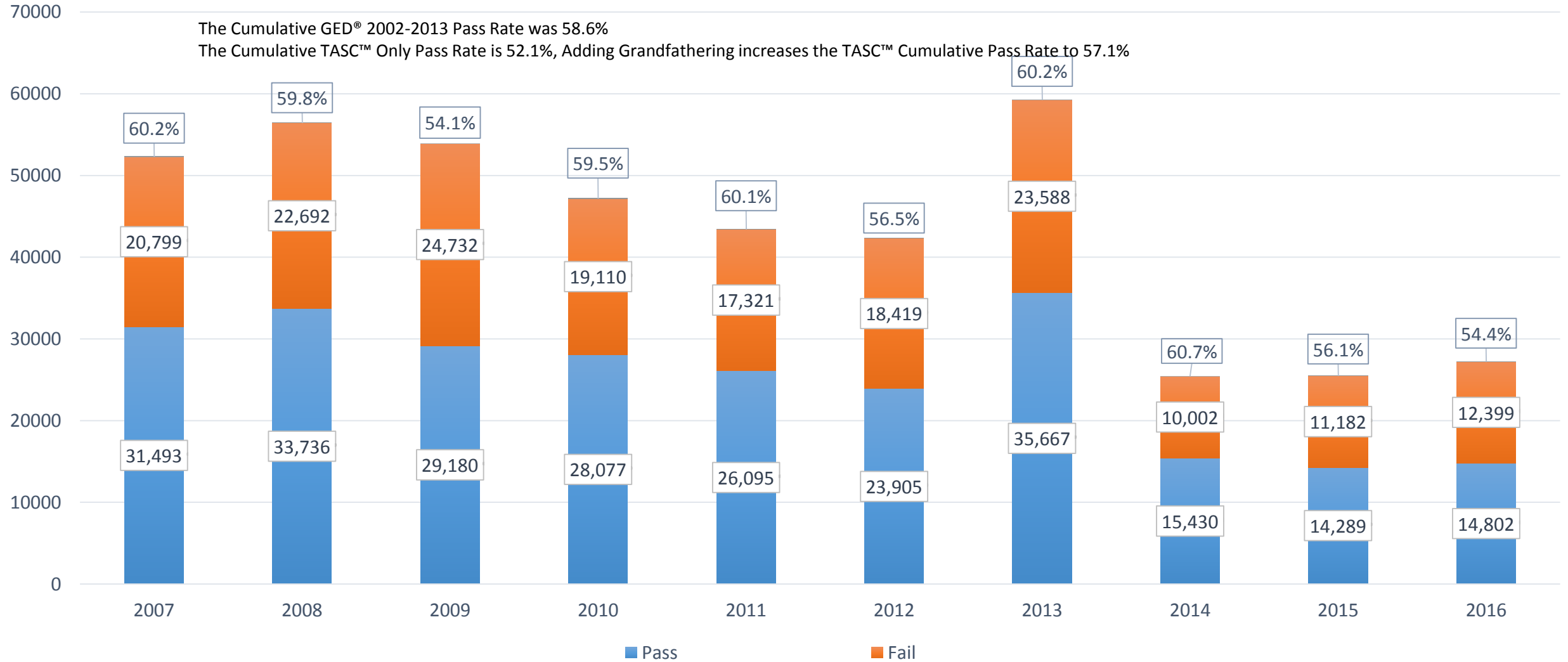
- Test of General Educational Development
- 1940s – 2013 GED®
- 2014 – Current Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC test™)

# Participants: High School Equivalency Test GED<sup>®</sup> and TASC<sup>™</sup>



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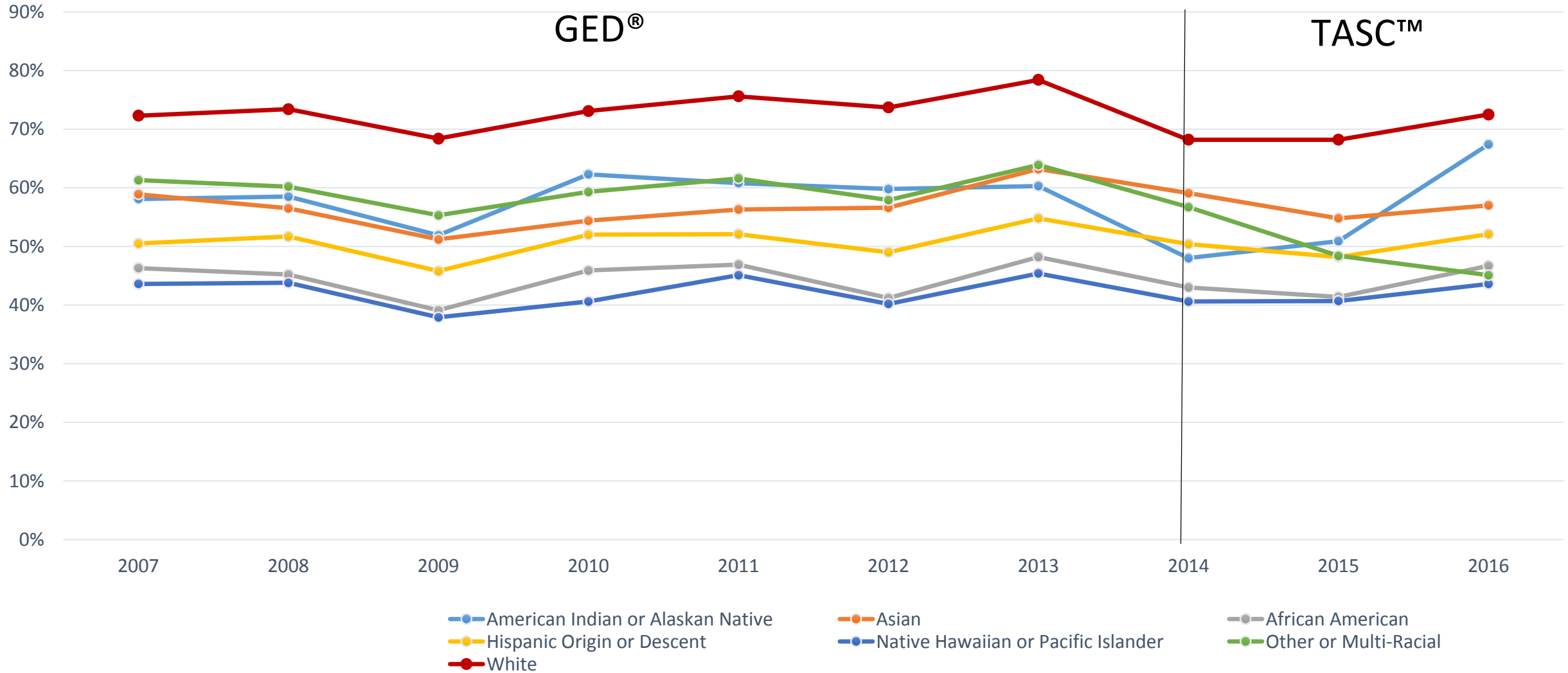
# NYS High School Equivalency GED® and TASC™ Completer Pass Rate (Includes Grandfathering)



Even though the TASC™ test is a more challenging test, the TASC™ pass rate is comparable to the GED® pass rate.

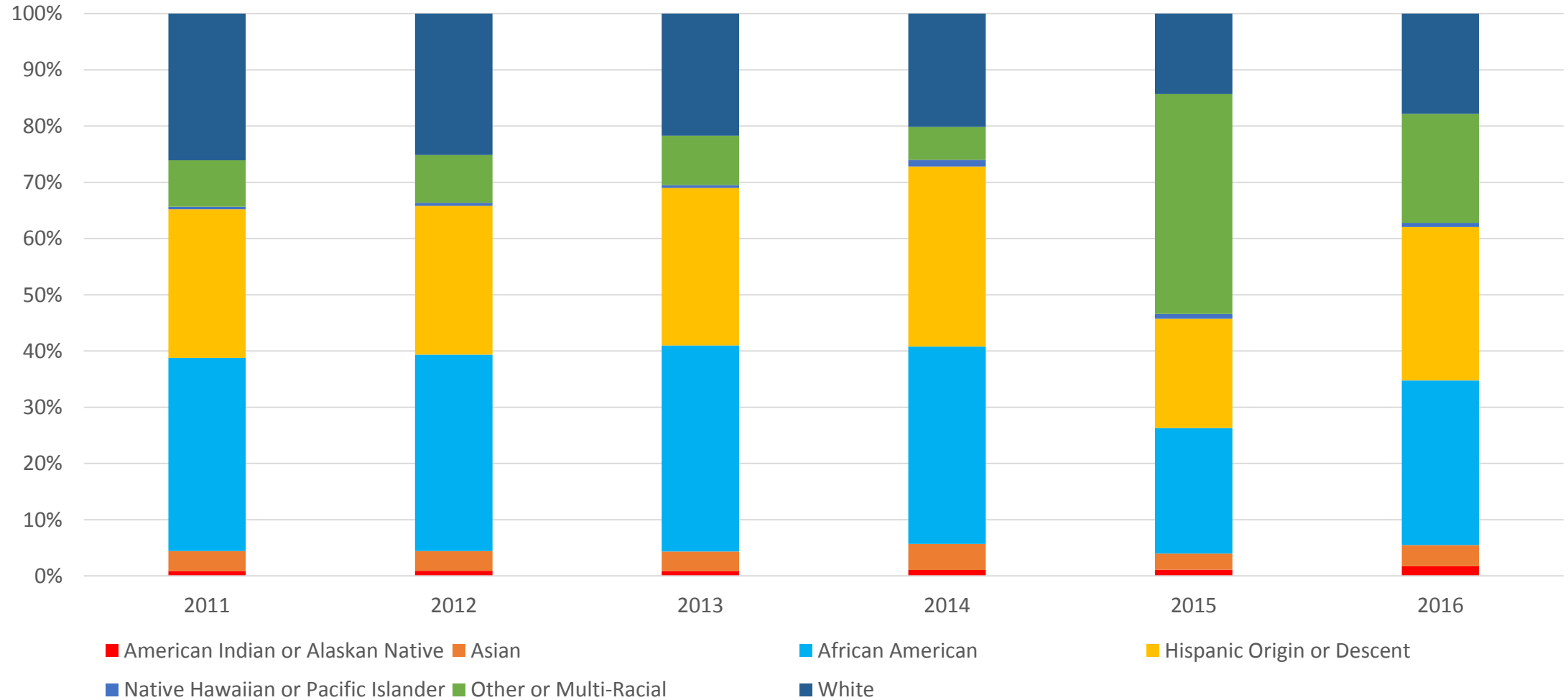
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# NYS High School Equivalency GED<sup>®</sup> and TASC<sup>™</sup> Completer Pass Rate For Examinees Reporting Race/Ethnicity (Includes Grandfathering)



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# NYS GED® (2011-2013) vs. TASC™ (2014-2016) Examinee Demographics: Race/Ethnicity



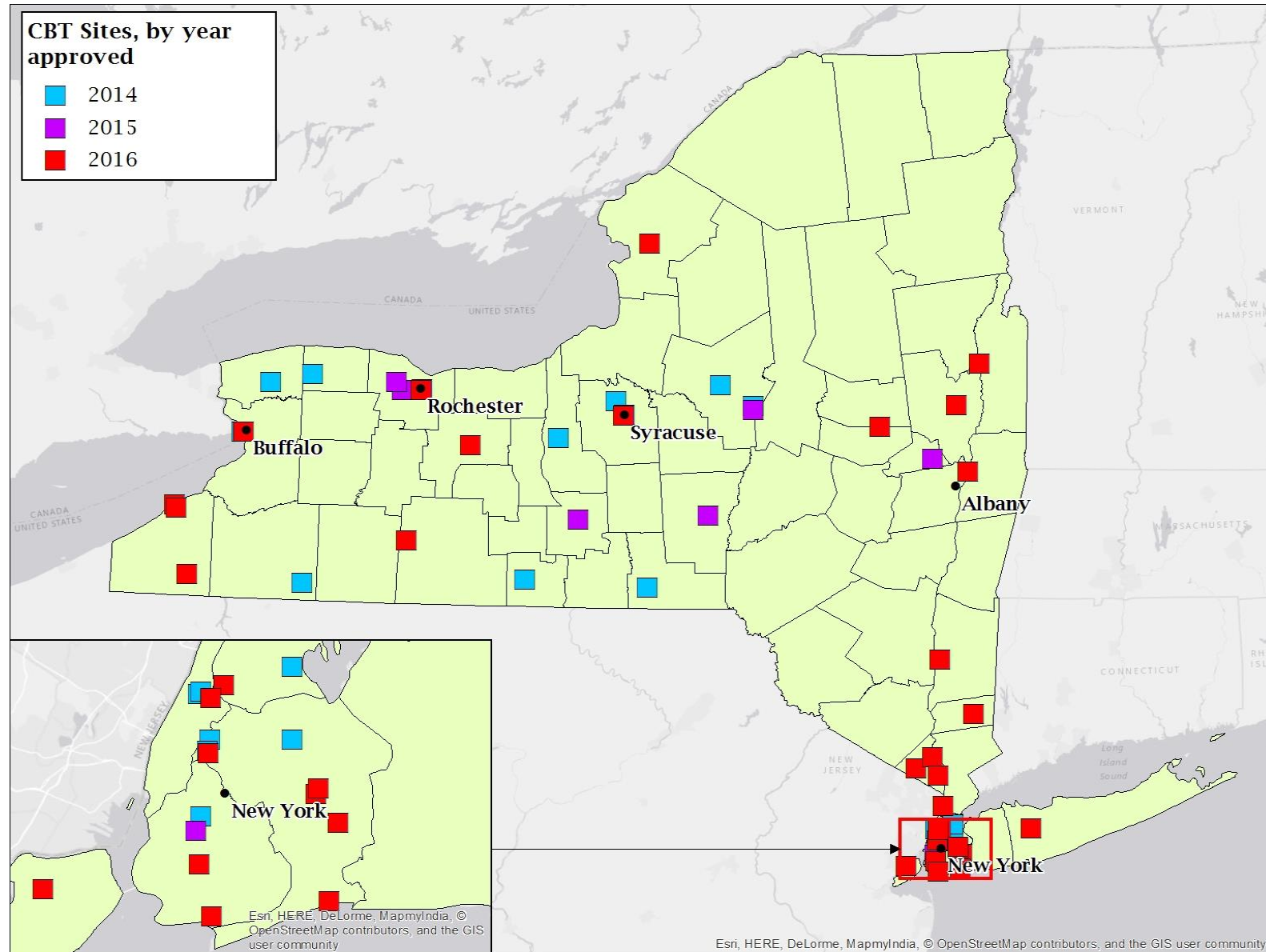
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Data includes information on completers and partial testers.

# TASC: Overview

- 5 subtests (Math, Science, Reading, Writing, Social Studies)
  - English, Spanish, Braille, Large Print and Audio
- 500+ on each subtest to earn the HSE diploma
- Vendor scores the test
- NYSED verifies test results and issues diplomas and transcripts
- Free to tester, test up to three times per year
  - Education Law 317 prohibits charging fees to examinees
  - Cost to state is \$10.40 per subtest, \$52 for complete test battery
- Readiness tests – Practice tests that are half of the length of the actual TASC test

# TASC Computer Based Test Locations in NYS





# CBT Mode Testimonial

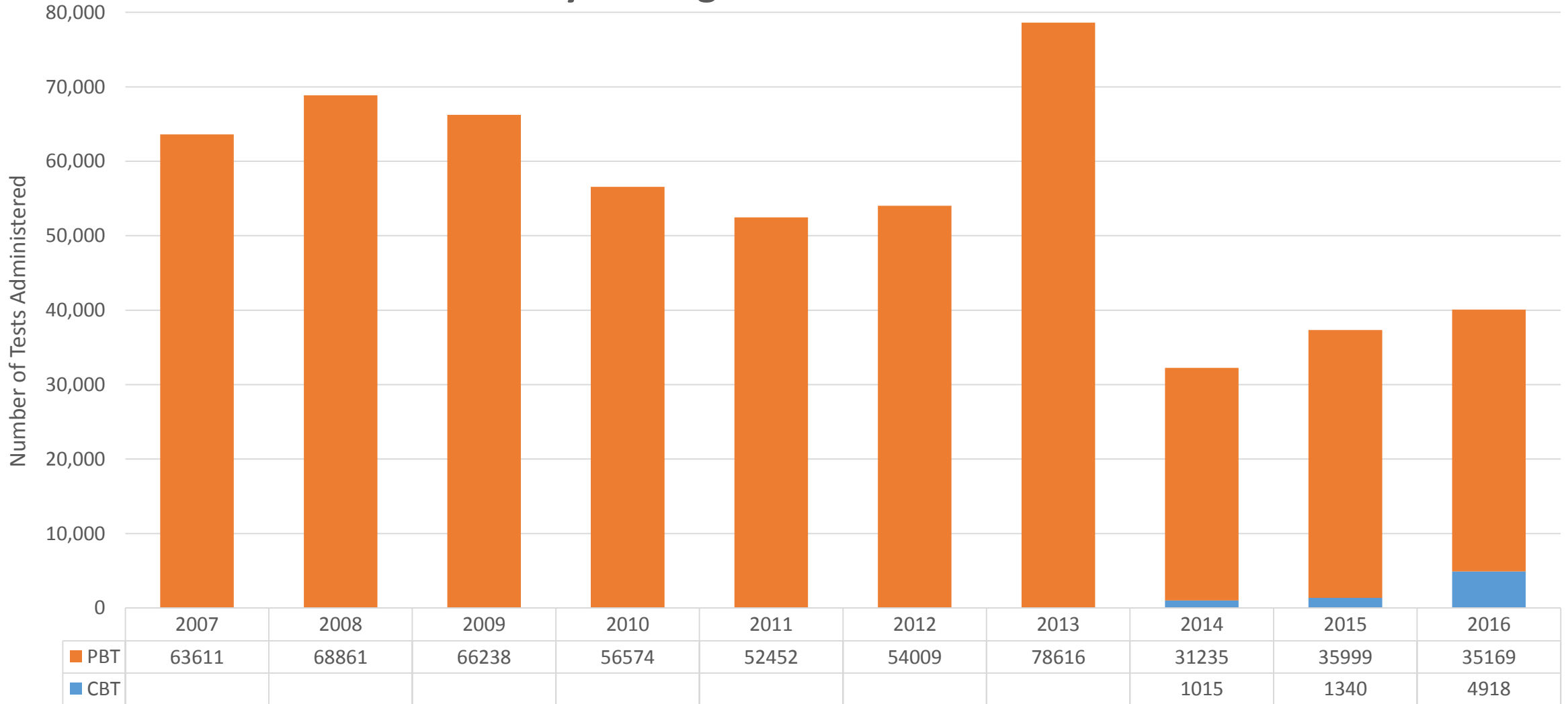
“...it was wonderful!! The amount of time that it takes to prepare for a computer-based test is half the time it takes for the paper-based. Also, the test runs so efficiently in terms of timing.”

Elizabeth Kendall

Associate Vice President of Resource Development

Rockland Community College

# Total Number of GED® and TASC™ Test Administrations Per Year By Testing Mode 2007-2016



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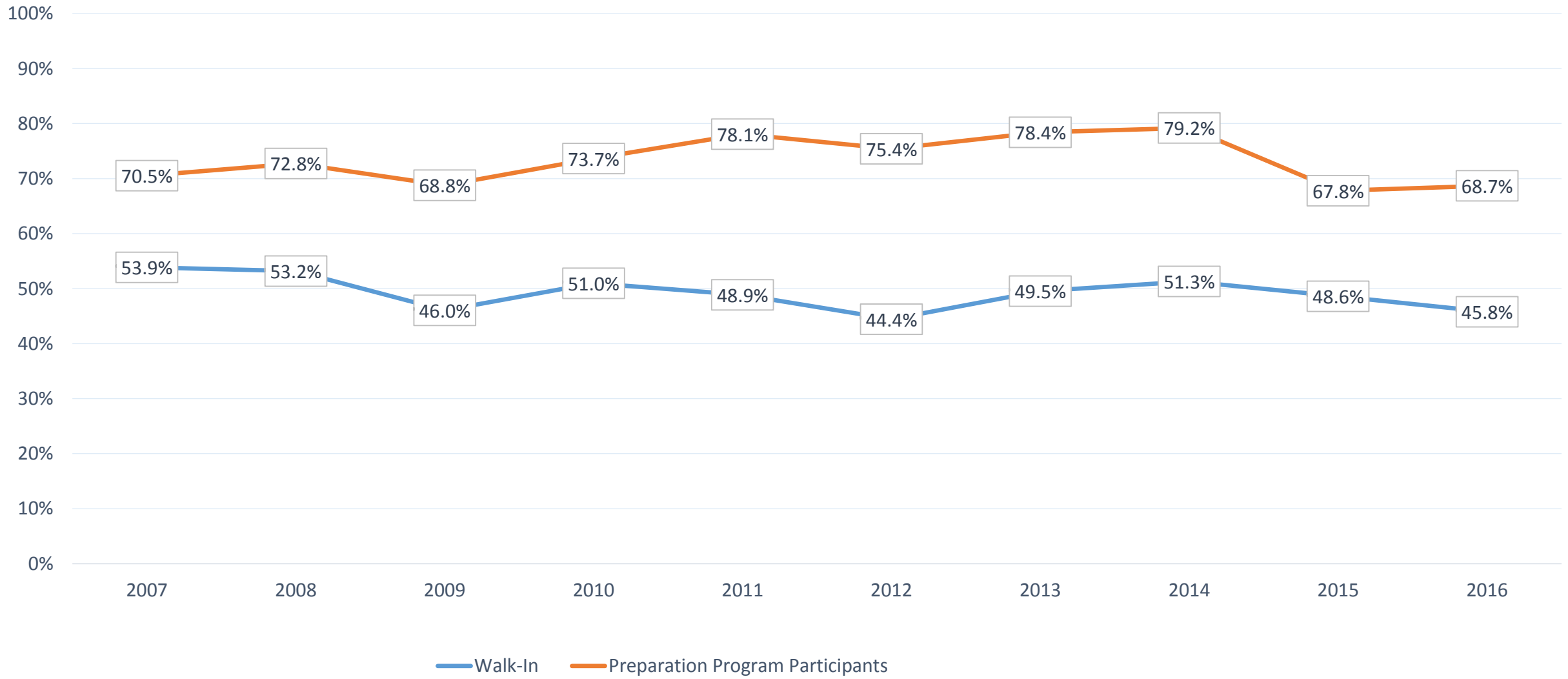
# TASC: Content Overview

- Three editions of TASC : ABC (2014), DEF (2015), GHI (2016)
  - Aligned to nationally recognized high school learning standards
  - Earlier iterations of exam contained content not required for high school graduation
    - For example, in math subtest:
      - Radian measure
      - Logarithms
      - Deriving the formula for a geometric series
      - Trigonometric functions
      - Complex imaginary numbers

# Resources for Adult Education

- CUNY Teacher Leaders Institutes and Turnkey Trainings
- Websites: ([www.CollectEDNY.org](http://www.CollectEDNY.org), [www.TeachingtotheCore.org](http://www.TeachingtotheCore.org), [www.EngageNY.org](http://www.EngageNY.org))
- Webinars
- Blueprint Revisions
- Item Specifications
- Brochures

# NYS High School Equivalency GED® and TASC™ Completer Pass Rate Walk-In vs. Preparation Program Participants (Includes Grandfathering)



Examinees who participate in preparation programs consistently have better outcomes than walk-in examinees.  
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# HSE TEST FUTURE

- Current TASC test contract with DRC/CTB extended through 2017
- New RFP issued for HSE Test 2018-2020

# HSE Diplomas Looking Forward

- Support, with CASAS, the growth of NEDP as the third pathway to an HSE credential
- Continue to accept and review individual applications for HSE diplomas via the College Credit pathway while exploring the national landscape on this pathway for standardization.
- Expand CBT
- Provide appropriate test center funding
- Deliver frequent and ongoing professional development and other supports for adult educators