

4th Pathway to a High School
Equivalency Diploma: Utilizing Regents
Exams as credit towards
Test Assessing Secondary Completion
(TASC™) Subtests

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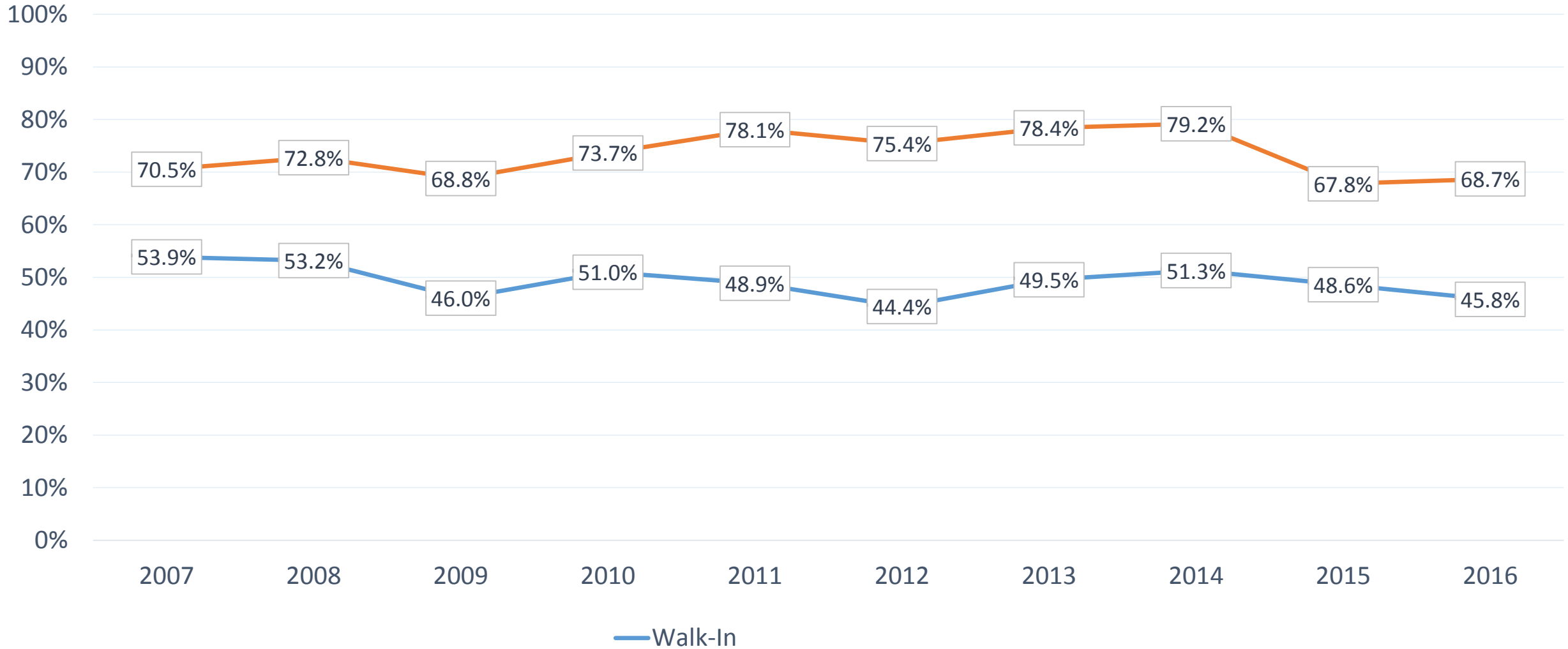
TASC: Overview

- 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 examinee, 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: Content Overview

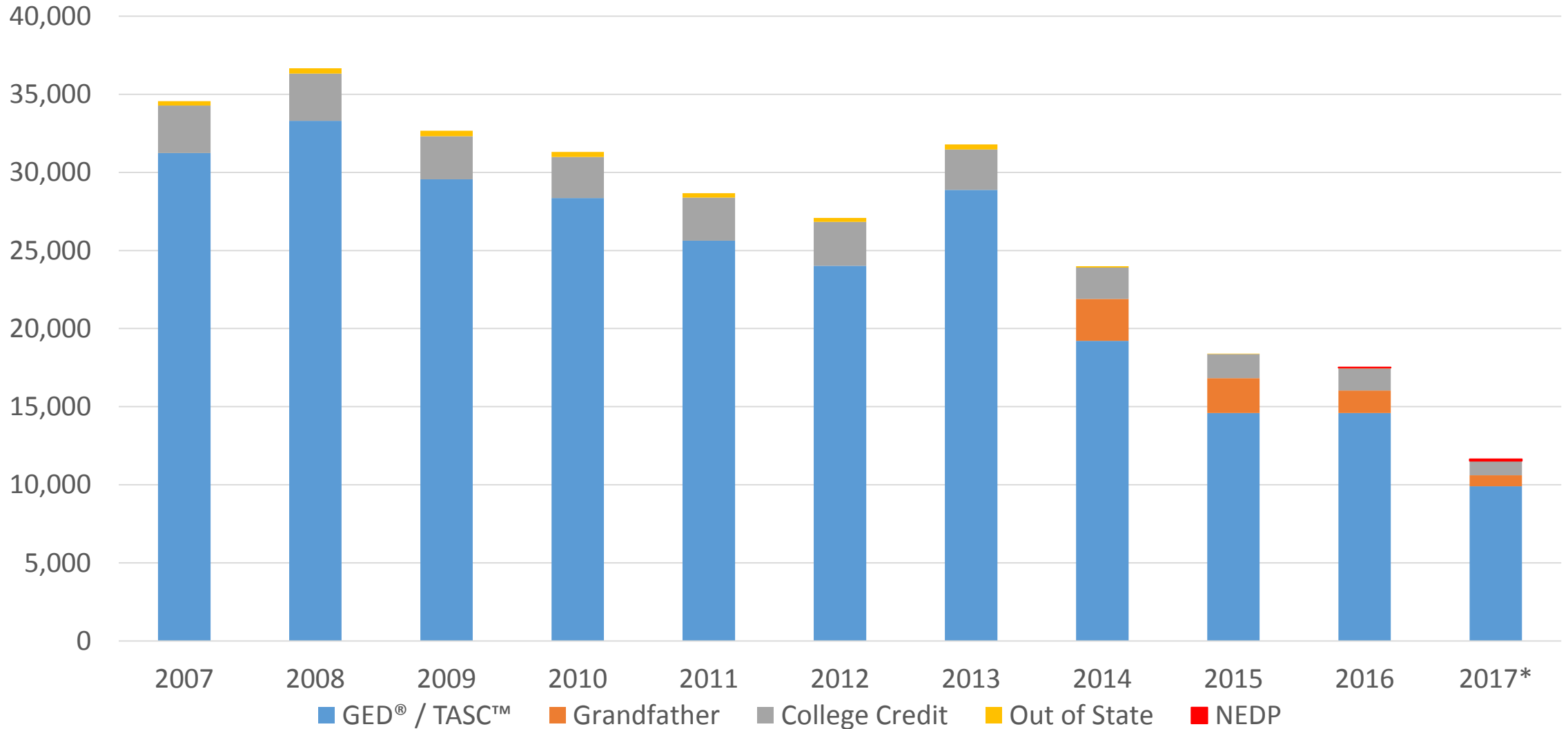
- Three editions of TASC : ABC (2014), DEF (2015), GHI (2016)
 - Aligned to nationally recognized high school learning standards
 - Earlier iterations of exam contained content not required for high school graduation
 - For example, in math subtest:
 - Radian measure
 - Logarithms
 - Deriving the formula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

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



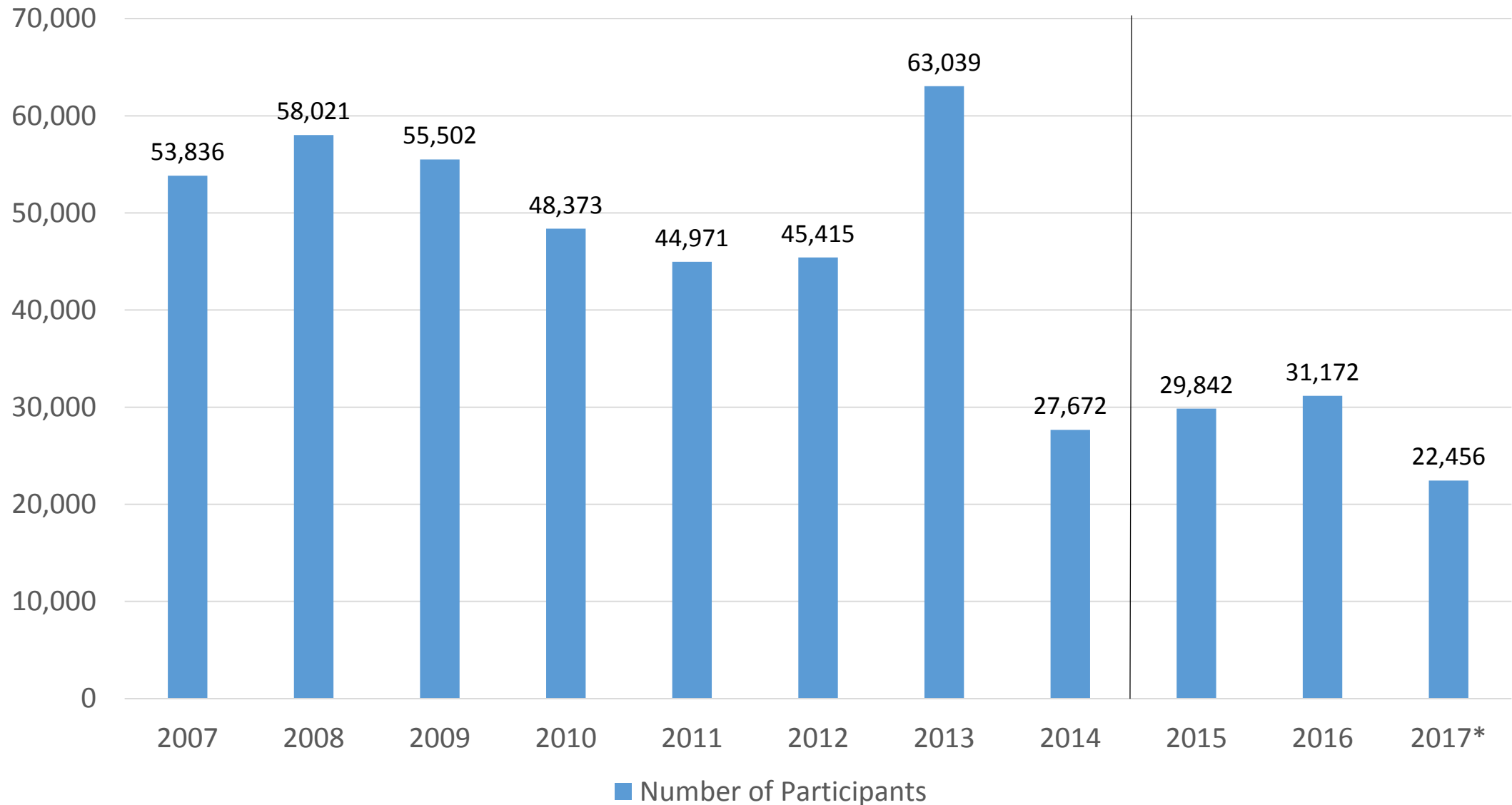
Examinees who participate in preparation programs consistently have better outcomes than walk-in examinees.
Data extracted on 01/19/2017

High School Equivalency Diplomas Issued 2007-2017



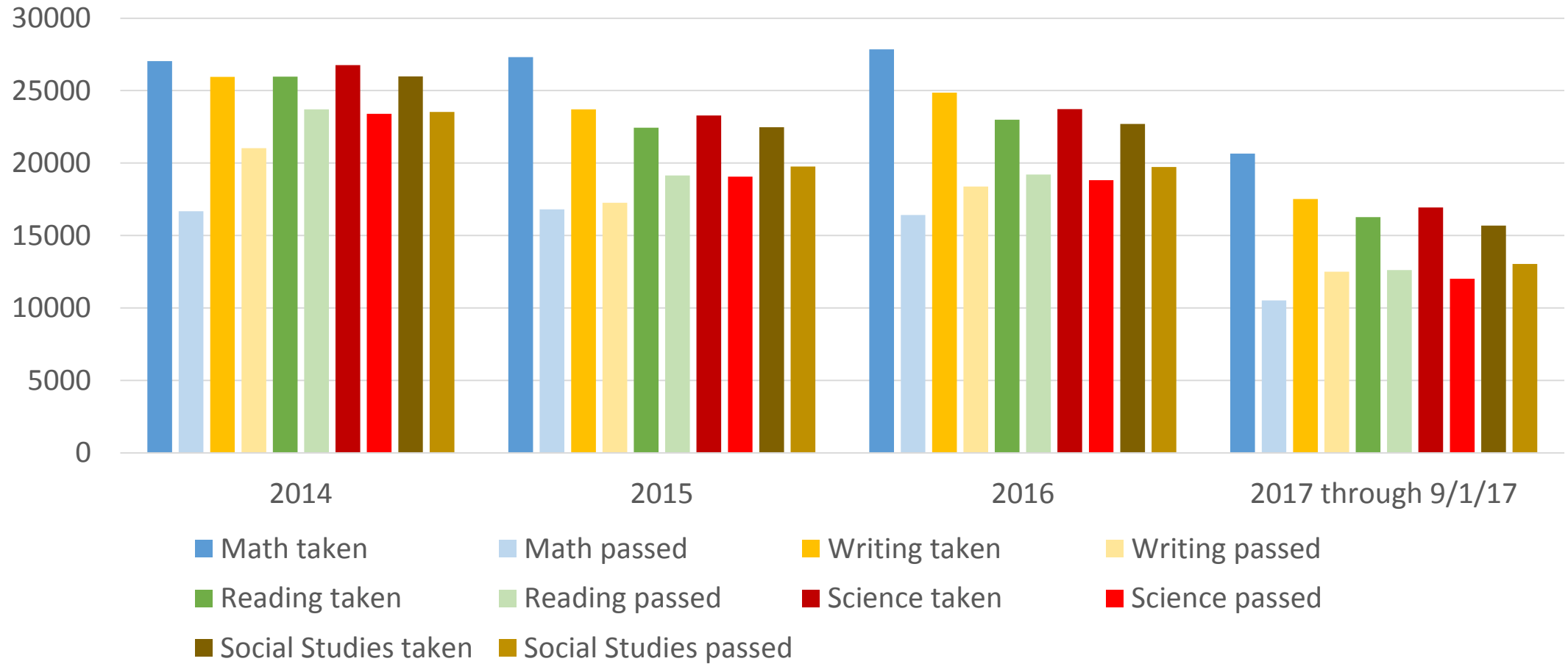
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Participants: High School Equivalency Test GED[®] and TASC[™]

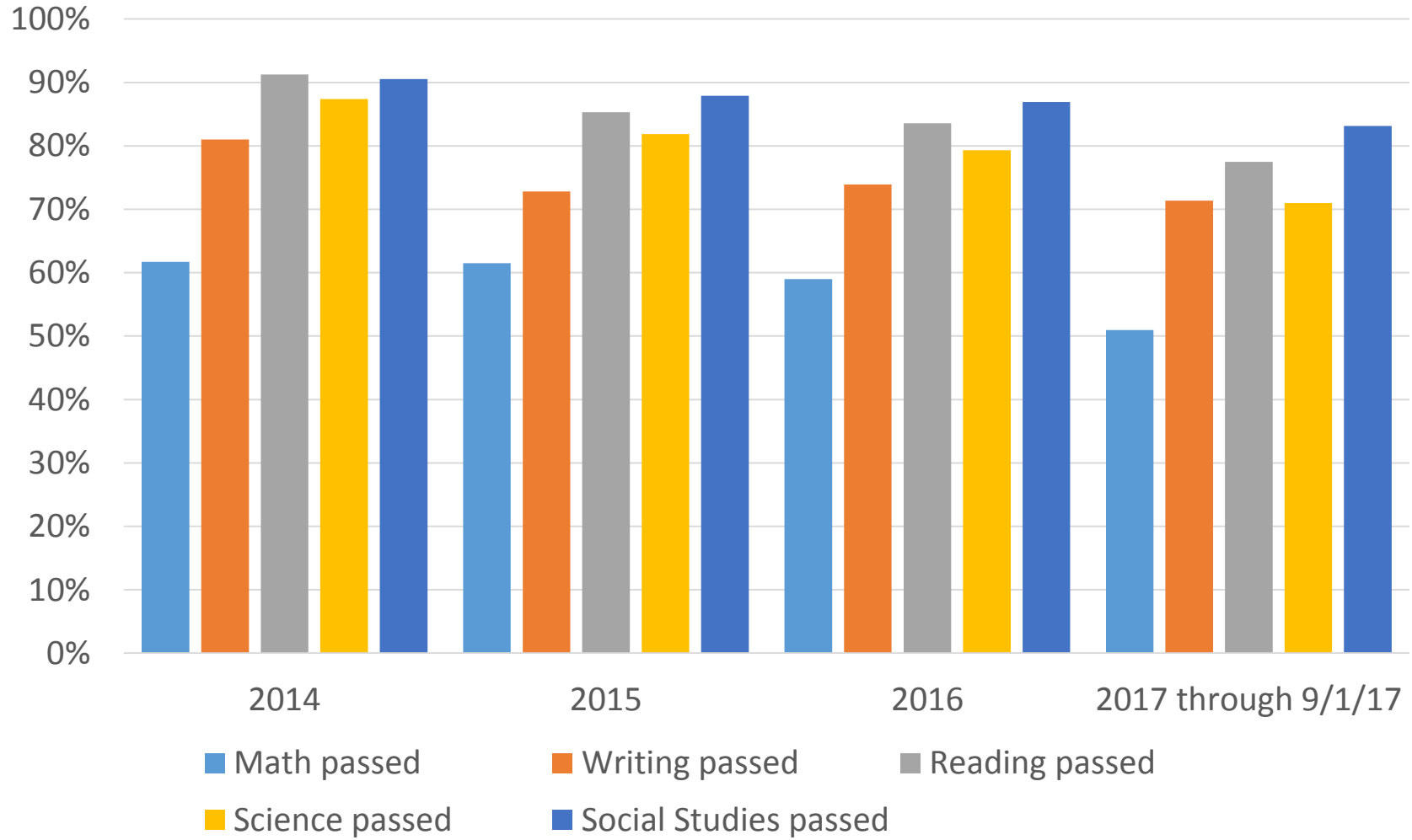


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Yearly TASC™ Subtest Participation and Passing Data for NYS



Yearly TASC™ Subtest Passing Rates



Eligibility

- Students will not be allowed to utilize HSE credit for previously passed Regents examinations until they have exited from high school and met all applicable requirements in section 100.7 of the Commissioner's regulations including:
 - (ii) shall be at least 17 years of age, and: (a) has not attended a regular, full-time high school program of instruction within the preceding 12 months or other requirements such as has been accepted into the U.S. Armed Forces.
 - (iii) shall be at least 16 years of age and has reached maximum compulsory school attendance age and met other requirements such as is enrolled in an alternative high school equivalency preparation program in accordance with subdivision (h) of this section.

Benefit to students in New York State

- In order to earn a diploma in New York State, students must:
 - Earn at least 22 credits in a required discipline; and
 - Successfully pass the assessment requirements (i.e. for a Regents diploma, pass 5 Regents exams, or 4 Regents exams +1 approved pathway assessment).
- Some students have successfully passed some Regents exams without earning a diploma.
- The option to allow passing scores on Regents exams towards parallel TASC™ subtests would benefit many students who wish to receive a High School Equivalency diploma, and have already made progress toward this goal.

Thank you