

GED Achievement in the DRC

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Comprehensive Education

Per DRC Policy 57-EDU-02, the DRC will “provide for a comprehensive program available to all inmates who are eligible to include the following: educational philosophy and goals, communication skills, general education, basic academic skills, GED preparation, special education, career-technical education, advanced job training education, high school education, and apprentice programming.”

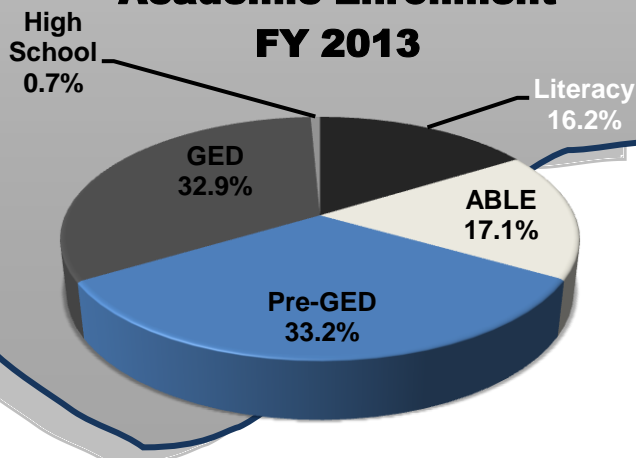
- General education classes include Literacy, Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE), Pre-GED, and GED programs. Specialized education programs, including high school and special education, are also available.
- In addition to the classes, institutions prepare inmates to take the GED through the use of qualified inmate tutors.

GED Challenges

The following are potential obstacles to greater GED achievement in the DRC:

- In 2014, the GED will transition from paper-based to computer-based, presenting a challenge to inmates lacking basic computer literacy skills.
- The cost to take the GED will triple in 2014 (however, HB 59 provides \$80 vouchers for eligible first-time test takers).
- The 2014 GED reflects current advances in national education standards (Common Core State Standards). Budget-strapped GED programs will need to replace “outdated” GED prep materials. Professional development for teachers will also be needed to better prepare students for the increased rigor and complexity.

Academic Enrollment FY 2013



Key Statistics

Total GEDs earned by DRC inmates **increased by 27.3 percent** from FY 2010 to FY 2013.

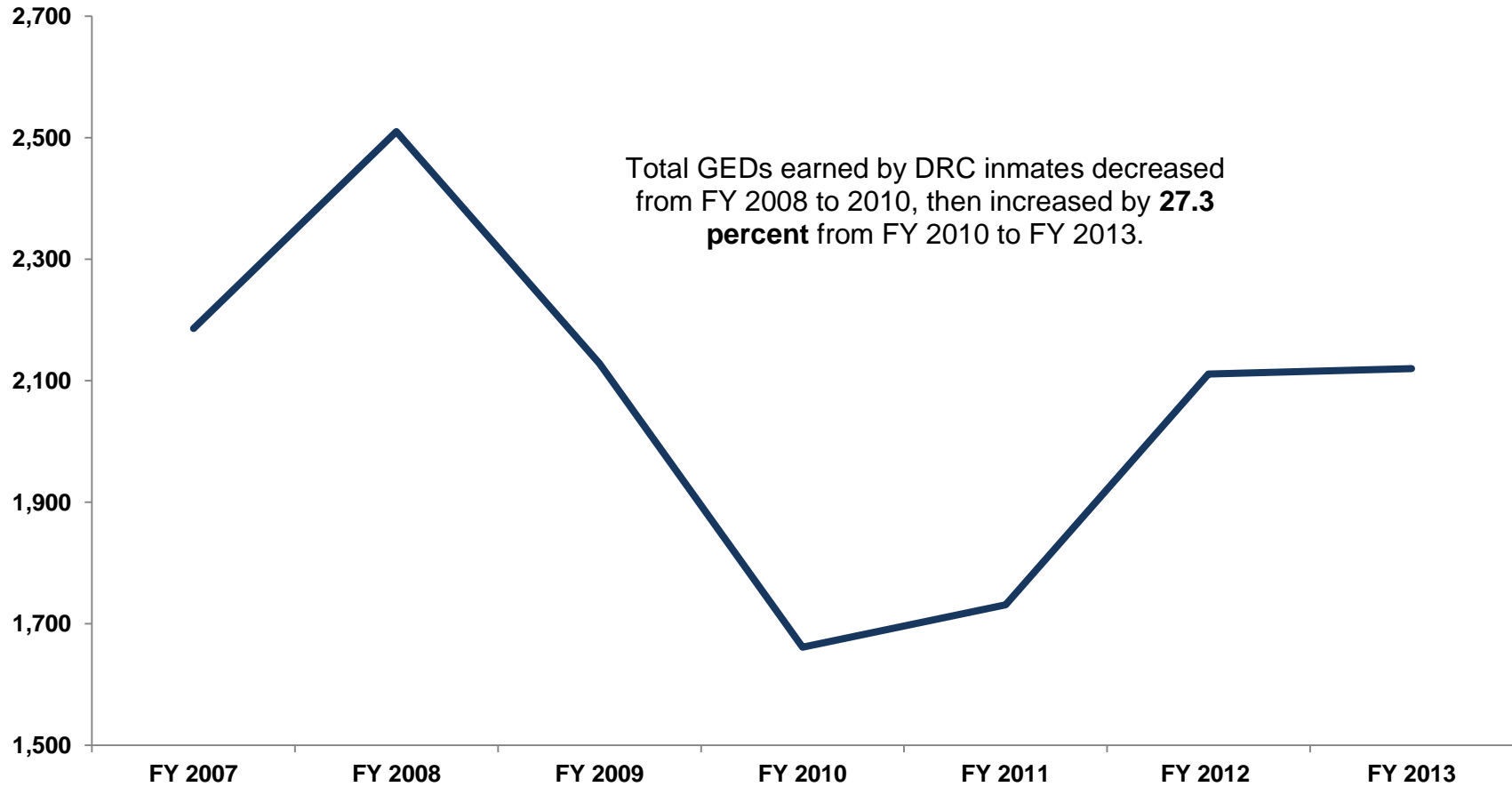
Noble CI had the highest total number of GEDs achieved from FY 2010 to FY 2013, with 694 for the four years.

Mansfield CI and **Madison CI** reported the highest rate of GED achievement, with more GEDs achieved than GED students.

DRC inmates achieved a **higher rate of GEDs in FY 2012 than the national average.**

Total GEDs Achieved by DRC Inmates¹

FY 2007 – 2013



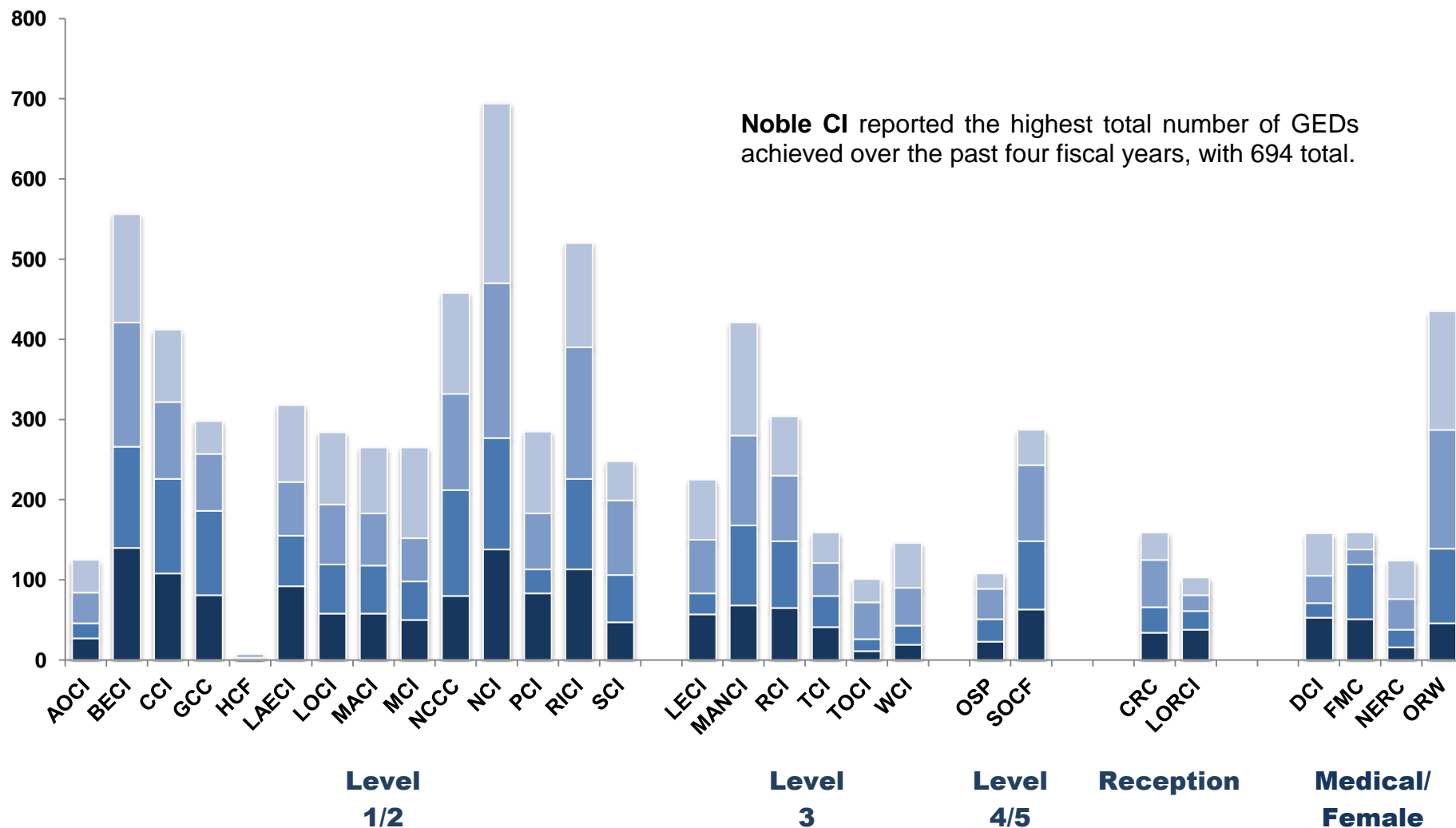
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
GED Total	2,186	2,510	2,128	1,661	1,731	2,111	2,121
DRC Population	49,199	50,191	50,919	50,807	50,561	49,774	50,153

¹ Data provided by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction end of fiscal year monthly reports and the Ohio Central School System annual reports.

Total GED Certificates Earned²

FY 2010 – 2013

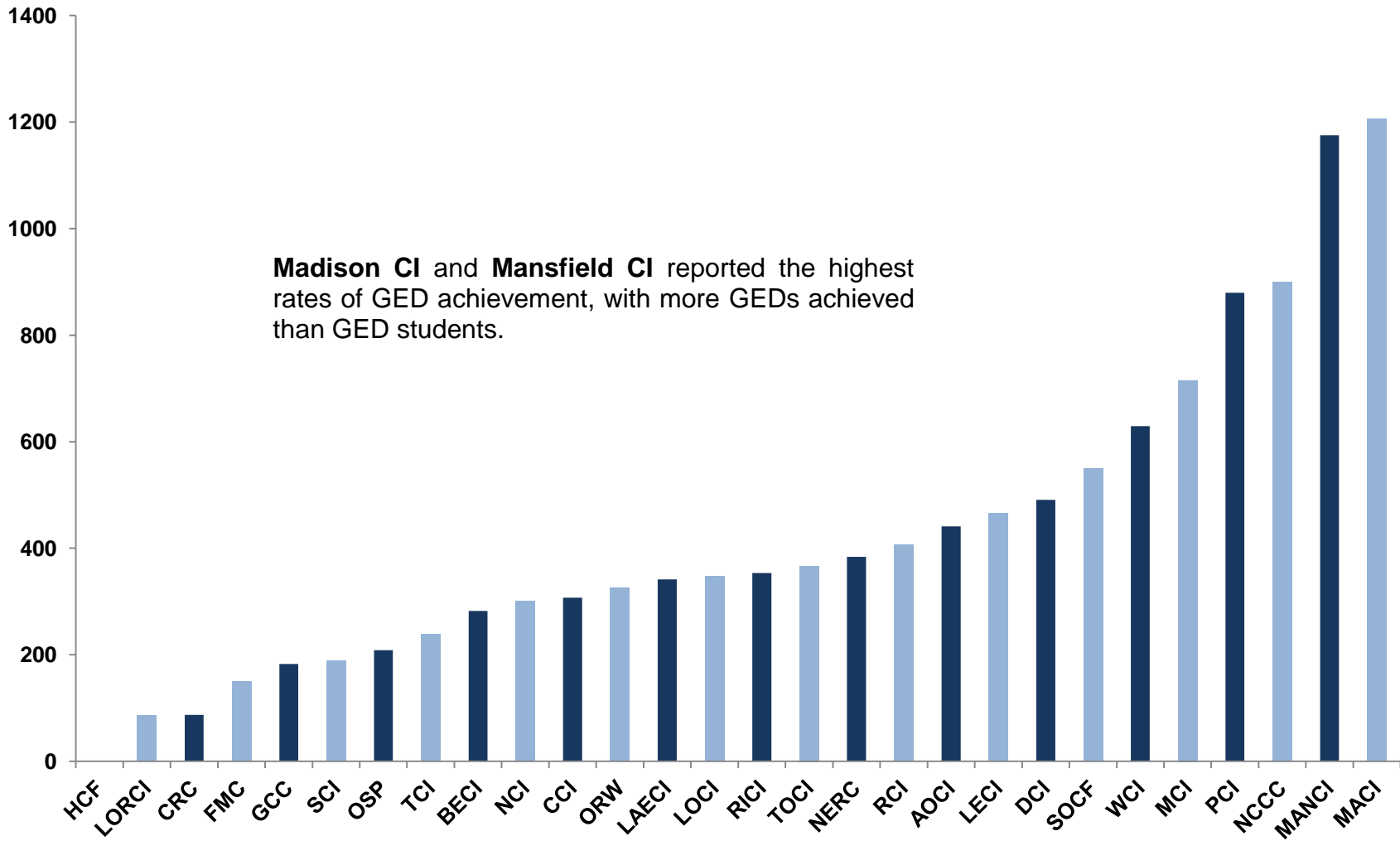
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GED Achievement Rate³

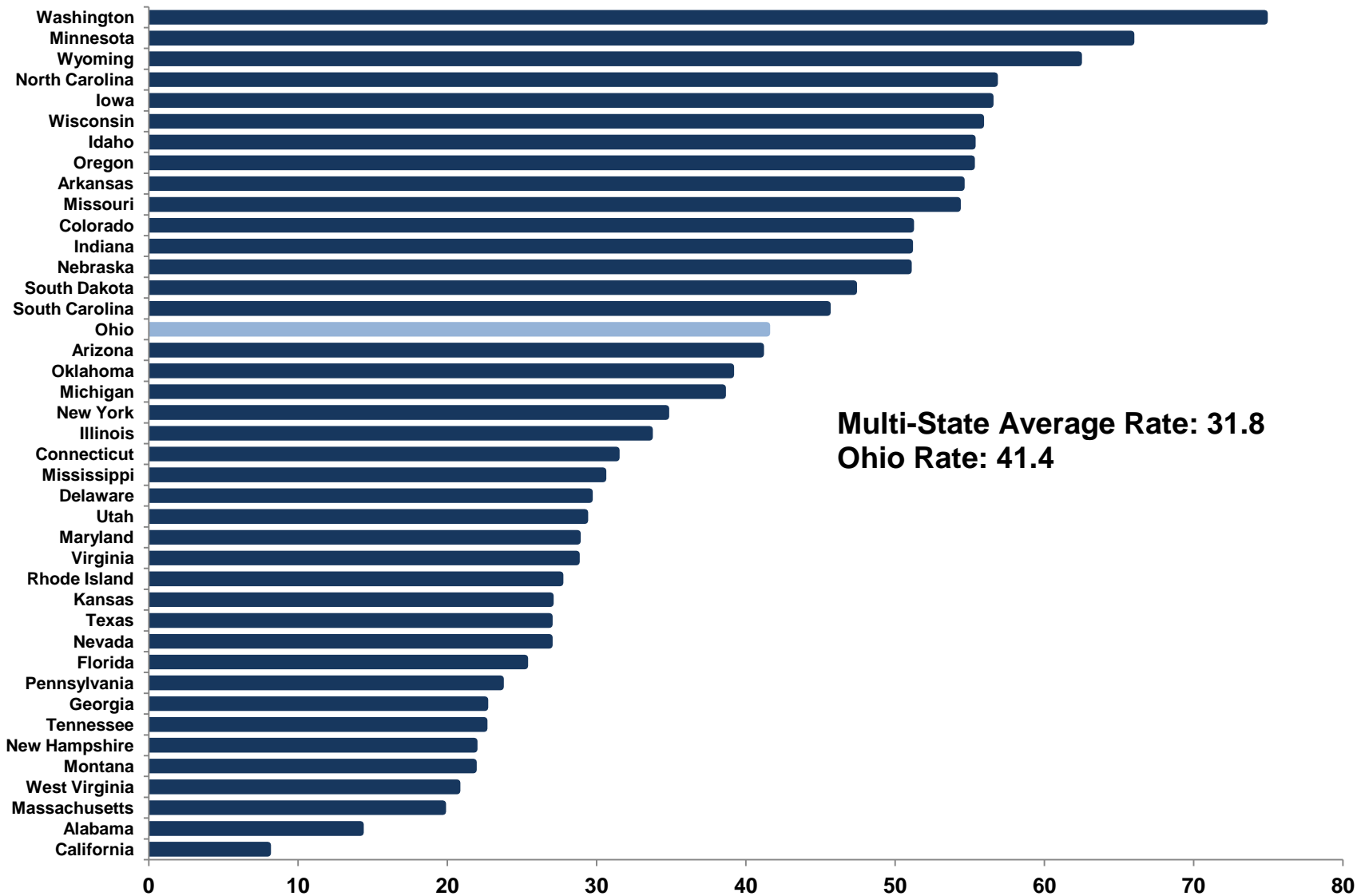
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³ GED achievement rate obtained by dividing the total number of GEDs achieved in FY 2013 by the total number of GED students. Data provided by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Multi-State Comparison of Rate of GEDs Achieved per 1,000 Inmates⁴

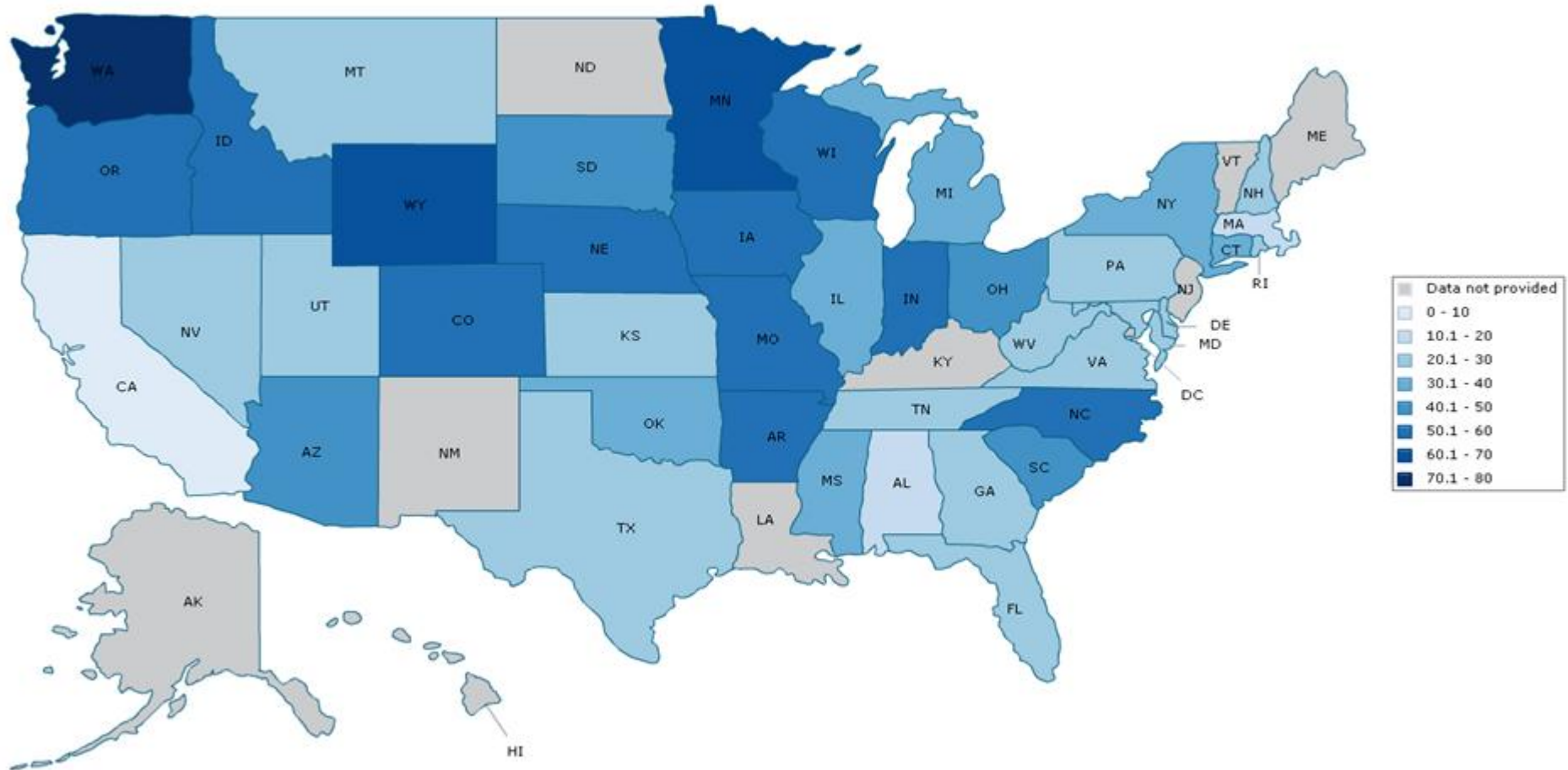
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Multi-State Comparison Map⁵

FY 2012



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Multi-State GED Comparison FY 2012

State	GEDs	Population ⁶	Rate (per 1,000)
Alabama	458 ⁱ	32,270	14.2
Arizona	1,641 ⁱⁱ	40,020	41.0
Arkansas	877 ⁱⁱⁱ	16,108	54.4
California	1,194 ^{iv}	149,569	8.0
Colorado	1,122 ^v	21,978	51.1
Connecticut	574 ^{vi}	18,324	31.3
Delaware	199 ^{vii}	6,739	29.5
Florida	2,601 ^{viii}	103,055	21.9
Georgia	1,260 ^{ix}	55,944	22.5
Idaho	427 ^x	7,739	55.2
Illinois	1,625 ^{xi}	48,427	33.6
Indiana	1,474 ^{xii}	28,906	51.0
Iowa	514 ^{xiii}	9,116	56.4
Kansas	251 ^{xiv}	9,327	26.9
Maryland	648 ^{xv}	22,558	28.7
Massachusetts	229 ^{xvi}	11,623	19.7
Michigan	1,651 ^{xvii}	42,940	38.4
Minnesota	645 ^{xviii}	9,800	65.8
Mississippi	651 ^{xix}	21,386	30.4
Missouri	1,671 ^{xx}	30,833	54.2
Montana	80 ^{xxi}	3,678	21.8
Nebraska	235 ^{xxii}	4,616	50.9
Nevada	343 ^{xxiii}	12,778	26.8
New Hampshire	57 ^{xxiv}	2,614	21.8
New York	1,921 ^{xxv}	55,436	34.7
North Carolina	2,235 ^{xxvi}	39,440	56.7
Ohio	2,111 ^{xxvii}	50,964	41.4
Oklahoma	1,013 ^{xxviii}	25,977	39.0
Oregon	800 ^{xxix}	14,510	55.1
Pennsylvania	1,216 ^{xxx}	51,578	23.6
Rhode Island	92 ^{xxxi}	3,337	27.6
South Carolina	1,042 ^{xxxii}	22,914	45.5
South Dakota	167 ^{xxxiii}	3,535	47.2
Tennessee	640 ^{xxxiv}	28,479	22.5
Texas	4,624 ^{xxxv}	172,224	26.8
Utah	201 ^{xxxvi}	6,879	29.2
Virginia	1,093 ^{xxxvii}	38,130	28.7
Washington	1,334 ^{xxxviii}	17,847	74.7
West Virginia	141 ^{xxxix}	6,826	20.7
Wisconsin	1,263 ^{xl}	22,654	55.8
Wyoming	136 ^{xli}	2,183	62.3
Total	40,456	1,273,261	31.8

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- ^{xx} Personal communication, Missouri Department of Corrections, November 22, 2013.
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