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## Table T11-0257 Tax Benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit

## **Baseline: Current Law**

## Distribution of Federal Tax Change by Cash Income Percentile, 2011 Detail Table

Cash Income Percentile <sup>2,3</sup>	Percent of Tax Units <sup>4</sup>		Benefit as		Average Benefit		Share of Federal Taxes		Average Federal Tax Rate <sup>6</sup>	
	With Benefit	Without Benefit	Percent of After- Tax Income <sup>5</sup>	Share of Total Benefits	Dollars	Percent of Tax	With Credit	Without Credit	With Credit	Without Credit
Lowest Quintile	23.4	76.6	4.7	30.8	406	530.8	0.2	1.1	0.8	5.3
Second Quintile	27.9	72.1	3.8	54.1	845	59.5	2.7	4.2	5.8	9.2
Middle Quintile	17.3	82.7	0.7	14.2	252	4.5	9.3	9.5	12.5	13.1
Fourth Quintile	0.6	99.4	0.0	0.4	9	0.1	18.2	17.7	16.6	16.6
Top Quintile	0.1	99.9	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	69.5	67.5	23.1	23.1
All	16.2	83.8	0.7	100.0	351	3.0	100.0	100.0	18.1	18.7
Addendum										
80-90	0.1	99.9	0.0	0.0	2	0.0	15.1	14.7	19.2	19.2
90-95	*	100.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	11.3	11.0	21.1	21.1
95-99	*	100.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	17.5	17.0	23.0	23.0
Top 1 Percent	*	100.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	25.6	24.8	27.6	27.6
Top 0.1 Percent	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	13.1	12.7	30.8	30.8

## Baseline Distribution of Income and Federal Taxes by Cash Income Percentile, 2011 <sup>1</sup>

Cash Income Percentile <sup>2,3</sup>	Tax Units <sup>4</sup>		Pre-Tax Income		Federal Tax Burden		After-Tax Income 5		Average
	Number (thousands)	Percent of Total	Average (dollars)	Percent of Total	Average (dollars)	Percent of Total	Average (dollars)	Percent of Total	Federal Tax Rate <sup>6</sup>
Lowest Quintile	43,661	26.6	9,187	3.8	77	0.2	9,111	4.5	0.8
Second Quintile	36,819	22.5	24,603	8.5	1,420	2.7	23,183	9.7	5.8
Middle Quintile	32,344	19.7	44,639	13.5	5,592	9.3	39,047	14.4	12.5
Fourth Quintile	26,761	16.3	79,524	19.9	13,168	18.2	66,356	20.3	16.6
Top Quintile	23,243	14.2	251,746	54.6	58,040	69.5	193,707	51.3	23.1
All	163,869	100.0	65,357	100.0	11,841	100.0	53,516	100.0	18.1
Addendum									
80-90	11,775	7.2	130,276	14.3	24,948	15.1	105,329	14.1	19.2
90-95	5,676	3.5	183,757	9.7	38,713	11.3	145,044	9.4	21.1
95-99	4,619	2.8	320,086	13.8	73,520	17.5	246,566	13.0	23.0
Top 1 Percent	1,173	0.7	1,530,773	16.8	422,727	25.6	1,108,046	14.8	27.6
Top 0.1 Percent	120	0.1	6,859,873	7.7	2,113,515	13.1	4,746,357	6.5	30.8

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 0411-2).

Number of AMT Taxpayers (millions). Baseline: 4.3

Proposal: 4.3

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 0.05

<sup>(1)</sup> Calendar year. Baseline is current law. Proposal is current law without the Earned Income Tax Credit.

<sup>(2)</sup> Tax units with negative cash income are excluded from the lowest income class but are included in the totals. For a description of cash income, see <a href="http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/TaxModel/income.cfm">http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/TaxModel/income.cfm</a>

<sup>(3)</sup> The cash income percentile classes used in this table are based on the income distribution for the entire population and contain an equal number of people, not tax units. The breaks are (in 2011 dollars): 20% \$16,812; 40% \$33,542; 60% \$59,486; 80% \$103,465; 90% \$163,173; 95% \$210,998; 99% \$532,613; 99.9% \$2,178,886.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes both filing and non-filing units but excludes those that are dependents of other tax units.

<sup>(5)</sup> After-tax income is cash income less: individual income tax net of refundable credits; corporate income tax; payroll taxes (Social Security and Medicare); and estate tax.

<sup>(6)</sup> Average federal tax (includes individual and corporate income tax, payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare, and the estate tax) as a percentage of average cash income.