
Percent of Households Paying More in Payroll Taxes Than Income Taxes (2005)

Income Category	Households Paying Some Payroll Tax		Households Paying Income or Payroll Tax	
	Employee Share	Both Shares	Employee Share	Both Shares
Lowest Quintile	99.2	99.7	98.4	98.8
Second Quintile	91.7	98.4	88.2	94.6
Middle Quintile	70.4	94.3	63.5	85.2
Fourth Quintile	38.9	86.5	34.6	76.8
Highest Quintile	8.9	46.5	8	41.9
Top 10%	3.4	24.2	3	21.7
Top 5%	1.5	6.8	1.3	6
Top 1%	0.6	1.1	0.5	1
All Quintiles	58.9	83.7	54.6	77.4

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Note: Income categories are defined by ranking all people by their comprehensive household income adjusted for household size—that is, divided by the square root of the household's size. (A household consists of the people who share a housing unit, regardless of their relationships.) Quintiles, or fifths, contain equal numbers of people.