# Individual Income Tax Rates and Shares, 2003 

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Taxpayers filed 130.4 million returns for Tax Year 2003, of which 88.9 million (or 68.2 percent) were classified as taxable returns. A taxable return is a return with a presence of total income tax greater than $\$ 0$. This represents a reduction of 2.2 percent in the number of taxable returns from 2002. Adjusted gross income (AGI) on these taxable returns rose 1.9 percent to $\$ 5,747$ billion for 2003, while total income tax fell 6.1 percent. This decrease in total income tax was attributable to the tax cuts implemented in the passage of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief
Reconciliation Act of 2003 (JGTRRA). For the third year in a row, the average tax rate for taxable returns fell, decreasing 1.1-percentage points to 13.0 percent for 2003. The country's average tax rate had not been 13.0 percent or below since 1972. Also noteworthy is the large decline in total income tax of 23.7 percent from the peak of $\$ 981$ billion for 2000 to $\$ 748$ billion for 2003.

Taxpayers with an AGI of at least $\$ 295,495$, the top 1 percent of taxpayers, accounted for 16.8 percent of AGI, representing an increase in income share of 0.7 -percentage points from the previous year. These taxpayers accounted for 34.3 percent of the total income tax reported, an increase from 33.7 percent in 2002. The top 5 percent of taxpayers accounted for 31.2 percent of AGI and 54.4 percent of total income tax. To be included in the top 5 percent, a taxpayer must have reported an AGI of $\$ 130,080$, whereas, in 2002, the cutoff for this group was $\$ 126,525$.

This article discusses the individual income tax rates and tax shares and the computation of total income tax for 2003. To put this discussion into perspective, the appendices to the article provide explanations of selected terms used in the article and describe the income tax structure, certain tax law changes, income and tax concepts (the "1979 Income Tax Concept," "modified" taxable income, and marginal tax rates), the computation of "alternative minimum taxable income," and the data sources and limitations.

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## Income Tax Rates

Discussions of income tax rates generally center on measuring two distinct tax rates: average tax rates and marginal tax rates. Average tax rates are calculated by dividing some measure of tax by some measure of income. For the statistics in this article, the average tax rate is total income tax (see Appendix A: Explanation of Selected Terms) divided by AGI reported on returns showing some income tax liability. Measures of marginal tax rates, on the other hand, focus on determining the tax rate imposed on the last (or next) dollar of income received by a taxpayer. For this article, the marginal tax rate is the statutory rate at which the last dollar of taxable income is taxed. (See Appendix D for a more detailed explanation of marginal tax rates.) The following sections describe the measurement of the average and marginal tax rates in more detail, and discuss the statistics based on these rates for 2003.

## Average Tax Rates

Figure A presents statistics for 1986 through 2003 on income (based on each year's definition of AGI and on the common 1979 Income Concept) and taxes reported. (See Appendix D for an explanation of the 1979 Income Concept.) These tax years can be partitioned into seven distinct periods:
(1) Tax Year 1986 was the last year under the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (ERTA81). The tax bracket boundaries, personal exemptions, and standard deductions were indexed for inflation, and the maximum tax rate was 50 percent.
(2) Tax Year 1987 was the first year under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (TRA86). For 1987, a 1year, transitional, five-rate tax bracket structure was established with a partial phase-in of new provisions that broadened the definition of AGI. The maximum tax rate was 38.5 percent.
(3) During Tax Years 1988 through 1990, there was effectively a three-rate tax bracket structure [1]. The phase-in of the provisions of TRA86 continued with a maximum tax rate of 33 percent.
(4) Tax Years 1991 and 1992 brought a three-rate tax bracket structure (with a maximum tax rate

## Figure A

Adjusted Gross Income, Total Income Tax, Average Tax Rate, and Average Total Income Tax, Tax Years 1986-2003
[Money amounts are in billions of dollars, except where indicated]

| Tax year | Total number of returns | Taxable returns |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number of returns | As a percentage of total returns ${ }^{1}$ | Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | Total income tax | Average tax rate (percent) ${ }^{2,3}$ | Average per return (whole dollars) ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Current dollars |  | Constant dollars ${ }^{4}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | Total income tax | Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | Total income tax |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
|  | Using each tax year's adjusted gross income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986.. | $\begin{aligned} & 103,045,170 \\ & 106,996,270 \\ & 109,708,280 \\ & 112,135,673 \\ & 113,717,138 \\ & 114,730,123 \\ & 113,604,503 \\ & 114,601,819 \\ & 115,943,131 \\ & 118,218,327 \\ & 120,351,208 \\ & 122,421,991 \\ & 124,770,662 \\ & 127,075,145 \\ & 129,373,500 \\ & 130,255,237 \\ & 130,076,443 \\ & 130,423,626 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 83,967,413 |  |  |  |  | 29,062 |  | $26,516$ |  |
| 1987................ |  | 86,723,796 | $81.1$ | $2,701$ | $369$ | $13.7$ | 31,142 | $4,257$ | $27,414$ | 3,747 |
| 1988................ |  | $87,135,332$ |  | 2,990 | 413 | 13.8 | 34,313 35,415 | 4,738 | 29,005 | 4,005 |
| 1989................ |  |  | 79.5 | 3,158 | 433 | 13.713.6 | 35,41536,711 | 4,855 | 28,560 | 3,915 |
| 1990................ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 89,178,355 \\ & 89,862,434 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3,299 | 447 |  |  | 4,976 | 28,088 | 3,807 |
| 1991................ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 89,862,434 \\ & 88,733,587 \end{aligned}$ | 77.376.3 | 3,337 | 448 | $13.4$ | $37,603$ | $5,054$ | 27,609 | $3,711$ |
| 1992............... |  | $\begin{aligned} & 88,733,587 \\ & 86,731,946 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3,484 | 476 | $13.7$ | $40,168$ | $5,491$ | 28,630 | 3,914 |
| 1993................ |  | $86,435,367$ | $\begin{aligned} & 76.3 \\ & 75.4 \end{aligned}$ | $3,737$ | 503 | 14.114.3 | 41,233 | 5,817 | 28,535 | 4,026 |
| 1994................ |  | 87,619,446 | $75.6$ |  | $535$ |  |  | 6,104 | 28,776 | 4,119 |
| 1995................ |  | 89,252,989 | $75.5$ | 4,008 | $588$ | 14.7 | 44,901 | 6,593 | 29,463 | 4,326 |
| 1996................ |  | 90,929,350 | 75.6 | $4,342$ | 658 | $15.3$ | 47,750 | 7,239 | 30,433 | 4,614 |
| 1997................ |  | 93,471,200 | 76.4 | 4,765 | 731 |  | 50,980 | 7,824 | 31,763 | 4,875 |
| 1998................ |  | 93,047,898 |  | 5,160 | 789 | 15.315.7 | 55,458 | 8,475 | 33,836 | 5,171 |
| 1999................ |  | $94,546,080$ | 74.6 74.4 | 5,581 | 877 |  | 59,028 | 9,280 | 35,431 | 5,570 |
| 2000................ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 96,817,603 \\ & 94,763,530 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 74.4 \\ & 74.8 \end{aligned}$ | 6,083 | 981 | 16.1 | 62,832 | 10,129 | 36,488 | 5,882 |
| 2001................ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 74.8 \\ & 72.8 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 888 \\ & 797 \\ & 748 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.2 \\ & 14.1 \\ & 13.0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61,702 \\ & 62,015 \\ & 64,625 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,370 \\ & 8,762 \\ & 8,412 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 34,840 \\ & 34,472 \\ & 35,122 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,291 \\ & 4,870 \\ & 4,572 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 2002................ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 90,963,896 \\ & 88,921,904 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12.8 \\ & 69.9 \\ & 68.2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,847 \\ & 5,641 \\ & 5,747 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2003................ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Using 1979 Income Concept ${ }^{5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986.. | $\begin{aligned} & 103,045,170 \\ & 106,996,270 \\ & 109,708,280 \\ & 112,135,673 \\ & 113,717,138 \\ & 114,730,123 \\ & 113,604,503 \\ & 114,601,819 \\ & 115,943,131 \\ & 118,218,327 \\ & 120,351,208 \\ & 122,421,991 \\ & 124,770,662 \\ & 127,075,145 \\ & 129,373,500 \\ & 130,255,237 \\ & 130,076,443 \\ & 130,423,626 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83,967,413 \\ & 86,723,796 \\ & 87,135,332 \\ & 89,178,355 \\ & 89,862,434 \\ & 88,733,587 \\ & 86,731,946 \\ & 86,435,367 \\ & 87,619,446 \\ & 89,252,989 \\ & 90,929,350 \\ & 93,471,200 \\ & 93,047,898 \\ & 94,546,080 \\ & 96,817,603 \\ & 94,763,530 \\ & 90,963,896 \\ & 88,921,904 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 81.5 | 2703 | 367 | 13.6 | 32,194 | 4,374 | 29,374 | 3,991 |
| 1987................ |  |  | 81.1 | 2,736 | 369 | 13.5 | 31,551 | 4,257 | 27,774 | 3,747 |
| 1988................ |  |  | 79.4 | 3,011 | 413 | 13.7 | 34,556 | 4,738 | 29,210 | 4,005 |
| 1989................ |  |  | 79.5 | 3,188 | 433 | 13.6 | 35,752 | 4,855 | 28,832 | 3,915 |
| 1990................ |  |  | 79.0 | 3,335 | 447 | 13.4 | 37,108 | 4,976 | 28,392 | 3,807 |
| 1991.. |  |  | 77.3 | 3,387 | 448 | 13.2 | 38,169 | 5,054 | 28,024 | 3,711 |
| 1992................ |  |  | 76.3 | 3,553 | 476 | 13.4 | 40,964 | 5,491 | 29,198 | 3,914 |
| 1993... |  |  | 75.4 | 3,625 | 503 | 13.9 | 41,938 | 5,817 | 29,023 | 4,026 |
| 1994... |  |  | 75.6 | 3,796 | 535 | 14.1 | 43,322 | 6,104 | 29,232 | 4,119 |
| 1995................ |  |  | 75.5 | 4,075 | 588 | 14.4 | 45,655 | 6,593 | 29,957 | 4,326 |
| 1996................ |  |  | 75.6 | 4,418 | 658 | 14.9 | 48,582 | 7,239 | 30,964 | 4,614 |
| 1997... |  |  | 76.4 | 4,849 | 731 | 15.1 | 51,875 | 7,824 | 32,321 | 4,875 |
| 1998................ |  |  | 74.6 | 5,299 | 789 | 14.9 | 56,947 | 8,475 | 34,745 | 5,171 |
| 1999................ |  |  | 74.4 | 5,736 | 877 | 15.3 | 60,666 | 9,280 | 36,414 | 5,570 |
| 2000................ |  |  | 74.8 | 6,294 | 981 | 15.6 | 65,012 | 10,129 | 37,754 | 5,882 |
| 2001................ |  |  | 72.8 | 5,943 | 888 | 14.9 | 62,716 | 9,370 | 35,413 | 5,291 |
| 2002................ |  |  | 69.9 | 5,758 | 797 | 13.8 | 63,297 | 8,762 | 35,184 | 4,870 |
| 2003................ |  |  | 68.2 | 5,849 | 748 | 12.8 | 65,777 | 8,412 | 35,749 | 4,572 |

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of 31 percent), a limitation on some itemized deductions, and a phaseout of personal exemptions for some upper income taxpayers.
(5) Tax Years 1993 through 1996 had a five-rate tax bracket structure (with a maximum statutory tax rate of 39.6 percent), a limitation on some itemized deductions, and a phaseout of personal exemptions for some upper income taxpayers.
(6) Tax Years 1997 through 2000 were subject to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 which added three new capital gain tax rates to the previous rate structure to form a new eight-rate tax bracket structure (with a maximum statutory tax rate of 39.6 percent). See Appendix C for a more detailed description of the capital gain rates.
(7) Tax Years 2001 through 2003 were affected by two new laws, the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) and the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (JGTRRA). EGTRRA included a new 10-percent tax rate bracket, as well as reductions in tax rates for brackets higher than 15 percent of one-half percentage point for 2001 and one percentage point for 2002. It also included increases in the child tax credit and an increase in alternative minimum tax exemptions. TY 2003, under JGTRRA, saw additional rate reductions in ordinary marginal tax rates higher than the 15 -percent rate, as well as expansions to particular income thresholds in the rates from 15 percent and below. Also, the rate for most long-term capital gains was reduced from 20 percent to 15 percent. Further, qualified dividends were taxed at this same 15percent rate. These changes are detailed in Appendix C (under Tax Rate Reduction).

About 88.9 million, or 68.2 percent, of the 130.4 million individual returns filed for 2003 were classified as taxable returns. This was a 2.2 -percent reduction in the number of taxable returns from 2002. Total AGI reported on taxable returns increased 1.9 percent to $\$ 5,747$ billion. (Total income on taxable returns rose using the 1979 Income Concept as well, increasing 1.6 percent to $\$ 5,849$ billion for 2003.)

Total income tax fell for the third consecutive year, declining by almost $\$ 49$ billion ( 6.1 percent) to $\$ 748$ billion for 2003. Average AGI for taxable returns rose to $\$ 64,625$ for 2003, a 4.2-percent increase from 2002, but average income tax fell for 2003 by 4.0 percent to $\$ 8,412$. This decrease in total income tax and average income tax in contrast with an increasing AGI suggests that the lower tax generated was largely attributable to the 2003 tax rate cuts implemented in JGTRRA, cited above and explained in more detail in Appendix C (under Tax Rate Reduction).

In order to analyze the average tax rate over time, it is necessary to use an alternative measure to AGI because some tax law changes result in the definition of AGI changing from year to year. The 1979 Income Concept controls for much of this variation in tax law, and its use provides a more consistent estimate of the average tax rate across years. Under the 1979 Concept, the average tax rate for 2003 fell to 12.8 percent from 13.8 for the previous year. The 1.0 -percentage point decline represented the third straight year (as with AGI) in which the average tax rate declined. The average tax rate under this concept had not been less than 14 percent since 1993, the year the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA93) passed, which created new 36 -percent and 39.6 percent tax rate brackets. The 12.8 -percent average tax rate for 2003 was the lowest ever since use of the 1979 income concept began.

As shown in Figure B, the average tax rate on all taxable returns as a percentage of AGI was 13.0 percent for 2003. The average tax rate for the AGIsize classes ranged from 2.5 percent for the " $\$ 1$ under \$10,000" AGI-size class to 25.0 percent for the " $\$ 500,000$ under $\$ 1,000,000$ " AGI-size class. This latter rate was higher than the 24.8 -percent average paid by those taxpayers in the " $\$ 1,000,000$ or more" class. This was partially due to taxpayers in the $\$ 1,000,000$ or more class receiving nearly double the percentage of AGI in the form of capital gains and qualified dividends facing preferential tax rates as those in the $\$ 500,000$ under $\$ 1,000,000$ AGI-size class. Taxpayers in the $\$ 1,000,000$ or more class received 32.0 percent of their AGI's through these capital gains and qualified dividends compared to 15.4 percent for the $\$ 500,000$ under $\$ 1,000,000 \mathrm{AGI}$-size class. The average tax rate in every AGI-size class

## Figure B

Taxable Returns: Number of Returns, Adjusted Gross Income, and Total Income Tax, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Years 2002 and 2003
[Number of returns is in thousands--money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Tax year, item | Total | Size of adjusted gross income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under $\$ 1^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 1 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 10,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 10,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 20,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 20,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 30,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 30,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 50,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \$ 50,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 100,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \$ 100,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 200,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 200,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 500,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 1,000,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\$ 1,000,000$ <br> or more |
| Tax Year 2003: <br> Number of taxable returns $\qquad$ <br> Adjusted gross income (less deficit). $\qquad$ | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) |
|  | 88,922$5,746,569$ | 55,095 | 4,952 | 12,347 | 12,187 | 21,524 | 26,511 | 8,862 | 1,997 | 356 | 181 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 34,490 | 186,019 | 304,724 | 846,122 | 1,861,718 | 1,167,989 | 575,673 | 240,944 | 533,985 |
| Total income tax. | 748,017 | 79 | 853 | 8,155 | 19,310 | 64,373 | 178,509 | 163,342 | 120,712 | 60,181 | 132,503 |
| Average tax rate (percent) ${ }^{2} \ldots$ | 13.0 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 2.5 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 9.6 | 14.0 | 21.0 | 25.0 | 24.8 |
| Tax Year 2002: |  |  | 5,316 | 13,089 | 12,877 | 22,482 | 26,377 | 8,408 | 1,906 | 336 | 169 |
| Number of taxable returns.. | 90,964 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted gross income (less deficit). $\qquad$ | 5,641,128 | -1,130 | 36,492 | 198,171 | 321,667 | 883,965 | 1,844,319 | 1,107,803 | 548,162 | 226,745 | 474,933 |
| Total income tax. | $\begin{array}{r} 796,986 \\ 14.1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 124 \\ & \left({ }^{3}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 9152.5 | 9,1784.6 | 21,4036.7 | 70,7698.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 195,475 \\ 10.6 \end{array}$ | 175,141 | 124,765 | 63,371 | 135,845 |
| Average tax rate (percent) ${ }^{2} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15.8 | 22.8 | 27.9 | 28.6 |
| Change in: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of taxable returns.. | $-2,042$-2.2 | ( Z ) | -364 | -742 | -690 | -957 | 134 | 454 | 91 | 19 | 12 |
| Percent.. |  | -4.5$-3,965$ | $\begin{array}{r} -6.8 \\ -2,002 \end{array}$ | -5.7 | -5.4$-16,943$ | $-4.3$ <br> $-37,844$ | 0.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 7.3 |
| Adjusted gross income (less deficit)... | $\begin{array}{r} -2.2 \\ 105,441 \end{array}$ |  |  | -12,152 |  |  | 17,399 | 60,186 | 27,512 | 14,198 | 59,052 |
| Percent.. | $\begin{array}{r} 1.9 \\ -48,969 \end{array}$ | 350.9 | -5.5 | -6.1 | -5.3 | -4.3 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | $6.3$ | 12.4 |
| Total income tax.. |  | -46 | -62 | -1,023 | -2,093 | -6,396 | -16,966 | -11,798 | -4,053 | -3,190 | -3,342 |
| Percent...................................... | -6.1 | -36.8 | -6.8 | -11.1 | -9.8 | -9.0 | -8.7 | -6.7 | -3.2 | -5.0 | -2.5 |
| Average tax rate: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage point change.............. | -1.1 | $\left({ }^{4}\right)$ | -- | -0.2 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -1.0 | -1.8 | -1.8 | -2.9 -3.8 |  |

${ }^{1}$ Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit. Tax in these returns represents some combination of alternative minimum tax, Form 4972 tax on lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans, and Form 8814 tax on a child's interest and dividends not reflected in adjusted gross income or taxable income.
${ }^{2}$ Average tax rate is "total income tax" as a percentage of adjusted gross income less deficit (AGI). The average tax rate was calculated from unrounded data.
${ }^{3}$ Percentage not computed.
${ }^{4}$ Increase not computed.
( Z )--Less than 500.
NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.
fell for 2003, except for the $\$ 1$ under $\$ 10,000$ class which stayed the same. For taxpayers in the highest AGI category, $\$ 1,000,000$ or more, the average tax rate decreased 3.8 percent (from 28.6 percent to 24.8 percent) for 2003 . Similarly, in the $\$ 500,000$ under $\$ 1,000,000$ income class, the average tax rate declined by 2.9 percentage points (from 27.9 percent to 25.0 percent). A significant portion of these AGI classes' average tax rate decreases was attributable to the 3.6- percentage point decrease in the highest ordinary marginal tax rate, from 38.6 percent to 35 percent under JGTRRA. Also, the capital gain tax rate of 20 percent was lowered to 15 percent, and
the tax rates on qualified dividend tax were changed from ordinary tax rates to a maximum of 15 percent.

The average tax rate of 13.0 percent for 2003 for all income classes combined was a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from 14.1 percent for 2002. This reduction was an effect of the implementation of ordinary tax rate reductions under JGTRRA, the reduction in the rates for long-term capital gains sold after May 5 , and all qualified dividends being taxed at lower rates as well. For 2001 and 2002, many of the higher income tax returns had shifted to lower income brackets partially due to the reductions in realized capital gain (less loss). This trend began to
reverse for 2003, showing a return to increasing numbers of high-income filers (though levels were still well below those of 2000). Specifically, the number of taxpayers in the top four AGI-size classes rose: by 7.3 percent for the " $\$ 1,000,000$ or more" AGI-size class; by 5.8 percent for the " $\$ 500,000$ under $\$ 1,000,000$ " AGI-size class; by 4.8 percent for the " $\$ 200,000$ under $\$ 500,000$ " AGI-size class; and by 5.4 percent for the " $\$ 100,000$ under $\$ 200,000$ " AGI-size class.

## Marginal Tax Rate Classifications

A return's marginal tax rate is the highest statutory tax rate bracket applicable to that tax return. Marginal tax rate statistics are presented in Figure C and Table 1. These statistics are based on individual income tax returns showing a positive taxable income amount based on "tax generated" and items of income that were subject to the regular income tax, generally those included in AGI [2]. Appendix D explains the details of the determination of the
marginal tax rate bracket into which a return is assumed to fall. Table 2 contains additional data based on ordinary tax rates and presents statistics on the income and tax generated at each ordinary tax rate by size of AGI.

For 2003, the number of individual returns with modified taxable income fell 0.9 percent to 101.4 million. Despite this decrease, the amount of modified taxable income reported on these returns increased 2.5 percent to $\$ 4,206.6$ billion [3]. As a result of the tax cuts implemented under JGTRRA for 2003, the tax generated on taxable returns fell by 6.0 percent to $\$ 780.3$ billion even though the modified taxable income increased. Figure C presents the amounts and percentages of modified taxable income and income tax generated (before reduction by tax credits, including the earned income credit) by the marginal tax rate categories (defined in Appendix D). The ordinary tax rate categories for 2003 were notably different than those for 2002 due to changes in statutory tax rates resulting from JGTRRA. For

## Figure C

## Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Tax Generated at All Rates on Returns with the Indicated Marginal Tax Rate, Tax Year 2003

$\xlongequal{\text { [Money amounts are in thousands of dollars] }}$

| Marginal tax rate classes | Number of returns |  | Modified taxable income |  | Tax generated |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent of total | Amount | Percent of total | Amount | Percent of total |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Total... | 101,386,201 | 100.0 | 4,206,592,864 | 100.0 | 780,309,227 | 100.0 |
| 5 percent.. | 678,141 | 0.7 | 4,130,293 | 0.1 | 208,010 | $\left({ }^{1}\right)$ |
| 8 percent.. | 68,473 | 0.1 | 720,891 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | 47,862 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) |
| 10 percent.. | 23,243,875 | 22.9 | 106,142,753 | 2.5 | 10,615,439 | 1.4 |
| 10 percent (capital gains)... | 2,583,832 | 2.5 | 19,866,025 | 0.5 | 1,689,343 | 0.2 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{2}$.......................... | 13,826 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | 8,681 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | 870 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) |
| 15 percent............................................. | 40,997,696 | 40.4 | 1,000,557,078 | 23.8 | 128,796,537 | 16.5 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{3} \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 6,474,523 | 6.4 | 259,768,302 | 6.2 | 33,235,065 | 4.3 |
| 20 percent............................................. | 430,386 | 0.4 | 67,771,415 | 1.6 | 10,720,608 | 1.4 |
| 25 percent............................................. | 15,578,547 | 15.4 | 887,311,030 | 21.1 | 148,923,302 | 19.1 |
| 25 percent (capital gains).. | 5,751,843 | 5.7 | 436,467,662 | 10.4 | 74,792,138 | 9.6 |
| 28 percent............................................. | 1,756,615 | 1.7 | 196,015,310 | 4.7 | 41,655,938 | 5.3 |
| 28 percent (capital gains)........ | 1,678,502 | 1.7 | 233,408,084 | 5.5 | 48,461,009 | 6.2 |
| 33 percent............................................. | 1,277,577 | 1.3 | 305,591,419 | 7.3 | 74,561,983 | 9.6 |
| 35 percent............................................ | 752,028 | 0.7 | 687,885,619 | 16.4 | 206,409,506 | 26.5 |
| Form $8615^{4}$............................................ | 100,337 | 0.1 | 948,301 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | 191,617 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) |

[^2]the third year in a row, the 2003 tax rates for the four highest ordinary income brackets were each reduced. These reductions are explained in Appendix C (under Tax Rate Reduction).

The "15-percent" (ordinary income) marginal tax rate bracket contained the largest share of returns for 2003, at 40.4 percent of returns with modified taxable income. These returns reported 23.8 percent of modified taxable income for 2003 and 16.5 percent of income tax generated. While representing only 0.7 percent of returns, taxpayers in the " 35 -percent" marginal rate bracket reported 16.4 percent of the modified taxable income and 26.5 percent of the tax (the largest of any tax bracket). The 15.4 percent of returns in the " 25 -percent" (ordinary income) marginal rate bracket (the second largest group) reported 21.1 percent of the modified taxable income and 19.1 percent of income tax generated. Returns in the "28percent" (ordinary income) marginal rate bracket reported 4.7 percent of the modified taxable income and 5.3 percent of the tax. Returns in the " 33 -percent" marginal rate bracket reported showed 7.3 percent of the modified taxable income and 9.6 percent of the tax generated. Return in the capital gains and dividends tax brackets ( 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, and 28 percent) reported a total of 22.6 percent of modified taxable income and 20.3 percent of the tax.

As shown in Table 2, more tax was generated for 2003 at the 15 -percent rate than at any other rate. The 37.7 percent of income taxed at this rate was reported by 73.4 percent of returns with modified taxable income, producing 30.4 percent of tax generated. The 25 -percent rate generated the next largest amount of income tax liability. Tax in that bracket was reported on 26.4 percent of returns, and 15.2 percent of modified taxable income was taxed at this rate, to generate 20.5 percent of tax generated. Only 0.7 percent of returns with taxable income were taxed at the 35 -percent rate. However, 8.7 percent of all income was taxed at this rate, generating 16.5 percent of the tax generated.

## Components of Total Income Tax

## Regular Tax

Regular tax is generally tax determined from a taxpayer's taxable income based on statutory tax rates less any applicable tax credits. It does not
include the "alternative minimum tax" (AMT). Figure D illustrates the derivation of aggregate tax generated for 2003 returns with modified taxable income. Table 1 includes two tax amounts: "tax generated" and "income tax after credits." Tables 5 through 8 and Figures A and B include an additional measure of tax, "total income tax."

As shown (Figure D and column 5 of Table 1), the tax generated by applying statutory ordinary income and capital gains tax rates to modified taxable income was $\$ 780.3$ billion, a 6.0 -percent decrease from 2002 [4]. For most taxpayers, tax generated was equal to income tax before credits. However, for some taxpayers, income tax before credits included the alternative minimum tax (AMT) and/or special taxes on lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans (when a 10-year averaging method

## Figure D

Derivation of Tax Year 2003 Total Income Tax as Shown in Statistics of Income
[Money amounts are in billions of dollars]

| Tax generated from tax rate schedules or tax table PLUS: | 780.3 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| Tax on lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans. | 0.2 |
| Alternative minimum tax... | 9.5 |
| EQUALS: |  |
| Income tax before credits................................................... | 790.0 |
| LESS: Tax credits, total ${ }^{1}$... | 42.0 |
| Child-care credit.. | 3.2 |
| Child tax credit ${ }^{1}$.. | 22.8 |
| Education credit.. | 5.8 |
| Foreign tax credit. | 5.8 |
| General business credit... | 0.6 |
| Earned income credit (limited to the amount needed to reduce total income tax to zero). | 0.9 |
| Credit for prior-year minimum tax... | 0.9 |
| Retirement savings contribution credit. | 1.0 |
| Other credits ${ }^{2}$........... | 0.9 |
| EQUALS: |  |
| Income tax after credits...................................................... | 748.0 |
| PLUS: Trusts accumulation distribution... | 0.01 |
| EQUALS: |  |
| Total income tax................................................................... | 748.0 |

${ }^{1}$ Does not include the additional child tax credit that for 2003 was $\$ 9.11$ billion which were refunded to taxpayers and not included in total income tax.
${ }^{2}$ Includes the elderly or disabled credit, empowerment zone and community renewal employment credit, mortgage interest credit, New York liberty zone credit, adoption credit, DC first time home buyer's credit, rate reduction credit, nonconventional source fuel credit, and other credits.

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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was used) [5]. The AMT increased sharply by 38.2 percent to $\$ 9.5$ billion for 2003 . Income tax before credits was $\$ 790.0$ billion for 2003 , down from $\$ 836.8$ billion, representing a 5.6 -percent decrease from 2002. Taxpayers used $\$ 42.0$ billion of tax credits to reduce their income tax before credits. The earned income credit (EIC) is included in this computation to the extent that its application did not reduce income tax before credits below zero. Any portion of the EIC that is refundable to the taxpayer because it exceeds the taxpayer's liability and any portion of the EIC used to reduce taxes other than income taxes are excluded from the computation of income tax after credits [6]. Income tax after credits (Figure D) totaled $\$ 748.0$ billion as did total income tax (the sum of income tax after credits and tax on trust accumulation distributions). These taxes both represented a 6.1-percent decline from 2002.

Table 4 provides estimates of income tax before credits by the type of tax computation for returns with modified taxable income. For 2003, the number of returns with the Schedule D and qualified dividends tax computation increased almost 170 percent from 6.7 million to 18.1 million. This caused a large increase in the income tax before credits and tax generated at these lower rates. TY 2003 saw a decrease of 12.9 million returns that calculated taxes with a regular tax computation only. The cause of this decline was due to a majority of these returns moving from the regular tax computation into the Schedule D and qualified dividends tax computation. For 2003, the number of returns filed by children under age 14 with Form 8615 for reporting investment income over $\$ 1,500$ decreased 20.8 percent to a little over 100,000. Using Form 8615 to compute their tax (as if their incomes were treated as the marginal incomes of their parents or guardians), these children generated just over \$191.6 million (column 7) of tax revenue which is $\$ 30.5$ million (column 8) more than the $\$ 161.1$ million (column 6) of tax that would have been generated using ordinary tax computations.

The income tax before credits increased from $\$ 186.5$ billion to $\$ 426.1$ billion. This computation also generated $\$ 387.7$ billion in tax as compared to $\$ 161.2$ billion for 2002. The reason for this large shift was that, for 2003, the Schedule D computation now included qualified dividends, which, as noted above, relocated many of the 12.8 million returns previously
listed under the regular tax only computation into the returns with Schedule D and qualified dividends tax computation. Both ordinary and qualified dividends are detailed in Appendix A (under Dividends). If long-term capital gains had been taxed the same as ordinary income, the amount of income tax before credits (regular tax computation) for these same taxpayers would have been $\$ 426.1$ billion (column 6). Thus, use of the Schedule D tax computation resulted in $\$ 38.4$ billion (column 8) less tax for 2003, a rise from the $\$ 25.3$-billion reduction for 2002 (column 4) when 6.7 million taxpayers received some benefit from lower capital gain taxes (column 1). However, the average tax savings for those who had these capital gains fell from $\$ 3,770$ per return for 2002 to \$2,117 for 2003.

## Alternative Minimum Tax

The Revenue Act of 1978 established the alternative minimum tax to ensure that a minimum amount of income tax was paid by taxpayers who might otherwise be able to legally reduce, or totally eliminate, their tax burdens. The AMT provisions may recapture some of the tax reductions under the ordinary income tax. Form 6251, Alternative Minimum Tax-Individuals, is used to calculate AMT. (See
Appendix E for an explanation of the computation of income for AMT purposes.)

Figure E presents statistics, by size of AGI, on the AMT reported by taxpayers filing Form 6251 with their returns. Some taxpayers include Form 6251 even though their tax liability is not increased due to the AMT. The tabulations in Figure E include such forms. For 2003, AMT liability rose 38.2 percent to $\$ 9.5$ billion from $\$ 6.9$ billion in 2002. This rise in AMT coincided with a large increase in the number of returns that were subject to paying the AMT. The number of returns subject to paying the AMT increased 23.4 percent from 2002 to 2.4 million returns for 2003, and the Alternative Minimum Taxable Income (AMTI) increased 31.3 percent from 2002.

Figure F shows the number of taxpayers with AMT liability and the amount of that liability for each of the years 1986 through 2003. Much of the variation in the number of taxpayers affected by the AMT and in the amount of AMT liability during the mid-tolate 1980's and early 1990's was attributable to tax law changes such as TRA86, RRA90 (Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990), and OBRA93, which

Returns with Alternative Minimum Tax Computation Reported on Form 6251: Total Adjustments and Preferences, and Alternative Minimum Taxable Income and Tax, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Years 2002 and 2003
[Money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Size of adjusted gross income | Total adjustments and preferences ${ }^{1}$ |  | Alternative minimum taxable income |  | Alternative minimum tax |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
| All returns..................................... | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|  | Tax Year 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5,274,864 | 107,538,541 | 5,943,102 | 1,119,412,865 | 2,357,975 | 9,469,803 |
| Under \$ $1^{2}$. | 90,575 | 1,255,423 | $\begin{aligned} & 129,582 \\ & 294,704 \end{aligned}$ | -10,762,709 | 5,427 | 81,262 |
| \$1 under \$10,000.. | 130,628 | 294,876 |  | 752,929 | 3,344 | 5,776 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000. | 164,493 | 441,193 | 254,340 | 2,706,268 | 2,591 | 6,294 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000.. | 149,183 | 654,972 | 218,232 | 4,293,145 | 3,850 | 21,683 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000. | 156,007 | 657,114 | 197,269 | 5,127,098 | 5,090 | 2,118 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000. | 240,072 | 1,578,559 | 292,648 | 11,449,018 | 12,453 | 16,980 |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000.. | 579,162 | 4,497,946 | 658,634 | 35,896,638 | 85,664 | 86,149 |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000... | 548,099 | 5,832,543 | 605,893 | 46,371,534 | 109,977 | 185,177 |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000.. | 1,547,971 | 27,412,096 | 1,589,305 | 206,360,452 | 844,104 | 1,875,212 |
| \$200,000 under \$500,000.. | 1,371,834 | 35,270,913 | 1,397,829 | 373,453,249 | 1,148,987 | 4,700,750 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000. | 192,637 | 9,199,893 | 198,104 | 121,310,271 | 103,434 | 1,165,529 |
| \$1,000,000 or more. | 104,204 | 20,443,011 | 106,562 | 322,454,972 | 33,056 | 1,322,875 |
|  | Tax Year 2002 |  |  |  |  |  |
| All returns.. | 4,351,676 | 92,817,141 | 4,915,873 | 852,499,465 | 1,910,789 | 6,853,901 |
| Under \$1 ${ }^{2}$. | 89,661 | 1,139,356 | 105,639 | -12,845,896 | 4,681 | 126,779 |
| \$1 under \$10,000.. | 96,393 | 282,949 | 224,201 | $427,960$ | 3,343 | 2,088 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000.. | 127,818 | 355,733 | 200,091 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,964,179 \\ & 4,141,410 \end{aligned}$ | 2,886 | 3,385 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000.. | 116,233 | 546,831 | 193,305 |  | 4,478 | 9,093 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000... | 156,417 | 903,125 | $\begin{aligned} & 208,941 \\ & 199,004 \end{aligned}$ | 6,106,526 | 16,117 | 23,210 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000... | 167,426 | 1,330,419 |  | 7,632,853 | 33,881 | 34,067 |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000... | 552,458 | 5,593,137 | 643,985 | 35,315,779 | 188,847 | 253,778 |
| \$75,000 under \$ 100,000... | 598,657 | 8,064,548 | 631,321 | 48,810,310 | 284,050 | 365,363 |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000.. | 1,360,074 | 23,872,135 | 1,392,342 | 174,922,118 | 759,476 | 1,665,869 |
| \$200,000 under \$500,000... | 858,729 | 24,226,709 | 882,647 | 232,989,048 | 546,501 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,564,164 \\ 742,837 \end{array}$ |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000.. | 140,940 | 7,976,686 | 145,547 | $90,777,648$$262,257,528$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46,304 \\ & 20,224 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| \$1,000,000 or more............... | 86,871 | 18,525,516 | 88,851 |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 742,837 \\ 1,063,267 \end{array}$ |

[^3]altered the AMT. Since then, the impact of the AMT has increased partially because the AMT exemptions have not been automatically indexed annually for the effects of inflation whereas various parameters of the ordinary income tax (such as tax brackets, exemptions, etc.) have been indexed annually for inflation. For both 2001 (under EGTRRA) and 2003 (under JGTRRA), AMT exemptions were increased, while ordinary tax rates declined. The net result of these changes was that, for 2003, AMT levels rose to $\$ 9.5$ billion, close to the all-time high paid by individual taxpayers of $\$ 9.6$ billion for 2000 .
(The 2003 AMT exemptions are detailed in Appendix C, under Alternative Minimum Tax.)

## Income and Tax Shares

Historical statistics from 1986 through 2003 on income and tax by cumulative percentiles (based on numbers of returns) are presented in Tables 5 through 8. Distributions of AGI, as defined for each year and tax or income item, by descending and ascending cumulative percentiles of returns, are presented in Tables 5 and 6. These tables can be used to make comparisons across cumulative percen-

## Figure $F$

Alternative Minimum Tax, Tax Years 1986-2003
[Tax rates are in percentages--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Tax year | Highest statutory alternative minimum tax rate | Alternative minimum tax |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 1986. | 20 | 608,907 | 6,713,149 |
| 1987. | 21 | 139,779 | 1,674,898 |
| 1988. | 21 | 113,562 | 1,027,884 |
| 1989. | 21 | 117,483 | 831,012 |
| 1990... | 21 | 132,103 | 830,313 |
| 1991. | 24 | 243,672 | 1,213,426 |
| 1992. | 24 | 287,183 | 1,357,063 |
| 1993. | 28 | 334,615 | 2,052,790 |
| 1994. | 28 | 368,964 | 2,212,094 |
| 1995. | 28 | 414,106 | 2,290,576 |
| 1996.. | 28 | 477,898 | 2,812,746 |
| 1997.. | $28{ }^{1}$ | 618,072 | 4,005,101 |
| 1998. | $28{ }^{1}$ | 853,433 | 5,014,549 |
| 1999. | $28{ }^{1}$ | 1,018,063 | 6,477,697 |
| 2000. | $28{ }^{1}$ | 1,304,197 | 9,600,840 |
| 2001. | $28{ }^{1}$ | 1,120,047 | 6,756,705 |
| 2002.. | $28{ }^{1}$ | 1,910,789 | 6,853,901 |
| 2003. | $28{ }^{1}$ | 2,357,975 | 9,469,803 |

${ }^{1}$ Top rate on most long-term capital gains was 20 percent. For 2003, it was 15 percent.
tile classes within each year, among years within the ERTA81 period (i.e., Tax Years 1982 through 1986), and among years within the post-TRA86 period (i.e., Tax Years 1987 through 2003). Since TRA86 redefined AGI, Tables 5 and 6 are not as useful for comparisons between pre- and post-TRA86 years. Thus, Tables 7 and 8, which are based on a consistent definition of income (i.e., the 1979 Income Concept), are included to facilitate such comparisons.

Tables 5 and 7 are based on percentiles of returns cumulated downward from the highest income returns. The data in Tables 5 and 7 are shown for the top 1 percent, 5 percent, 10 percent, 25 percent, and 50 percent of returns. Tables 6 and 8 are based on returns cumulated upward from the lowest income returns. Data are shown for the bottom 50 percent, 75 percent, 90 percent, 95 percent, and 99 percent of all returns.

Consider, for example, the data in Table 5 for the 128.6 million returns filed for 2003 with positive AGI [7]. The average tax rate for these returns was 11.9 percent, a 1.1-percentage point decrease from 2002.
(A sizable portion of returns with positive AGI are nontaxable, accounting for the difference in the computation of this particular average tax rate versus the 13.0 -percent average tax rate for taxable returns only--Figure A.) This was the third year in a row that the average tax rate has fallen. The average tax rate on the $1,5,10,25$, and 50 percentiles all decreased from 2002. The $1,5,10,25$, and 50 percentiles all also recorded a larger share of the income tax burden than their respective shares of AGI. For 2003, the returns in the top 1-percentile reported 16.8 percent of total AGI and 34.3 percent of income tax. The amount of AGI needed for inclusion in this percentile group (i.e., the AGI floor) was $\$ 295,495$. For 2002, the returns in this percentile group (i.e., those with at least $\$ 285,424$ in AGI) reported 16.1 percent of total AGI and 33.7 percent of total income tax.

For 2003, the returns in the top 5 -percentile group (returns reporting AGI of \$130,080 or more) reported 31.2 percent of total AGI and 54.4 percent of income tax, compared to 30.6 percent and 53.8 percent, respectively, for 2002 (when the AGI floor was $\$ 126,525$ ). For 2003, returns in the top 10-percentile group (returns with AGI of at least $\$ 94,891$ ) earned 42.4 percent of AGI and paid 65.8 percent of income tax. For 2002, the returns in this percentile group (with AGI of $\$ 92,663$ or more) reported 41.8 percent of total AGI and 65.7 percent of income tax. The top 50 -percentile group (earning $\$ 29,019$ or more) accounted for 86.0 percent of income and paid almost all ( 96.5 percent) of the income tax for 2003.

The statistics by percentile in Tables 5 and 6 for years prior to 1991 and in Tables 7 and 8 for years prior to 1994 were estimated, using a mathematical technique called "osculatory interpolation," applied to aggregated data tabulated by income-size classes, in order to distribute the tax returns within each class [8]. For 1991 and later years, the statistics by percentiles in Tables 5 and 6, and Tables 7 and 8 for 1994 through 2003 were computed based on an actual ranking of the returns in the statistical sample that served as the basis for Individual Statistics of Income estimates. The differences under the two methods were judged to be minor enough so that the pre-1991 and post-1990 data are believed to be comparable.

## Appendix A: Explanation of Selected Terms

This appendix provides brief explanations of the major tax concepts discussed. For more extensive
definitions, see Individual Income Tax Returns 2003, Statistics of Income Division, Internal Revenue Service, Publication 1304.

Adjusted Gross Income.--Adjusted gross income is "total income," as defined by the tax code, less "statutory adjustments" (primarily business, investment, or certain other deductions, such as payments to a Keogh self-employed retirement plan, certain deductible contributions to an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA), self-employed health insurance deductions, and one-half of Social Security taxes for the self-employed). Total income includes, for example, salaries and wages, taxable interest, dividends, alimony, and net amounts from such sources as business income, rents and royalties, and sales of capital assets.

Difference Due to Special Tax Computation.-For this article, the tax difference is the amount of tax resulting from using provisions of one of the special tax computations (Form 8615 or Schedule D and qualified dividends) less the amount of tax that would have resulted from not having used any of these provisions (regular tax computation).

Dividends.--Ordinary dividend income consisted of distributions of money, stock, or other property received by taxpayers from domestic and foreign corporations, either directly or passed through estates, trusts, partnerships, or regulated investment companies. Ordinary dividends also included distributions from money market mutual funds.

Ordinary dividends did not include nontaxable distributions of stock or stock rights, returns of capital, capital gains, or liquidation distributions. Taxpayers were also instructed to exclude amounts paid on deposits or withdrawable accounts in banks, mutual savings banks, cooperative banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions, which were treated as interest income.

Qualified dividends are the ordinary dividends received in tax years beginning after 2002 that met certain conditions. These conditions include: the dividend must have been paid by a U.S. corporation or a "qualified" foreign corporation; the stock ownership must have met certain holding period requirements; the dividends were not from certain institutions, such as mutual savings banks, cooperative banks, credit unions, tax-exempt organizations, or farmer cooperatives; and the dividends were not for any share of stock which was part of an employee
stock ownership plan (ESOP). The maximum tax rate for qualified dividends was 15 percent generally (or 5 percent for amounts that would otherwise have been taxed at the 10 -percent or 15 -percent regular income rate).

Form 8615 Tax Computation.--Form 8615 was used to compute the tax on investment income of children under age 14 who had investment income of more than $\$ 1,500$. Generally, such income was taxed as the marginal income of the parents.

Income Tax Before Credits.--This amount consisted of the tax liability on taxable income, computed by using the tax tables, tax rate schedules, Schedule D Tax worksheet, Schedule J, or Form 8615, plus Form (s) 8814, any additional taxes from Form 4972, and the alternative minimum tax.

Income Tax Before Credits (Regular Tax Computation).--This amount consisted of the tax liability on ordinary income, computed by using the tax table or applying the rates from one of the four tax rate schedules, plus any additional tax (tax on lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans). When Form 8615 tax was payable on investment income of children, for this concept, all the income was taxed at the child's rate rather than at the rate of the parents. When the Schedule D tax was payable on net long-term capital gains, the tax was based on the regular tax rates rather than the 5percent, 8 -percent, 10 -percent, 15 -percent, 25 -percent, or 28 -percent tax rate for capital gains. When a tax was payable on a qualified dividend, the tax was based on regular tax rates instead of the maximum tax rate for qualified dividends, 15 percent ( 5 percent for amounts that would otherwise have been taxed in the 10 -percent and 15 -percent tax brackets). This is in contrast to the computation of Income Tax Before Credits (see above) in which special tax computations, such as those involved on the Form 8615, Schedule D and qualified dividends, are taken into account. See Table 4.

Marginal Tax Rate.--See Appendix D.
Modified Taxable Income.--See Appendix D.
Regular Tax Computation.--Depending on marital status and size of taxable income, the taxpayer used one of the four tax rate schedules (or an approximation from the tax table) to determine tax. Returns of taxpayers who had taxes computed by the Internal Revenue Service were classified under the regular tax computation method.

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## Schedule D and Qualified Dividends Tax

 Computation.--Schedule D was used to compute the 5-percent (post May 5, 2003), 8-percent, 10-percent, 15-percent, 25-percent, and 28-percent taxes on net long-term capital gains (in excess of net short-term capital losses), if such computations were beneficial to the taxpayer. Any investment interest allocated to long-term capital gains (on Form 4952) was excluded from this computation. Qualified dividends were taxed at a maximum tax rate of 15 percent ( 5 percent for amounts that would otherwise have been taxed in the 10-percent and 15-percent brackets).Taxable Income.--Taxable income is AGI less the sum of personal exemptions amounts and either the standard deduction for nonitemizers or total itemized deductions. The amounts for personal exemptions and total itemized deductions are net of any reductions because of taxpayers' incomes exceeding certain income thresholds.

Taxable Returns.--A return is classified as "taxable" based on the presence of "tax generated." The following additional taxes were not taken into account for this purpose: self-employment, household employment, Social Security, Railroad Retirement Tax Act (RRTA) taxes, tax from recomputing prioryear investment, low-income housing and a few other business credits, penalty taxes on Individual Retirement Arrangements, section 72 penalty taxes, advance earned income credit payments, or "golden parachute" payments (made to key employees as compensation under certain circumstances).

Tax Generated.--This is the amount of tax computed on modified taxable income either from the tax rate schedules or the tax table. Tax generated does not take into account the alternative minimum tax or the effect of tax credits. For most returns (those without the special tax on lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans or alternative minimum tax), tax generated equals "income tax before credits."

Total Income Tax.--This is the sum of income tax after credits and tax on accumulated trusts distribution from the Form 4970, less the portion of the EIC used to offset other taxes as well as the refundable portion of the EIC (with tax limited to zero).

## Appendix B: Income Tax Structure

Taxpayers must file an income tax return if they meet certain minimum filing requirements. The filing
requirements for 2003 generally were based on the amount of "gross income," filing status, age, and, to a lesser extent, dependency and blindness [9]. Generally, the minimum level of income for which a return was required to be filed equaled the sum of the standard deduction for the particular filing status and the amount of the personal exemption deduction allowed for the taxpayer or taxpayers (but not for any dependents). In addition to the general filing requirements, individuals were required to file a return for Tax Year 2003 if they had net earnings from self-employment of at least $\$ 400$; liability for Social Security or Medicare tax on unreported tip income; Social Security, Medicare, or Railroad Retirement tax on reported tip income or group-term life insurance; "alternative minimum tax"; tax on qualified retirement plan distributions, including an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) or a Medical Savings Account (MSA); tax on the recapture of investment credit, low-income housing credit, or a few other business credits; recapture tax on the disposition of a home purchased with a Federallysubsidized mortgage; any advance earned income credit payments; or wages of $\$ 108.28$ or more from a church or qualified church-controlled organization that was exempt from Social Security taxes.

Gross income includes all income received as money, goods, property, or services that was not expressly exempt from tax [10]. Adjusted gross income (AGI) is equal to gross income less deductions for certain expenses [11]. "Taxable income," the base on which income tax before credits is computed, equals AGI less the amount for personal exemptions and less either total allowable itemized deductions for taxpayers who itemize deductions, or the standard deduction (including the additional amounts for age and blindness) for all other taxpayers.

Income tax before credits is calculated from taxable income using: the tax table or tax rate schedules, both of which vary with taxpayer filing status (single, married filing jointly, surviving spouse, married filing separately, and head of household); Form 8615 or Form 8814 for children's investment incomes; Schedule J for Farmers to income-average; Schedule D and Qualified Dividends worksheet for net long-term capital gains and qualified dividends; or some combination of the above [12]. For 2003, the tax rates for each filing status were 5 percent, 8 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent, 20 percent, 25 per-

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cent, 26 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent, and 35 percent [13]. The tax rates of 5 percent, 8 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent, and 20 percent were used for net long-term capital gains (in excess of net short-term capital losses). The new 5 -percent and 15 -percent rates for 2003 in relation to long-term capital gains were only for certain sales and other dispositions after May 5, 2003, as well as any qualified dividends (explained in Appendix C: Capital Gain and Dividend Tax Rates). The 26-percent tax rate was only for the alternative minimum tax. Income tax before credits includes any alternative minimum tax. (See Appendix C for further details on these rates).

To calculate their Federal income tax liabilities for 2003, taxpayers used either the tax table or the tax rate schedules. Taxpayers with taxable income less than $\$ 100,000$ were required to use the tax table, while those with taxable income of $\$ 100,000$ or more were required to use the tax rate schedules. The tax table was based on income tax "brackets" up to $\$ 50$ wide [14]. The tax within each bracket was based on the tax calculated at the midpoint of the bracket and then rounded to the nearest whole dollar. As a result, the tax table and the tax rate schedules could produce different amounts of tax for the same amount of taxable income. Use of the tax table could have produced either a slightly higher or lower amount of tax than that produced by the tax rate schedules. For taxpayers using the tax table with taxable income that was subject to the 33 -percent marginal rate, the maximum difference in tax between the tax rate schedules and the tax table was $\$ 8.25$ [15]. However, for most taxpayers, the actual difference in tax was smaller.

## Appendix C: Changes in Law for 2003

Alternative Minimum Tax.--The Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) exemption amount increased to $\$ 40,250$ for single and head of household filers, $\$ 58,000$ for married couples filing jointly and surviving spouses, and $\$ 29,000$ for married couples filing separately. This was an increase from 2002 of $\$ 9,000$ for married filing jointly taxpayers and surviving spouses, and $\$ 4,500$ for single taxpayers and married couples filing separately.

Capital Gain and Dividend Tax Rates.--For long-term capital gains realized after May 5, 2003, the 8 - and 10 - percent capital gain tax rates were reduced to 5 percent. The 20 -percent rate was
reduced to 15 percent. In addition, the 8 -percent capital gain rate for qualified 5 -year gain did not apply to any gain after May 5, 2003. New tax rates were applied to qualified dividends. The maximum tax rate for qualified dividends was 15 percent (generally 5 percent for amounts that would otherwise be traxed in the 10 -percent and 15 -percent regular tax brackets). Qualified dividends were ordinary dividends that met certain criteria, including: the dividends must have been paid by a U.S. corporation or a "qualified" foreign corporation; the stock ownership must have met certain holding period requirements; the dividends were not from certain institutions, such as mutual savings banks, cooperative banks, credit unions, tax-exempt organizations, or farmer cooperatives; and the dividends were not for any share of stock which was part of an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP).

Child and Dependent Care Credit.--For 2003, the maximum credit increased to $\$ 1,050$ for one qualifying individual and $\$ 2,100$ for two or more qualifying individuals (\$800 and \$1,600, respectively, for 2002). The limit on qualifying expenses increased to $\$ 3,000$ for one qualifying individual and $\$ 6,000$ for two or more individuals ( $\$ 2,400$ and $\$ 4,800$, respectively, for 2002). The credit could have been as much as 35 percent (previously 30 percent) of a taxpayer's qualified expenses.

Child Tax Credit.--The child tax credit increased to $\$ 1,000$ for 2003 from $\$ 600$ for 2002. For 2003, up to $\$ 400$ per eligible child may have been given in advance to taxpayers based on the age of eligible children and the taxpayer's 2002 tax return. The taxpayer's 2003 child tax credit was reduced by any advance child tax credit payment.

Earned Income Credit.--The maximum amount of investment income (interest, dividends, and capital gain income) a taxpayer could earn and still claim the credit increased to $\$ 2,600$ from $\$ 2,550$. The maximum credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children increased to $\$ 382$ from $\$ 376$. For these taxpayers, earned income and AGI had to be less than $\$ 11,230$ ( $\$ 12,230$ if married filing jointly). For taxpayers with one qualifying child, the maximum credit increased $\$ 41$ to $\$ 2,547$, and, for taxpayers with two or more qualifying children, the maximum credit increased to $\$ 4,204$ from $\$ 4,140$. To be eligible for the credit, a taxpayer's earned income and AGI had to be less than \$29,666 (\$30,666 for married filing jointly) for one

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qualifying child, or less than $\$ 33,692$ ( $\$ 34,692$ for married filing jointly) for two or more qualifying children.

Indexing.--The following items increased due to indexing for inflation: personal exemption amounts, the basic standard deduction amounts (other than married filing joint returns, see below), most tax bracket boundaries (see Tax Rate Reduction, below, for details for married filing joint returns), the beginning income amounts for limiting certain itemized deductions, and for the phaseout of personal exemptions. The maximum amount of earnings subject to self-employment tax increased based on the percentage change in average covered earnings.

Individual Retirement Arrangement Deduc-tion.--For 2003, a taxpayer (both taxpayers for married filing jointly), could take a deduction of up to $\$ 3,000(\$ 3,500$ if age 50 or older) for IRA contributions if not covered by a retirement plan, or if covered by a retirement plan and modified AGI was less than $\$ 50,000(\$ 70,000$ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)). This was up from \$44,000 ( $\$ 64,000$ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)) for 2002.

Lifetime Learning Credit.--The amount of qualified tuition and related expenses a taxpayer took into account for the lifetime learning credit increased from $\$ 5,000$ for 2002 to $\$ 10,000$ for 2003. The credit equaled 20 percent of these qualified expenses, with a maximum credit of $\$ 2,000(\$ 1,000$ for 2002).

Self-employed Health Insurance Deduction.-A self-employed taxpayer was able to deduct up to 100 percent of health insurance expenses for 2003, up from 70 percent for 2002.

Standard Deduction.--The standard deduction for married filing jointly returns was increased beyond general indexing for inflation to $\$ 9,500$ for 2003. This amount was equal to twice the standard deduction for single filers. For 2002, this deduction was $\$ 7,850$. The standard deductions for other filing statuses were only indexed for inflation.

Tax Rate Reduction.--For Tax Year 2003, both the 10 -percent and 15 -percent tax brackets received significant expansions on the upper taxable income threshold beyond inflation indexing for some taxpayers. The 10 -percent regular income tax bracket was expanded $\$ 2,000$ for a maximum taxable income of $\$ 14,000$ for married filing joint returns (expanded $\$ 1,000$ for a maximum taxable income of $\$ 7,000$ for single or married filing separately). The 15 -percent
tax bracket received a disproportionately large expansion for joint returns as compared to single filers. This expansion was $\$ 10,100$ and aligned the joint returns maximum taxable income amount $(\$ 56,800)$ to exactly double the amount for single or married filing separately filers $(\$ 28,400)$. Also, for Tax Year 2003, there was a reduction of the former tax rates of 27 percent, 30 percent, 35 percent and 38.6 percent to 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent, and 35 percent, respectively. Also, as cited above (Capital Gains and Dividend Tax Rate), tax rates were reduced for some long-term gains and all qualified dividends.

## Appendix D: Income and Tax Concepts

As discussed in Appendix B, gross income is all income received that is not specifically excluded. Total income is the net amount of gross income after certain expenses (i.e., business or rent and royalty expenses) have been deducted. Adjusted gross income (AGI) is total income less statutory adjustments to income (i.e., deductible contributions to an IRA or Keogh plan).

## 1979 Income Concept

To analyze changes in income and taxes over a period of years, a consistent definition of income should be used. Because the components of AGI may vary from year to year as the law changes, the "1979 Income Concept" was developed to provide a more uniform measure of income across tax years. By including the same income and deduction items in each year's income calculation and using only items available on Federal individual income tax returns, the definition of the 1979 Income Concept is consistent throughout the base years and can be used for future years to compare income by including only income components common to all years. Tax Years 1979 through 1986 were used as base years in identifying the income and deduction items included in this concept. The 1979 Income Concept applied to 2003 includes many income and deduction items that are also components of AGI (Figure G). However, unlike AGI, the 1979 Income Concept also includes some nontaxable (i.e., tax-exempt) amounts of income reported on individual income tax returns and disallowed passive loss deductions. In addition, only straight-line deductions for depreciation are included in the 1979 Income Concept [16].

## Figure $G$

## Components of the 1979 Income Concept, Tax Year 2003

Income or Loss:
Salaries and wages ${ }^{1}$
Interest ${ }^{1}$
Dividends ${ }^{1}$
Taxable refunds ${ }^{1}$
Alimony received ${ }^{1}$
Capital gain distributions not reported on Schedule D ${ }^{1}$
Capital gains reported on Schedule D minus allowable losses ${ }^{1}$
Other gains and losses (Form 4797) ${ }^{1}$
Business net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
Farm net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
Rent net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
Royalty net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
Partnership net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
S corporation net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
Farm rental net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
Estate or trust net income or loss ${ }^{1}$
Unemployment compensation ${ }^{1}$
Depreciation in excess of straight-line depreciation ${ }^{2}$
Total pension income ${ }^{3,4}$
Other net income or loss ${ }^{4,5}$
Net operating loss ${ }^{1}$
Deductions:
Disallowed passive losses (Form 8582) ${ }^{6}$
Moving expenses ${ }^{1}$
Alimony paid ${ }^{1}$
Unreimbursed business expenses ${ }^{6}$
${ }^{1}$ Included in adjusted gross income (less deficit) (AGI) for Tax Year 2003.
${ }^{2}$ Adjustment to add back excess depreciation (accelerated over straight-line depreciation) deducted in the course of a trade or business and included in net income (loss) amounts shown above.
${ }^{3}$ Includes taxable and tax-exempt pension and retirement distributions, including IRA distributions.
${ }^{4}$ Not fully included in AGI for Tax Year 2003.
${ }^{5}$ Includes an adjustment to add back amounts reported for the "foreign-earned income exclusion."
${ }^{6}$ Not included in AGI for Tax Year 2003.

## Modified Taxable Income

This concept is relevant only for "prior-year returns" (about 4.2 million returns) or certain farm sole proprietor returns using income averaging on Schedule J (about 41 thousand returns). For all other returns, modified taxable income is identical to taxable income.

This is the term used in the statistics to describe "income subject to tax," the actual base on which tax is computed. Each year, a small number of returns for prior tax years are filed during the same calendar year in which the tax returns for the current tax year are being selected for the Statistics of Income
sample. Some of these returns are selected for the sample and act as proxies for returns for the current tax year that will be filed during a later calendar year. The tax on these returns is based on a previous year's tax law (which may reflect different tax rates and income concepts). For the statistics in this article, the taxable incomes reported on these prioryear returns and those filed with a Schedule J are modified to equal an amount necessary to generate the tax actually shown on these returns using currentyear rates.

## Marginal Tax Rates

Under the progressive U.S. income tax rate structure, different portions of taxable income are taxed at different rates. Figure H illustrates how income tax is determined for a single taxpayer with AGI of $\$ 387,000$ who used the standard deduction. As shown in the example, six different tax rates were applied to the taxable income to arrive at total tax. The first $\$ 7,000$ of taxable income were taxed at the 10 -percent rate; the next $\$ 21,400$ of taxable income were taxed at the 15 -percent rate; the next $\$ 40,400$ were taxed at the 25 -percent rate; the next $\$ 74,700$ were taxed at the 28 -percent rate; the next $\$ 168,450$ were taxed at the 33-percent rate; and the remaining $\$ 70,300$ were taxed at the 35 -percent rate. For purposes of this article, the tax rate applied to the last dollar of income (given certain assumptions about which source of income provided the last dollar of income

## Figure H

Income Tax Calculation for a Single Taxpayer With One Exemption Who Used the Standard Deduction, Tax Year 2003
[Money amounts are in whole dollars]

| Item | Amount |
| :---: | :---: |
| Adjusted gross income. | 387,000 |
| Less: Exemption amount. | $0^{1}$ |
| Standard deduction amount. | 4,750 |
| Equals: Taxable income. | 382,250 |
| Tax based on tax rates for single taxpayers: |  |
| First \$7,000 taxed at 10 percent. | 700 |
| Next \$21,400 taxed at 15 percent. | 3,210 |
| Next \$40,400 taxed at 25 percent. | 10,100 |
| Next \$74,700 taxed at 28 percent | 20,916 |
| Next \$168,450 taxed at 33 percent. | 55,589 |
| Next \$70,300 taxed at 35 percent. | 24,605 |
| Total tax from tax rate schedule. | 115,120 |

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subject to tax) is the marginal tax rate for that return. In the example, the marginal tax rate is 35 percent.

Since the individual income tax structure includes various types of income, deductions, exclusions, credits, and taxes which are not subject to the same treatment under tax laws, the marginal tax rate is not always apparent. For instance, investment income of a dependent under age 14 in excess of a specific amount is treated differently than salaries and wages of the same dependent. The investment income in excess of $\$ 1,500$ was taxed at the marginal tax rate of the parents, whereas the salaries and wages were taxed at the dependent's own rate.

Calculating marginal tax rates for a specific individual income tax return generally depends both on the types and amounts of income reported and the assumptions made about the order in which the income is taxed, in particular, which type of income is assumed to be received "last." Additional complexity is added by the presence of such items as the alternative minimum tax and various tax credits.

For this article, it is assumed that the income taxed at the marginal rate was the "last" income received. The alternative minimum tax and income tax credits, such as the earned income credit, are excluded in determining the marginal tax rates. The marginal tax rate is defined as follows:
(1) If a return showed taxable income, the marginal tax rate of the return was the highest rate at which any amount of taxable income reported on the return was taxed.
(2) If the return had no taxable income except for net long-term capital gains or qualified dividends and that amount was less than or equal to the 15-percent tax bracket limit, the return was defined as having an "5-percent, 8-percent, or 10 -percent rate" marginal tax rate. If the return had taxable income (from other than net longterm capital gains) to which only the 15-percent tax rate applied, as well as net long-term capital gains to which the 20 -percent or 25 -percent rate on the net gain applied, the return was defined as having a marginal tax rate equal to the maximum rate at which the net gains were taxed. If the return had taxable income (from other than net long-term capital gains) to which the 25 -percent tax rate applied as the highest
rate, as well as net long-term capital gains to which the maximum 28-percent rate on net gain applied, the return was defined as having a "28percent" marginal tax rate. However, if the return had taxable income (from other than net long-term capital gains) above the maximum amount to which the 25-percent applied, as well as net long-term capital gains to which the 28percent rate on the net gain applied, the return was classified as having the highest rate at which any amount of taxable income reported on the return was taxed.
(3) For returns of dependents with a Form 8615 attached when the use of this form resulted in the taxation of some of the dependent's income as if it were that of the parents, the return was classified as having a "Form 8615" marginal tax rate (the returns in the Form 8615 classification are not distributed by tax rate).
(4) For returns of parents choosing to report interest and dividend incomes of their dependents under age 14 on their own (i.e., the parents') returns using Form 8814, when the dependent's income generated the only tax liability on the parent's return, the return was classified with a "Form 8814" marginal tax rate of 10 percent.

The classification of returns into marginal tax rate categories for Statistics of Income purposes was essentially a function of filing status, size of taxable income, presence of net long-term capital gains (in excess of net short-term capital losses) and/or qualified dividends, and presence of Form 8615 or Form 8814. Returns were classified into one of the following 15 mutually exclusive marginal tax rate categories: (1) 5-percent rate (capital gains); (2) 8-percent rate (capital gains); (3) 10-percent rate; (4) 10percent (capital gains); (5) Form 8814 (10-percent rate with no tax liability other than that generated by the dependent's income); (6) 15-percent rate; (7) 15percent (capital gains); (8) 20-percent rate; (9) 25percent rate; (10) 25-percent capital gains; (11) 28percent rate; (12) 28-percent capital gains; (13) 33percent rate; (14) 35-percent rate; and (15) Form 8615 (with income taxed at any rate) [17].

Table 1 presents statistics by marginal tax rate classification and filing status for returns with modi-
fied taxable income. For each marginal rate classification, modified taxable income and "income tax generated" were computed "at all rates" and "at marginal rate." The "at all rates" computations (columns 3 and 5) show the total amount of modified taxable income or tax generated, tabulated by the marginal tax rate specified; each tax rate classification is mutually exclusive. The "at marginal rate" computations (columns 4 and 6) report the specific amounts of modified taxable income taxed and the tax generated at the marginal tax rate shown, for all returns in each of the marginal rate classifications. The alternative minimum tax was not included in the statistics by marginal tax rate.

For example, consider returns in the "joint returns and returns of surviving spouses" filing status that were included in the " 35 -percent" marginal tax rate classification. The total modified taxable income for the 641,635 returns in this classification "at all rates" was $\$ 581.0$ billion (column 3), and the total tax generated was $\$ 173.7$ billion (column 5). Approximately $\$ 307.0$ billion (column 4) of the modified taxable income was subject to tax at the marginal tax rate of 35 percent. This modified taxable income generated $\$ 107.4$ billion (column 6) in tax at the 35 -percent tax rate with the remainder generated at some or all of the lower eight tax rates.

Table 2 provides statistics on the tax generated, in total and at each tax rate bracket, for returns with modified taxable income. Returns in this table are classified by size of AGI. The tax generated at each tax rate was computed based on the modified taxable income for each individual return.

For example, the 2.0 million returns included in the " $\$ 200,000$ under $\$ 500,000$ " income-size classification showed total modified taxable income of $\$ 483.4$ billion and generated total tax of $\$ 117.7$ billion. Of the $\$ 483.4$ billion of modified taxable income, $\$ 25.6$ billion were taxed at the 10 -percent (ordinary tax) rate, $\$ 77.3$ billion were taxed at the 15 -percent (ordinary tax rate), $\$ 103.7$ billion were taxed at the 25-percent (ordinary tax) rate, $\$ 103.4$ billion were taxed at the 28-percent (ordinary tax) rate, $\$ 103.8$ billion were taxed at the 33-percent rate, and $\$ 17.3$ billion were taxed at the 35 -percent rate, with the remainder consisting of income related to special capital gain and qualified dividend tax rates and Forms 8814 and 8615. For individuals in these classes, these were as follows: Approximately $\$ 0.12$
billion of the total tax generated were from the 5percent rate; $\$ .02$ billion of the total tax generated were from the 8-percent rate; $\$ .02$ billion were from the 10 -percent rate, $\$ 5.3$ billion were from the 15 percent capital gain and qualified dividend rate; $\$ 2.4$ billion were from the 20 -percent capital gain rate, $\$ 0.5$ billion were from the 25 -percent capital gain rate, $\$ .02$ billion were from the 28 -percent capital gain rate, with the remainder from tax related to special capital gain tax rates and Forms 8814 and 8615.

Table 3 presents statistics on the income and tax generated at each tax rate by filing status, for returns with modified taxable income. Over 0.6 million of the 44.0 million returns with modified taxable income filed jointly had some income taxed at the 35 -percent tax rate. For these returns, the taxable income subject to this rate was $\$ 307.0$ billion, and the tax generated was $\$ 107.4$ billion.

## Appendix E: Computation of Alternative Minimum Taxable Income (AMTI)

AMTI was computed by adding certain "tax preferences" (i.e., deduction or exclusion amounts identified as potential sources of tax savings disallowed for AMT purposes) and "adjustments" (i.e., regular tax deduction amounts recomputed or excluded for AMT purposes) to taxable income before any deductions were taken for personal exemptions (Figures I-1 and I-2). Although itemized deductions for some taxpayers were limited for regular tax purposes, the full amounts of such itemized deductions were included as adjustments. (To compensate for this, the overall limitation on itemized deductions

## Figure l-1

## Calculation of Alternative Minimum Taxable Income (AMTI), Tax Year 2003

Taxable income before deduction for personal exemptions
PLUS: Adjustments and preferences (see Figure l-2)
PLUS: Net operating loss deduction
MINUS: Overall itemized deductions limitation
MINUS: Alternative tax net operating loss deduction ${ }^{1}$
EQUALS: Alternative minimum taxable income

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## Figure l-2

## Alternative Minimum Tax Adjustments and Preferences, Tax Year 2003

- Medical and dental expenses from Schedule $A$ (the lesser of deductible medical and dental expenses or 2.5 percent of AGI )
- Deductions for State and local income, real estate, personal property, and foreign taxes
- Deductions for interest on certain home mortgages not used to buy, build, or improve the taxpayer's main home or second home
- Miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to the 2-percent-of-AGI limitation
- Refunds of State and local income, real estate, personal property, and foreign taxes previously deducted (negative)
- Investment interest expense (the result could be negative)
- Excess of percentage depletion deduction for sections 611 and 613 property over the adjusted basis (the result could be negative)
- Tax-exempt interest from private activity bonds issued after August 7, 1986
- Excluded gain, under the section 1202 gain on qualified small business stock held more than 5 years, multiplied by 7 percent if sold after May 5,2003 , otherwise multiplied by 42 percent

■ Incentive stock options which were exercised after 1987 (the amount by which the value of the option when exercised exceeded the price paid by the taxpayer; the result could be negative)

■ Difference between income distributions to beneficiaries of estates and trusts for regular tax purposes and the amounts refigured for AMT purposes (the result could be negative)

- Electing large partnerships, enter the amount from Schedule K-1 (Form 1065-B), box 6.
- Adjustment of gain or loss on property, the basis of which was affected by accelerated depreciation or rapid amortization and which was reduced for AMT purposes (the result could be negative)
- Excess of depreciation on property placed in service after 1986 over less liberal methods allowed for alternative minimum tax (AMT) purposes (straight-line or 150-percent declining balance method, depending on the type of property; the result could be negative)
- Passive activity gains and losses allowed for regular tax purposes for activities acquired before October 23, 1986, taking into account AMT adjustments and preference items and any AMT prior-year unallowed losses (the result could be negative)
- Adjustment for refigured loss from activities in which allowable losses from partnerships or S corporations were limited by "at-risk" and other rules, taking into account AMT adjustments and preference items (the result could be negative)
- Excess of circulation expenditures paid or incurred after 1986 over allowable amortization if the expenditures were capitalized (the result could be negative)
- Deferred income from long-term contracts entered into after February 28, 1986, with certain exceptions and limitations (the result could be negative)
- Excess of mining exploration and development costs paid or incurred after 1986 over allowable amortization if the expenditures were capitalized (the result could be negative)
- Excess of research and experimental expenditures paid or incurred after 1986 over allowable amortization if the expenditures were capitalized (the result could be negative)
- Adjustment from disallowing the installment sales method of accounting for sales of inventory and stock in trade after March 1, 1986, with certain exceptions (the result is negative)
- Amount by which excess intangible drilling costs deducted currently over allowable amortization (if these costs were capitalized) were more than 65 percent of the taxpayer's "net income" from oil, gas, and geothermal wells, with exceptions for independent oil producers and royalty owners
- Excess of accelerated depreciation on property placed in service before 1987 over straight-line depreciation as refigured for AMT purposes
- Adjustment for taxable distributions received from a cooperative (total AMT patronage dividend and per-unit retain allocation adjustment)
- Excess of rapid amortization of pollution control facilities placed in service after 1986 over otherwise allowable depreciation (the result could be negative)
- Adjustment for refigured tax shelter farm losses, taking into account AMT adjustments and preference items (the result could be negative)
- Related adjustments, refigured for AMT purposes, including section 179 expense deduction, expenses for business or rental use of the home, conservation expenses, taxable IRA distributions, self-employed health insurance deduction, Keogh retirement plan or self-employed SEP deduction, and IRA deductions (the result could be negative)
was then subtracted from taxable income for AMT purposes.) The "net operating loss deduction" was recomputed to allow for the exclusion of the "tax preference items" and "adjustments" used to reduce regular tax liability. The recomputed net operating loss deduction, termed the "alternative net operating loss deduction," was limited to 90 percent of AMTI (with certain minor exceptions for 2003).

AMTI was reduced by an exemption amount which depended on the filing status of the individual and which was subject to phaseout at higher AMTI levels. The AMTI exemption for single filers (and heads of households) for 2003 was $\$ 40,250$; for joint filers and surviving spouses, $\$ 58,000$; and for married persons filing separately, $\$ 29,000$. The exemption was reduced (but not below zero) by 25 percent of the amount by which the AMTI exceeded threshold levels of \$112,500 for single filers and heads of households, $\$ 150,000$ for joint filers, and $\$ 75,000$ for married persons filing separately. The exemption was phased out completely for individuals whose filing status was single or head of household, married filing jointly, and married filing separately, at \$273,500, $\$ 382,000$, and $\$ 191,000$, of AMTI, respectively.

After reduction by the exemption, the first $\$ 175,000$ ( $\$ 87,500$ if married filing separately) of the remaining AMTI were subject to tax at a 26 -percent rate, with any excess taxed at a 28 -percent rate. However, capital gains and qualified dividends (recalculated for AMT purposes) that were taxed at lower rates ( 5 percent, 8 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent, 20 percent, and 25 percent) were taxed at these same rates for the AMT, with the rest of AMTI being taxed at the rates mentioned above ( 26 percent or 28 percent). The resulting tax was reduced by the "alternative minimum tax foreign tax credit," which produced a "tentative minimum tax." Tentative minimum tax was further reduced by the individual's regular tax before credits (excluding tax on lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans) less the foreign tax credit (for regular tax purposes) to yield the alternative minimum tax.

Dependents under the age of 14 with investment income over a certain amount who filed their own returns were subject to special rules for AMT purposes. These rules required that the dependents pay the same amount of AMT as their parents would have paid if the parents included the dependents'
incomes on their own tax returns. (Dependents filing their own returns were limited to an AMT exemption of $\$ 5,600$ plus their "earned incomes." The dependent's AMT could be reduced if the parents had regular tax greater than the child's own tentative minimum tax, or if any other dependent under age 14 of the same parents had regular tax greater than this dependent's own tentative minimum tax.)

## Appendix F: Data Sources and Limitations

These statistics are based on a sample of individual income tax returns (Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ, including electronically-filed returns) filed during Calendar Year 2004. Returns in the sample were stratified based on: (1) the larger of positive income or negative income; (2) the size of business and farm receipts; (3) the presence or absence of specific forms or schedules; and (4) the usefulness of returns for tax policy modeling purposes [18]. Returns were then selected at rates ranging from 0.05 percent to 100 percent. The 2003 data are based on a sample of 182,810 returns and an estimated final population of 131,291,334 returns. The corresponding sample and population for the 2002 data were 175,566 and 130,540,073 returns, respectively.

Since the data presented here are estimates based on a sample of returns filed, they are subject to sampling error. To properly use the statistical data provided, the magnitude of the potential sampling error must be known; coefficients of variation (CV's) are used to measure that magnitude. Figure J shows estimated CV's for the numbers of returns and money amounts for selected income items. The reliability of estimates based on samples, and the use of coefficients of variation for evaluating the precision of estimates based on samples, are discussed in the appendix to this issue of the Bulletin.

## Notes and References

[1] For Tax Years 1988 through 1990, the tax rate schedules provided only two basic rates: 15 percent and 28 percent. However, taxable income over certain levels was subject to a 33percent tax rate to phase out the benefit of the 15-percent tax bracket (as compared to the 28percent rate) and the deduction for personal exemptions. At the taxable income level where

Figure J
Coefficients of Variation for Selected Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 2003
[Coefficients of variation are percentages]

| Size of adjusted gross income | Modified taxable income |  | Tax generated | Income tax after credits | Total income tax |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns | Amount |  |  |  |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Total.. | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Under \$2,000 ${ }^{1}$. | 7.17 | 8.48 | 8.53 | 16.77 | 16.75 |
| \$2,000 under \$4,000... | 8.06 | 9.15 | 10.07 | 11.01 | 11.01 |
| \$4,000 under \$6,000.. | 4.11 | 5.19 | 5.57 | 5.72 | 5.72 |
| \$6,000 under \$8,000.... | 3.74 | 4.25 | 4.29 | 4.41 | 4.41 |
| \$8,000 under \$10,000... | 2.54 | 3.31 | 3.47 | 3.97 | 3.97 |
| \$10,000 under \$ 12,000 ... | 2.51 | 2.80 | 2.83 | 3.04 | 3.04 |
| \$12,000 under \$14,000... | 2.48 | 2.72 | 2.77 | 3.01 | 3.01 |
| \$14,000 under \$16,000... | 2.35 | 2.56 | 2.62 | 2.91 | 2.91 |
| \$16,000 under \$18,000.. | 2.21 | 2.55 | 2.62 | 2.97 | 2.97 |
| \$18,000 under \$20,000.. | 2.12 | 2.45 | 2.54 | 2.96 | 2.96 |
| \$20,000 under \$25,000... | 1.33 | 1.49 | 1.56 | 1.86 | 1.86 |
| \$25,000 under \$30,000.. | 1.40 | 1.53 | 1.60 | 1.90 | 1.90 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000... | 1.05 | 1.13 | 1.18 | 1.30 | 1.30 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000.. | 1.08 | 1.13 | 1.20 | 1.37 | 1.37 |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000... | 0.77 | 0.81 | 0.86 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000. | 0.95 | 0.97 | 1.03 | 1.08 | 1.08 |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000... | 0.97 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| \$200,000 under \$500,000.. | 1.00 | 0.89 | 0.91 | 0.90 | 0.90 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000.. | 1.16 | 1.03 | 1.06 | 1.06 | 1.06 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000.... | 1.40 | 1.28 | 1.35 | 1.37 | 1.37 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000... | 1.22 | 1.21 | 1.27 | 1.28 | 1.28 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000... | 0.64 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.59 | 0.59 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000... | 0.71 | 0.55 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.62 |
| \$10,000,000 or more......................... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

${ }^{1}$ Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit.
these benefits were completely phased out, the tax rate returned to 28 percent.
[2] Nontaxable (i.e., tax-exempt) forms of income, such as interest on State and local government obligations, were not included in AGI and generally did not affect the marginal tax rate. However, in some situations, the receipt of some forms of tax-exempt income, such as tax-exempt interest, could have influenced the taxability of other income, in particular Social Security benefits. When this situation occurred, the income made taxable by the receipt of other forms of nontaxable income was included in AGI.
[3] These 2002 are data from Parisi, Michael, "Individual Income Tax Rates and Shares, 2002," Statistics of Income Bulletin Winter 2004-2005, Volume 24, Number 3, pp. 20-58.
[4] Tax generated does not include certain other taxes reported on the individual income tax return, such as self-employment tax (the Social Security tax on income from self-employment); the Social Security tax on certain tip income; tax from the recapture of prior-year investment or low-income housing credits; tax applicable to early withdrawals from an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) or other qualified retirement plans; tax on trusts, accumulation, and distributions; and household employment taxes. The statistics for "total tax liability," shown in Parisi, Michael, and Hollenbeck, Scott, "Individual Income Tax Returns: 2003," Statistics of Income Bulletin, Fall 2005, Volume 25, Number 2, include these taxes.
[5] The income amounts on which these special computations for lump-sum distributions were
based were not reflected in current-year AGI or current-year taxable income.
[6] For 2003, the total earned income credit was $\$ 38.7$ billion. This amount includes the amount used to reduce the income tax ( $\$ 0.9$ billion), the amount used to reduce other taxes reported on individual income tax returns ( $\$ 3.7$ billion), and the amount refunded to taxpayers (\$34 billion). Table 4 in Parisi, Michael, and Hollenbeck, Scott, "Individual Income Tax Returns: 2003," Statistics of Income Bulletin, Fall 2005, Volume 25, Number 2, shows these amounts.
[7] The percentile groupings of tax filers exclude returns with zero or negative AGI.
[8] For an explanation of the osculatory interpolation technique, see Oh, H. Lock, "Osculatory Interpolation with a Monotonicity Constraint," 1977 Proceedings of the American Statistical Association, Section on Statistical Computing, 1978.
[9] Taxpayers fall into one of five filing statuses: single; married filing jointly; married filing separately; head of household; or surviving spouse. Being age 65 or older or being legally blind affects the amount of the standard deduction and, hence, the filing requirements. Taxpayers who are (or could be) dependents of other taxpayers have different filing requirements. For more information on the general filing requirements, see Parisi, Michael, and Hollenbeck, Scott, "Individual Income Tax Returns: 2003," Statistics of Income Bulletin, Fall 2005, Volume 25, Number 2.
[10] As defined under section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code, gross income includes amounts from wages and salaries, interest and dividends, alimony, bartering income, canceled debt income, gambling winnings, rents and royalties, and gains from property sales or exchanges, as well as gross income from sole proprietorships and farming, income from partnerships and S corporations, and distributions from estates and trusts. This definition of gross income is slightly different from the Form 1040, U.S. Individual

Income Tax Return, concept of "total income," which is a component of the adjusted gross income (AGI) calculation on Form 1040. Total income includes net amounts rather than gross amounts (income prior to deductions) from such items as business income and rents and royalties.
[11] As defined under Internal Revenue Code section 62, deductible expenses are those incurred in the course of a trade or business or in connection with rents and royalties; losses from property sales or exchanges; and certain statutory adjustments, such as deductible contributions to an IRA or Keogh plan, moving expenses, or the health insurance deduction for certain self-employed taxpayers.
[12] Income tax before credits includes tax on lumpsum distributions from qualified retirement plans.
[13] The 26-percent tax rate is for AMT purposes only.
[14] For taxable income between $\$ 0$ and $\$ 5$ and between $\$ 5$ and $\$ 25$, the tax brackets were $\$ 5$ and $\$ 10$ wide, respectively. For taxable income between $\$ 25$ and $\$ 3,000$, the brackets were $\$ 25$ wide. Brackets for taxable income above $\$ 3,000$ were $\$ 50$ wide.
[15] For example, assume a taxpayer filing as "married filing separately" reported taxable income of $\$ 98,000$. Using the tax table, the tax would be $\$ 23,071$, but, using the tax rate schedules, the tax would be $\$ 23,062.75$, a difference of \$8.25.
[16] For more details on the income computation under the 1979 Income Concept for 2003, see Individual Income Tax Returns 2003, Statistics of Income Division, Internal Revenue Service, Publication 1304.
[17] For some taxpayers, the statutory marginal tax rate may differ from the effective marginal tax rate. For example, extra income received by certain taxpayers may result in the phaseout of their personal exemptions as well as some of their itemized deductions. Therefore, an extra \$1 of income could add more than \$1 of taxable

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income. While this taxpayer could face a statutory marginal tax rate of 35 percent, the effective marginal rate faced by the taxpayer would be somewhat higher.
[18] Returns in the sample were stratified based on the presence or absence of one or more of the
following forms or schedules: Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income; Form 1116, Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Fiduciary, or Nonresident Alien Individual); Schedule C, Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship); and Schedule F, Profit or Loss From Farming.

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[All tigures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands ot dollars]

| Highest marginal rate at which tax was computed | Number of returns | Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | Modified taxable income |  | Tax generated |  | Income tax after credits |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | As a percentage of-- |  |
|  |  |  | Taxed at all rates | Taxed at marginal rate | At all rates |  | Total | Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | Modified taxable income |
| All returns | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
|  | 101,386,201 | 6,056,906,001 | 4,206,592,864 | 1,476,381,921 | 780,309,227 | 331,464,700 | 747,690,732 | 12.3 | 17.8 |
| 5 percent.. | 678,141 | 14,989,722 | 4,130,293 | 4,115,356 | 208,010 | 205,768 | 262,065 | 1.7 | 6.3 |
| 8 percent.. | 68,473 | 1,841,020 | 720,891 | 393,867 | 47,862 | 31,509 | 42,418 | 2.3 | 5.9 |
| 10 percent.. | 23,243,875 | 416,481,979 | 106,142,753 | 106,135,364 | 10,615,439 | 10,613,536 | 5,354,716 | 1.3 | 5.0 |
| 10 percent (capital gains). | 2,583,832 | 59,446,450 | 19,866,025 | 1,240,723 | 1,689,343 | 124,072 | 1,339,994 | 2.3 | 6.7 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{1}$.. | 13,826 | -295,440 | 8,681 | 8,681 | 870 | 870 | 492 | (X) | 5.7 |
| 15 percent.. | $\begin{array}{r} 40,997,696 \\ 6,474,523 \end{array}$ | 1,662,347,629 | 1,000,557,078 | 574,796,758 | 128,796,537 | 86,219,514 | 108,471,544 | 6.5 | 10.8 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{2}$. |  | 401,021,331 | 259,768,302 | 48,385,193 | 33,235,065 | 7,257,779 | 31,088,912 | 7.8 | 12.0 |
| 20 percent.. | 430,386 | 82,983,621 | 67,771,415 | 28,642,759 | 10,720,608 | 5,728,552 | 10,961,066 | 13.2 | 16.2 |
| 25 percent.. | 15,578,547 | 1,190,502,522 | 887,311,030 | 238,553,113 | 148,923,302 | 59,638,278 | 145,051,874 | 12.2 | 16.3 |
| 25 percent (capital gains). | 5,751,843 | 573,198,788 | 436,467,662 | 3,624,425 | 74,792,138 | 906,106 | 73,936,476 | 12.9 | 16.9 |
| 28 percent.. | 1,756,615 | 243,393,541 | 196,015,310 | 35,135,435 | 41,655,938 | $9,837,922$102,035 | 41,854,635 | 17.2 | 21.4 |
| 28 percent (capital gains).. | $\begin{aligned} & 1,678,502 \\ & 1,277,577 \end{aligned}$ | 288,503,732 | 233,408,084 | 364,409 | 48,461,009 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 49,376,294 \\ & 76,331,709 \end{aligned}$ | 17.1 | 21.2 |
| 33 percent. |  | 358,924,926 | 305,591,419 | 66,200,131 | 74,561,983 | $\begin{array}{r} 102,035 \\ 21,846,043 \end{array}$ |  | 21.3 | 25.0 |
| 35 percent. | $\begin{aligned} & 752,028 \\ & 100,337 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 762,484,568 \\ 1,081,611 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 687,885,619 \\ 948,301 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 367,903,515 \\ 882,194 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 206,409,506 \\ 191,617 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 128,766,230 \\ 186,486 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 203,427,104 \\ 191,432 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26.7 \\ & 17.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 29.6 \\ & 20.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Form $8615{ }^{3}$.. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Joint returns and returns of surviving spouses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total... | 44,033,987 | 4,041,178,963 | 2,867,802,099 | 961,330,648 | 551,095,132 | 229,187,721 | 529,558,212 | 13.1 | 18.5 |
| 5 percent.. | 226,593 | 9,071,074 | 2,408,091 | 2,397,958 | 121,423 | 119,898 | 181,098 | 2.0 | 7.5 |
| 8 percent.. | 28,357 | 1,260,125 | 482,473 | 229,770 | 31,018 | $\begin{array}{r} 18,382 \\ 4,535,806 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27,770 \\ 2,027,059 \end{array}$ | 2.2 5.8 |  |
| 10 percent. | 6,575,099 | 185,117,314 | 45,359,508 | 45,358,064 | 4,536,273 |  |  | 1.1 - 4.5 |  |
| 10 percent (capital gains). | $\begin{array}{r} 1,216,493 \\ 8,229 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 39,784,897 \\ -335,049 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,722,831 \\ 4,937 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 845,611 \\ 4,937 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,097,882 \\ 494 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 84,561 \\ 494 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,027,059 \\ 828,426 \end{array}$ | 2.1 | 6.5 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{1}$.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 492 |  | 10.0 |
| 15 percent.. | 17,301,376 | 991,052,577 | 590,474,243 | 348,251,552 | 76,460,433 | 52,237,733 | $63,120,860$ | $6.4$ | 10.7 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{2}$. | $4,273,780$ | 309,387,745 | 199,278,450 | 32,487,270 | 25,558,411 | 4,873,091 | 23,582,774 | 7.6 | 11.8 |
| 20 percent. | $247,502$ | 60,491,852 | 49,621,305 | 21,055,514 | 7,881,862 | 4,211,103 | 8,049,791 | 13.3 | 16.2 |
| 25 percent.. | 6,880,658 | 711,982,085 | 520,962,922 | 130,138,165 | 86,342,426 | 32,534,541 | 83,171,568 | 11.7 | 16.0 |
| 25 percent (capital gains).. | 3,636,716 | 431,399,229 | 325,684,263 | 2,814,052 | 55,354,781 | 703,513 | 54,492,787 | 12.6 | 16.7 |
| 28 percent.. | 858,563 | 147,439,850 | 116,716,483 | 18,281,985 | 24,249,917 | 5,118,956 | 24,395,323 | 16.5 | 20.9 |
| 28 percent (capital gains).. | 1,146,349 | 219,173,629 | 176,081,085 | 264,694 | 36,115,227 | 74,114 | 36,941,285 | 16.9 | 21.0 |
| 33 percent..... | 992,637 | 291,193,510 | 246,974,688 | 52,242,380 | 59,603,838 | 17,239,985 | 61,036,805 | 21.0 | 24.7 |
| 35 percent..... | 641,635 | 644,160,124 | 581,030,822 | 306,958,696 | 173,741,145 | 107,435,544 | 171,702,173 | 26.7 | 29.6 |
| Form $8615{ }^{3}$. | -- | - | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | (X) | (X) |
| Returns of married persons filing separately |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total... | 2,027,382 | 101,649,749 | 74,697,606 | 31,623,916 | 14,992,426 | 7,966,313 | 14,598,485 | 14.4 | 19.5 |
| 5 percent... | 1,866 | 38,565 | 20,834 | 20,834 | 1,041 | 1,042 | 1,471 | 3.8 | 7.1 |
| 8 percent... | 948 | 15,165 | 686 | 185 | 40 | 15 | 40 | 0.3 | 5.8 |
| 10 percent.................... | 285,859 | 3,911,186 | 944,457 | 944,457 | 94,453 | 94,446 | 71,425 | 1.8 | 7.6 |
| 10 percent (capital gains).. | 10,837 | 277,351 | 84,363 | 10,031 | 7,209 | 1,003 | 9,044 | 3.3 | 10.7 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{1}$... | 31 | 364 | 47 | 47 | 5 | 5 | -- | (X) | (X) |
| 15 percent...................... | 973,600 | 26,698,033 | 16,372,795 | 9,557,595 | 2,115,179 | 1,433,639 | 1,936,365 | 7.3 | 11.8 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{2} \ldots$ | 94,852 | 5,406,537 | 3,703,484 | 1,656,878 | 496,361 | 248,532 | 520,643 | 9.6 | 14.1 |
| 20 percent....................... | 5,913 | 1,708,145 | 1,410,614 | 670,494 | 238,071 | 134,099 | 250,973 | 14.7 | 17.8 |
| 25 percent. | 417,625 | 21,634,442 | 16,168,345 | 4,307,799 | 2,709,915 | 1,076,950 | 2,679,526 | 12.4 | 16.6 |
| 25 percent (capital gains).. | 75,576 | 4,786,814 | 3,667,555 | 92,274 | 626,873 | 23,069 | 633,987 | 13.2 | 17.3 |
| 28 percent...................... | 79,505 | 6,709,440 | 5,371,749 | 814,135 | 1,113,743 | 227,958 | 1,103,876 | 16.5 | 20.5 |
| 28 percent (capital gains). | 21,539 | 2,186,965 | 1,830,782 | -- | 375,149 | -- | 380,399 | 17.4 | 20.8 |
| 33 percent...... | 36,406 | 5,228,425 | 4,356,559 | 833,037 | 1,042,067 | 274,902 | 1,074,201 | 20.5 | 24.7 |
| 35 percent.... | 22,824 | 23,048,318 | 20,765,338 | 12,716,151 | 6,172,321 | 4,450,653 | 5,936,534 | 25.8 | 28.6 |
| Form $8615{ }^{3}$. | -- | - | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | (X) | (X) |

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Table 1.--Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Tax Classified by Marginal Tax Rate, Tax Year 2003 --Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Highest marginal rate at which tax was computed | Number of returns | Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | Modified taxable income |  | Tax generated |  | Income tax after credits |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Taxed at all rates | Taxed at marginal rate |  | At marginal rate | Total | As a percentage of-- |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | At all rates |  |  | Adjusted <br> gross <br> income <br> (less deficit) | Modified taxable income |
| Returns of heads of households | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
|  | 13,218,829 | 479,466,173 | 258,524,437 | 113,932,793 | 39,252,287 | 19,272,331 | 31,310,258 | 6.5 | 12.1 |
| Total. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 percent. | $\begin{array}{r} 17,833 \\ 2,238 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 622,592 \\ 85,868 \end{array}$ | 173,145 | 173,145 | 8,659 | 8,6571,489 | 4,055 | 0.7 | 2.3 |
| 8 percent.. |  |  | 18,608 | 18,608 | 1,488 |  | -- | (X) | (X) |
| 10 percent... | 5,449,711 | 110,462,842 | 25,657,553 | 25,652,289 | 2,566,017 | 2,565,229 | 294,170 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| 10 percent (capital gains)... | 108,516 | 2,437,285 | 762,832 | 81,353 | 68,098 | 8,135 | 29,106 | 1.2 | 3.8 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{1}$.. | 4,613 |  | 3,356 | 3,356 | 337 | 337 | --- | (X) | (X) |
| 15 percent... | 5,886,561 | $215,681,160$ | 119,272,449 | 60,403,475 | 14,947,590 | 9,060,521 | 9,908,212 | 4.6 | 8.3 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{2}$. | $\begin{array}{r} 289,602 \\ 7,870 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8,650,342 \\ & 1,001,864 \end{aligned}$ | 1,333,990 | 1,098,423 | 200,099 | 942,231 | 6.8 | 10.9 |
| 20 percent....................... |  | $\begin{array}{r} 13,866,378 \\ 1,286,323 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 500,375 \\ 15,815,943 \end{array}$ | 161,835 | 100,075 | 167,401 | 13.0 | 16.7 |
| 25 percent.... | $\begin{array}{r} 7,870 \\ 1,130,895 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,286,323 \\ 81,429,236 \end{array}$ | $58,846,484$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9,843,254 \\ & 2,069,150 \end{aligned}$ | 3,953,986 | $9,419,662$ | 11.6 |  |
| 25 percent (capital gains).... | $179,248$ | $15,899,437$ | 11,735,740 | $116,971$ |  | 29,243 | 2,056,084 | 12.9 17.5 |  |
| 28 percent..................... | $53,370$ | 7,641,743 | 6,142,963 | 899,3901,427 | 1,332,965 | 251,829 | 1,364,713 | 17.9 22.2 |  |
| 28 percent (capital gains)...... | $\begin{aligned} & 37,702 \\ & 34,932 \\ & 15,740 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,156,912 \\ 9,059,843 \\ 14,799,389 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,042,836 \\ 7,745,815 \\ 13,470,450 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,079,404 \\ & 1,942,583 \\ & 4,132,483 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ 561,553 \\ 2,530,778 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,121,460 \\ & 2,005,245 \\ & 3,997,918 \end{aligned}$ | 18.2 22.2 |  |
| 33 percent....................... |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,427 \\ 1,701,677 \\ 7,230,795 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 22.1 | 25.9 |
| 35 percent... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27.0 | 29.7 |
| Form $8615{ }^{3}$. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | (X) | (X) |
| Returns of single persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.. | 42,106,004 | 1,434,611,116 | 1,005,568,721 | 369,494,564 | 174,969,382 | 75,038,339 | 172,223,777 | 12.0 | 17.1 |
| 5 percent.. | $431,848$ | $5,257,491$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,528,224 \\ 219,124 \end{array}$ | $1,523,419$ | 76,887 | 76,171 | 75,441 | 1.4 | 4.9 |
| 8 percent.. | $36,930$ |  |  | $145,303$ | 15,315 | 11,624 | 14,608 | 3.0 - 6.7 |  |
| 10 percent. | $10,933,206$$1,247,986$ | $\begin{array}{r} 479,863 \\ 116.990637 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 34,181,236 \\ 6,295,998 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 34,180,554 \\ 303,729 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,418,695 \\ 516,153 \end{array}$ | 3,418,055 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,962,062 \\ 473,418 \end{array}$ | 2.5 8.7 |  |
| 10 percent (capital gains).. |  | $16,946,917$ |  |  |  | 30,373 |  | 2.8 | 7.5 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{1}$.. | 953 | 2,079 | $\begin{array}{r} 6,295,998 \\ 342 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 303,729 \\ 342 \end{array}$ | 34 | 34 | -- | (X) | (X) |
| 15 percent....................... | 16,836,159 | 428,915,859 | $\begin{array}{r} 342 \\ 274,437,591 \end{array}$ | 156,584,137 | 35,273,335 | 23,487,621 | 33,506,106 | 7.8 | 12.2 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{2} \ldots$ | 1,816,289 | 72,360,670 | $48,136,026$ | 12,907,055 | 6,081,869 | 1,936,058 | 6,043,264 | 8.4 | 12.6 |
| 20 percent... | 169,101 | 19,497,301 | 15,737,633 | 6,416,375 | 2,438,840 | 1,283,275 | 2,492,901 | 12.8 | 15.8 |
| 25 percent... | 7,149,369 | 375,456,760 | 291,333,280 | 88,291,206 | 50,027,708 | 22,072,802 | 49,781,118 | 13.3 | 17.1 |
| 25 percent (capital gains)...... | 1,860,304 | 121,113,308 | 95,380,104 | 601,128 | 16,741,335 | 150,282 | 16,753,617 | 13.8 | 17.6 |
| 28 percent................... | 765,177 | 81,602,508 | 67,784,116 | 15,139,925 | 14,959,313 | 4,239,179 | 14,990,723 | 18.4 | 22.1 |
| 28 percent (capital gains)....... | 472,913 | 60,986,225 | 50,453,381 | 98,288 | 10,891,229 | 27,521 | 10,933,150 | 17.9 | 21.7 |
| 33 percent........................... | 213,603 | 53,443,148 | 46,514,357 | 11,423,038 | 11,973,494 | 3,769,603 | 12,215,457 | 22.9 | 26.3 |
| 35 percent........................... | 71,829 | 80,476,737 | 72,619,009 | 40,997,872 | 22,363,556 | 14,349,255 | 21,790,480 | 27.1 | 30.0 |
| Form $8615^{3} \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 100,337 | 1,081,611 | 948,301 | 882,194 | 191,617 | 186,486 | 191,432 | 17.7 | 20.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Form 8814 was filed for a dependent child under age 14 for whom the parents made the election to report the child's investment income (if it was from interest or dividends totaling between $\$ 750$ and $\$ 7,500$ ) on the parents' income tax return. This rate classification is comprised of those returns with a tax liability only from the dependent's income.
${ }^{2}$ The 15 -percent capital gain rate also includes qualified dividends.
${ }^{3}$ Form 8615 was filed for a child under age 14 to report the child's investment income in excess of $\$ 1,500$. The returns in this rate classification are not distributed by tax rate
(X) Percentage not computed.

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 2.--Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Tax Generated by Rate and by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 2003
[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]


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Table 2.--Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Tax Generated by Rate and by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 2003--Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]


Table 2.--Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Tax Generated by Rate and by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 2003--Continued
(All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars)

| Size of adjusted gross income | Tax generated at specified rate--continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 28 percent (capital gains) |  |  | 33 percent |  |  | 35 percent |  |  | Form $8615^{3}$ |  |  |
|  | Number of returns | Income taxed at rate | Tax generated at rate | Number of returns | Income taxed at rate | Tax generated at rate | Number of returns | Income taxed at rate | Tax generated at rate | Number of returns | Income taxed at rate | Tax generated at rate |
|  | (38) | (39) | (40) | (41) | (42) | (43) | (44) | (45) | (46) | (47) | (48) | (49) |
| Total.. | 9,600 | 805,760 | 225,613 | 2,029,605 | 170,336,243 | 56,210,960 | 752,028 | 367,903,515 | 128,766,230 | 100,337 | 882,194 | 186,486 |
| Under \$2,000 | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | -- | -- | -- | -- | 22,689 | 3,898 | 750 |
| \$2,000 under \$4,000.. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 34,182 | 49,352 | 9,376 |
| \$4,000 under \$6,000... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *8,572 | *33,362 | *7,338 |
| \$6,000 under \$8,000.. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *5,969 | *29,057 | *4,647 |
| \$8,000 under \$10,000. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *8,781 | *65,401 | *16,453 |
| \$10,000 under \$12,000. | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | -- | -- | -- | -- | *2,857 | *26,035 | *6,064 |
| \$12,000 under \$14,000. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *1,905 | *20,878 | *4,339 |
| \$14,000 under \$16,000. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | -- | -- | -- | *1,905 | *26,778 | *5,338 |
| \$16,000 under \$18,000. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *1,905 | *29,011 | *6,348 |
| \$18,000 under \$20,000.. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *952 | *15,839 | *3,144 |
| \$20,000 under \$25,000.. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | -- | -- | *2,982 | *61,774 | *13,098 |
| \$25,000 under \$30,000.. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | -- | -- | *983 | *22,996 | *8,012 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 $\ldots \ldots . . . . . .$. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000.. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *927 | *34,468 | *8,316 |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000........... | *2,023 | *459 | *129 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | *3,707 | *226,240 | *53,904 |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000.. | *2,044 | *198 | *55 | *1,991 | *14,027 | *4,629 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000.. | *1,409 | *13,373 | *3,744 | 121,812 | 2,052,877 | 677,449 | 2,967 | 58,057 | 20,320 | *1,996 | *187,089 | *28,140 |
| \$200,000 under \$500,000... | 2,590 | 64,559 | 18,077 | 1,431,201 | 103,760,959 | 34,241,116 | 300,261 | 17,267,594 | 6,043,658 | *6 | *1,491 | *493 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000.... | 478 | 76,105 | 21,309 | 315,549 | 42,743,102 | 14,105,224 | 295,852 | 79,298,284 | 27,754,399 | *3 | *1,954 | *348 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000... | 397 | 70,623 | 19,775 | 71,668 | 9,817,592 | 3,239,805 | 68,501 | 47,587,535 | 16,655,637 | -- | -- | -- |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000... | 153 | 82,158 | 23,004 | 30,164 | 4,126,098 | 1,361,612 | 29,051 | 31,295,499 | 10,953,425 | -- | -- | -- |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000... | 298 | 172,996 | 48,439 | 42,393 | 5,793,149 | 1,911,739 | 40,897 | 80,108,966 | 28,038,138 | *11 | *26,598 | *5,267 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000. | 122 | 161,733 | 45,285 | 9,705 | 1,331,518 | 439,401 | 9,492 | 43,304,234 | 15,156,482 | *3 | *19,972 | *5,111 |
| \$10,000,000 or more................ | 86 | 163,555 | 45,795 | 5,122 | 696,920 | 229,984 | 5,007 | 68,983,346 | 24,144,171 | -- | -- | -- |

* Estimate should be used with caution because of the small number of sample returns on which it is based.
${ }^{1}$ Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit.
${ }^{2}$ Form 8814 was filed for a dependent child under age 14 for whom the parents made the election to report the child's investment income (if it was from interest or dividends totaling between $\$ 750$ and $\$ 7,500$ ) on the parents' income tax return. This rate classification is comprised of those returns with a tax liability only from the dependent's income.
${ }^{3}$ Form 8615 was filed for a child under age 14 to report the child's investment income in excess of $\$ 1,500$. The returns in this rate classification are not distributed by tax rate. NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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## Table 3.--Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Taxable Income and Tax, Classified by Tax Rate and by Filing Status, Tax Year 2003

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Tax rate classes | All returns |  |  | Joint returns and returns of surviving spouses |  |  | Returns of married persons filing separately |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns | Income taxed at rate | Income tax generated at rate | Number of returns | Income taxed at rate | Income tax generated at rate | Number of returns | Income taxed at rate | Income tax generated at rate |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| All tax rates... | 101,386,201 | 4,206,592,861 | 780,305,566 | 44,033,987 | 2,867,802,099 | 551,093,751 | 2,027,382 | 74,697,606 | 14,992,353 |
| 5 percent.. | 9,833,227 | 33,552,373 | 1,677,619 | 5,735,137 | 21,989,140 | 1,099,457 | 109,279 | 358,270 | 17,913 |
| 8 percent.. | 1,058,265 | 3,780,577 | 302,446 | 638,945 | 2,744,256 | 219,540 | 12,762 | 24,298 | 1,944 |
| 10 percent. | 100,367,644 | 914,053,162 | 91,405,316 | 43,667,544 | 555,949,302 | 55,594,930 | 2,017,756 | 13,037,057 | 1,303,706 |
| 10 percent (capital gains). | 1,445,014 | 3,942,692 | 394,269 | 837,753 | 2,774,756 | 277,476 | 12,290 | 22,530 | 2,253 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{1}$.. | 92,871 | 62,588 | 6,267 | 70,255 | 48,325 | 4,837 | 56 | 67 | 7 |
| 15 percent. | 74,461,039 | 1,583,782,894 | 237,567,434 | 35,870,035 | 1,052,826,848 | 157,924,027 | 1,721,892 | 24,754,136 | 3,713,120 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{2}$ | 9,461,124 | 205,205,659 | 30,780,849 | 6,285,159 | 152,654,959 | 22,898,244 | 144,743 | 5,995,346 | 899,302 |
| 20 percent. | 2,188,286 | 75,411,601 | 15,082,320 | 1,441,471 | 57,677,194 | 11,535,439 | 25,602 | 2,464,341 | 492,868 |
| 25 percent. | 26,738,916 | 640,244,673 | 160,061,168 | 14,119,838 | 423,664,278 | 105,916,069 | 652,367 | 9,830,617 | 2,457,654 |
| 25 percent (capital gains). | 349,114 | 7,250,430 | 1,812,607 | 236,994 | 5,705,659 | 1,426,415 | 4,929 | 185,917 | 46,479 |
| 28 percent..................... | 5,459,365 | 199,378,501 | 55,825,980 | 3,635,902 | 143,892,642 | 40,289,940 | 160,274 | 2,894,980 | 810,594 |
| 28 percent (capital gains). | 9,600 | 805,760 | 225,613 | 5,868 | 609,221 | 170,582 | *12 | *14,530 | *4,068 |
| 33 percent. | 2,029,605 | 170,336,243 | 56,210,960 | 1,634,272 | 140,306,823 | 46,301,252 | 59,230 | 2,399,367 | 791,791 |
| 35 percent. | 752,028 | 367,903,515 | 128,766,230 | 641,635 | 306,958,696 | 107,435,544 | 22,824 | 12,716,151 | 4,450,653 |
| Form $8615^{3}$. | 100,337 | 882,194 | 186,486 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
|  | Tax rate classes |  |  | Returns of heads of households |  |  | Returns of single persons |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Number of returns | Income <br> taxed at rate | Income tax generated at rate | Number <br> of returns | Income taxed at rate | Income tax generated at rate |
|  |  |  |  | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) |
| All tax rates. |  |  |  | $13,218,829$ | 258,524,437 | 39,251,842 | 42,106,004 | 1,005,568,719 | 174,967,619 |
| 5 percent.. |  |  |  |  | 934,890 | 46,745 | 3,585,652 | 10,270,073 | 513,504 |
| 8 percent. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 34,235 \\ 13,184,715 \end{array}$ | 80,776 | 6,462 | 372,323 | 931,248 | 74,500 |
| 10 percent. |  |  |  |  | 102,452,847 | 10,245,285 | 41,497,629 | 242,613,955 | 24,261,396 |
| 10 percent (capital gains). |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 13,184,715 \\ 52,205 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 149,977 \\ 12,773 \end{array}$ | 14,998 | 542,765 | 995,430 | 99,543 |
| 10 percent (Form 8814) ${ }^{1}$. |  |  |  | $19,653$ |  | 1,281 | *2,907 | *1,421 | *143 |
| 15 percent. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 19,653 \\ 7,628,714 \end{array}$ | 105,116,730 | 15,767,510 | 29,240,398 | 401,085,180 | 60,162,777 |
| 15 percent (capital gains) ${ }^{2}$. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 7,628,714 \\ 254,126 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,043,136 \\ & 1,325,228 \end{aligned}$ | 606,470 | 2,777,097 | 42,512,217 | 6,376,833 |
| 20 percent. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 254,126 \\ 48,027 \end{array}$ |  | 265,046$7,017,463$ | 673,186 | 13,944,838 | 2,788,968 |
| 25 percent. |  |  |  | $1,450,057$ | 28,069,853 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 10,516,654 \\ 96,109 \end{array}$ | 178,679,925 | 44,669,981 |
| 25 percent (capital gains). |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 11,082 \\ 141,741 \end{array}$ | 188,343$4,805,859$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47,086 \\ 1,345,641 \end{array}$ |  | 1,170,512 | 292,628 |
| 28 percent.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | $1,521,448$ | 47,785,019 | 13,379,805 |
| 28 percent (capital gains). |  |  |  | *8 | *5,732 | *1,605 |  | 176,275 | 49,357 |
| 33 percent. |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 50,672 \\ & 15,740 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,107,496 \\ 7,230,795 \\ -- \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,355,474 \\ & 2,530,778 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 285,431 \\ 71,829 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23,522,557 \\ & 40,997,872 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,762,444 \\ 14,349,255 \end{array}$ |
| 35 percent. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Form $8615{ }^{3}$. |  |  |  | -- |  | -- | 100,337 | 882,194 | 186,486 |

* Estimate should be used with caution because of the small number of sample returns on which it is based.
${ }^{1}$ Form 8814 was filed for a dependent child under age 14 for whom the parents made an election to report the child's investment income (if it was from interest or dividends totaling between $\$ 750$ and $\$ 7,500$ ) on the parents' income tax return. This rate classification is comprised of those returns with a tax liability only from the dependent's income.
${ }^{2}$ The 15-percent capital gain rate also includes qualified dividends
${ }^{3}$ Form 8615 was filed for a child under age 14 to report the child's investment income in excess of $\$ 1,500$. The returns in this rate classification are not distributed by tax rate. NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 4.--Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Tax Classified by Type of Tax Computation and by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Years 2002 and 2003
[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Type of tax computation <br> by size of adjusted gross income | Tax Year 2002 |  |  |  | Tax Year 2003 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Income tax before credits (regular tax computation) ${ }^{1}$ |  | Tax generated | Difference due to special tax computation ${ }^{2}$ | Income tax before credits (regular tax computation) ${ }^{1}$ |  | Tax generated | Difference due to special tax computation ${ }^{2}$ |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Amount |  | Number of returns | Amount | Amount |  |
| (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Returns with regular tax computation only |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.. | 95,006,533 | 660,142,161 | 660,083,613 | -- | 82,147,347 | 381,712,020 | 381,631,905 | -- |
| Under \$5,000 ${ }^{3}$. | 863,865 | 54,179 | 54,854 | -- | 498,096 | 23,906 | 23,963 | -- |
| \$5,000 under \$10,000. | 4,768,480 | 859,126 | 859,911 | -- | 4,485,904 | 772,467 | 773,686 | -- |
| \$10,000 under \$15,000.. | 7,172,217 | 3,253,482 | 3,253,477 | -- | 6,566,178 | 2,924,231 | 2,924,231 | -- |
| \$15,000 under \$20,000.. | 9,281,861 | 7,295,005 | 7,294,518 | -- | 8,136,494 | 6,136,778 | 6,136,555 | -- |
| \$20,000 under \$25,000. | 9,100,242 | 11,206,471 | 11,206,430 | -- | 8,249,208 | 9,897,516 | 9,897,334 | -- |
| \$25,000 under \$30,000. | 8,032,558 | 14,592,733 | 14,592,420 | -- | 7,484,672 | 12,745,641 | 12,745,380 | -- |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000. | 13,162,528 | 35,718,891 | 35,718,641 | -- | 12,126,516 | 30,991,127 | 30,997,763 | -- |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000.. | 9,845,728 | 40,123,616 | 40,123,249 | -- | 8,714,704 | 33,417,662 | 33,416,902 | -- |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000. | 15,909,314 | 101,181,342 | 101,175,544 | -- | 13,668,482 | 81,292,197 | 81,284,030 | -- |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000. | 8,195,014 | 87,546,568 | 87,539,685 | -- | 6,749,566 | 63,748,432 | 63,742,626 | -- |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000.. | 6,979,731 | 144,876,877 | 144,865,318 | -- | 4,844,605 | 86,684,577 | 86,663,837 | -- |
| \$200,000 under \$500,000. | 1,377,068 | 90,716,998 | 90,703,589 | -- | 554,869 | 32,361,381 | 32,333,999 | -- |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000. | 221,717 | 44,163,303 | 44,153,661 | -- | 51,396 | 9,408,199 | 9,401,367 | -- |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000. | 47,078 | 18,122,445 | 18,120,554 | -- | 8,588 | 3,008,567 | 2,997,805 | -- |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000. | 17,748 | 9,979,765 | 9,974,473 | -- | 3,209 | 1,656,493 | 1,655,714 | -- |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000.. | 24,371 | 24,110,384 | 24,109,537 | -- | 3,936 | 3,581,615 | 3,580,726 | -- |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000. | 4,901 | 11,378,370 | 11,375,150 | -- | 681 | 1,442,482 | 1,438,779 | -- |
| \$10,000,000 or more.. | 2,110 | 14,962,608 | 14,962,603 | -- | 244 | 1,618,749 | 1,617,209 | -- |
| Returns with Form 8615 tax computation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.... | 126,639 | 229,749 | 289,448 | 59,699 | 100,337 | 161,140 | 191,617 | 30,477 |
| Under \$5,000 ${ }^{3}$. | 81,579 | 13,515 | 22,631 | 9,116 | 57,824 | 9,676 | 13,949 | 4,273 |
| \$5,000 under \$10,000.. | 23,166 | 12,593 | 32,305 | 19,711 | 22,370 | 14,429 | 28,950 | 14,521 |
| \$10,000 under \$15,000. | *8,374 | *11,901 | *25,465 | *13,564 | *4,762 | *5,901 | *10,664 | *4,762 |
| \$15,000 under \$20,000. | *2,875 | *6,437 | *15,093 | *8,656 | *4,762 | *9,609 | *15,110 | *5,500 |
| \$20,000 under \$25,000.. | *3,833 | *9,997 | *17,348 | *7,352 | *2,982 | *8,432 | *13,207 | *4,775 |
| \$25,000 under \$30,000.. | *959 | *1,312 | *1,596 | *284 | *983 | *3,167 | *8,051 | *4,885 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000... | *959 | *6,366 | *10,988 | *4,622 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000.. | *918 | *7,151 | *7,787 | *635 | *927 | *5,658 | *8,316 | *2,658 |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000.. | *1,883 | *11,543 | *21,329 | *9,787 | *3,707 | *45,083 | *53,974 | *8,891 |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000.. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000.... | *1,977 | *62,724 | *69,550 | *6,827 | *1,996 | *42,109 | *28,178 | *-13,931 |
| \$200,000 under \$500,000... | *6 | *295 | *415 | *119 | *6 | *417 | *493 | *75 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000... | -- | -- | -- | -- | *3 | *626 | *348 | *-278 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000.. | *57 | *23,307 | *15,475 | *-7,832 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000.. | *25 | *14,317 | *12,143 | *-2,174 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 $\ldots$ | *20 | *21,952 | *17,660 | *-4,292 | *11 | *9,099 | *5,267 | *-3,832 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000... | **9 | **26,340 | **19,663 | **-6,676 | *3 | *6,935 | *5,111 | *-1,824 |
| \$10,000,000 or more............... | ** | ** | ** | ** | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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Table 4.--Returns with Modified Taxable Income: Tax Classified by Type of Tax Computation and by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Years 2002 and 2003--Continued
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| adjusted gross income |

[^8]Table 5.--Returns with Positive Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): Number of Returns, Shares of AGI and Total Income Tax, AGI Floor on Percentiles in Current and Constant Dollars, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Descending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size Using the Definition of AGI for Each Year, Tax Years 1986-2003
[All figures are estimates based on samples]

| Item, tax year | Total | Descending cumulative percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Top 1 percent | Top 5 percent | Top 10 percent | Top 25 percent | Top <br> 50 percent |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Number of returns: ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986.. | 102,087,623 | 1,020,876 | 5,104,381 | 10,208,762 | 25,521,906 | 51,043,811 |
| 1987. | 106,154,761 | 1,061,548 | 5,307,738 | 10,615,476 | 26,538,690 | 53,077,380 |
| 1988. | 108,872,859 | 1,088,729 | 5,443,643 | 10,887,286 | 27,218,214 | 54,436,429 |
| 1989. | 111,312,721 | 1,113,127 | 5,565,636 | 11,131,272 | 27,828,181 | 55,656,361 |
| 1990. | 112,812,262 | 1,128,123 | 5,640,613 | 11,281,226 | 28,203,066 | 56,406,132 |
| 1991. | 113,804,104 | 1,138,041 | 5,690,205 | 11,380,410 | 28,451,026 | 56,902,052 |
| 1992. | 112,652,759 | 1,126,528 | 5,632,638 | 11,265,276 | 28,163,190 | 56,326,380 |
| 1993. | 113,681,387 | 1,136,814 | 5,684,069 | 11,368,139 | 28,420,347 | 56,840,694 |
| 1994. | 114,989,920 | 1,149,899 | 5,749,496 | 11,498,992 | 28,747,480 | 57,494,960 |
| 1995. | 117,274,186 | 1,172,742 | 5,863,709 | 11,727,419 | 29,318,546 | 58,637,093 |
| 1996. | 119,441,767 | 1,194,418 | 5,972,088 | 11,944,177 | 29,860,442 | 59,720,884 |
| 1997. | 121,503,284 | 1,215,033 | 6,075,164 | 12,150,328 | 30,375,821 | 60,751,642 |
| 1998. | 123,775,831 | 1,237,758 | 6,188,792 | 12,377,583 | 30,943,958 | 61,887,915 |
| 1999. | 126,008,974 | 1,260,090 | 6,300,449 | 12,600,897 | 31,502,244 | 63,004,487 |
| 2000. | 128,227,143 | 1,282,271 | 6,411,357 | 12,822,714 | 32,056,786 | 64,113,572 |
| 2001. | 128,817,051 | 1,288,171 | 6,440,853 | 12,881,705 | 32,204,263 | 64,408,526 |
| 2002. | 128,323,986 | 1,283,240 | 6,416,199 | 12,832,399 | 32,080,997 | 64,161,993 |
| 2003. | 128,609,786 | 1,286,098 | 6,430,489 | 12,860,979 | 32,152,447 | 64,304,893 |
| Adjusted gross income floor on percentiles (current dollars): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986.. | N/A | 118,818 | 62,377 | 48,656 | 32,242 | 17,302 |
| 1987. | N/A | 139,289 | 68,414 | 52,921 | 33,983 | 17,768 |
| 1988. | N/A | 157,136 | 72,735 | 55,437 | 35,398 | 18,367 |
| 1989. | N/A | 163,869 | 76,933 | 58,263 | 36,839 | 18,993 |
| 1990. | N/A | 167,421 | 79,064 | 60,287 | 38,080 | 19,767 |
| 1991.. | N/A | 170,139 | 81,720 | 61,944 | 38,929 | 20,097 |
| 1992. | N/A | 181,904 | 85,103 | 64,457 | 40,378 | 20,803 |
| 1993. | N/A | 185,715 | 87,386 | 66,077 | 41,210 | 21,179 |
| 1994. | N/A | 195,726 | 91,226 | 68,753 | 42,742 | 21,802 |
| 1995. | N/A | 209,406 | 96,221 | 72,094 | 44,207 | 22,344 |
| 1996. | N/A | 227,546 | 101,141 | 74,986 | 45,757 | 23,174 |
| 1997. | N/A | 250,736 | 108,048 | 79,212 | 48,173 | 24,393 |
| 1998. | N/A | 269,496 | 114,729 | 83,220 | 50,607 | 25,491 |
| 1999. | N/A | 293,415 | 120,846 | 87,682 | 52,965 | 26,415 |
| 2000. | N/A | 313,469 | 128,336 | 92,144 | 55,225 | 27,682 |
| 2001. | N/A | 292,913 | 127,904 | 92,754 | 56,085 | 28,528 |
| 2002. | N/A | 285,424 | 126,525 | 92,663 | 56,401 | 28,654 |
| 2003. | N/A | 295,495 | 130,080 | 94,891 | 57,343 | 29,019 |
| Adjusted gross income floor on percentiles (constant dollars): ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986.. | N/A | 108,411 | 56,913 | 44,394 | 29,418 | 15,786 |
| 1987. | N/A | 122,614 | 60,224 | 46,585 | 29,915 | 15,641 |
| 1988. | N/A | 132,828 | 61,484 | 46,861 | 29,922 | 15,526 |
| 1989. | N/A | 132,152 | 62,043 | 46,986 | 29,709 | 15,317 |
| 1990. | N/A | 128,096 | 60,493 | 46,126 | 29,135 | 15,124 |
| 1991. | N/A | 124,919 | 60,000 | 45,480 | 28,582 | 14,756 |
| 1992. | N/A | 129,654 | 60,658 | 45,942 | 28,780 | 14,828 |
| 1993. | N/A | 128,522 | 60,475 | 45,728 | 28,519 | 14,657 |
| 1994. | N/A | 132,069 | 61,556 | 46,392 | 28,841 | 14,711 |
| 1995. | N/A | 137,406 | 63,137 | 47,306 | 29,007 | 14,661 |
| 1996. | N/A | 145,026 | 64,462 | 47,792 | 29,163 | 14,769 |
| 1997. | N/A | 156,222 | 67,320 | 49,353 | 30,014 | 15,198 |
| 1998. | N/A | 164,427 | 69,999 | 50,775 | 30,877 | 15,553 |
| 1999. | N/A | 176,119 | 72,537 | 52,630 | 31,792 | 15,855 |
| 2000.. | N/A | 182,038 | 74,527 | 53,510 | 32,070 | 16,075 |
| 2001.. | N/A | 165,394 | 72,221 | 52,374 | 31,669 | 16,108 |
| 2002. | N/A | 158,657 | 70,331 | 51,508 | 31,351 | 15,928 |
| 2003. | N/A | 160,595 | 70,696 | 51,571 | 31,165 | 15,771 |

## Individual Income Tax Rates and Shares, 2003

Table 5.--Returns with Positive Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): Number of Returns, Shares of AGI and Total Income Tax, AGI Floor on Percentiles in Current and Constant Dollars, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Descending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size Using the Definition of AGI for Each Year, Tax Years 1986-2003--Continued
[All tigures are estimates based on samples]

| Item, tax year | Total | Descending cumulative percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Top 1 percent | Top 5 percent | Top 10 percent | Top 25 percent | Top 50 percent |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Adjusted gross income (millions of dollars): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 2,524,124 | 285,197 | 608,467 | 886,510 | 1,490,173 | 2,103,569 |
| 1987. | 2,813,728 | 346,635 | 722,221 | 1,038,221 | 1,709,389 | 2,373,869 |
| 1988. | 3,124,156 | 473,527 | 890,702 | 1,232,536 | 1,950,860 | 2,657,865 |
| 1989. | 3,298,858 | 468,079 | 918,421 | 1,286,539 | 2,054,478 | 2,805,235 |
| 1990. | 3,451,237 | 483,252 | 953,337 | 1,338,032 | 2,144,177 | 2,932,537 |
| 1991. | 3,516,142 | 456,603 | 943,350 | 1,343,202 | 2,174,765 | 2,984,003 |
| 1992. | 3,680,552 | 523,586 | 1,031,093 | 1,443,784 | 2,299,401 | 3,131,400 |
| 1993. | 3,775,578 | 520,586 | 1,048,252 | 1,474,463 | 2,357,953 | 3,212,299 |
| 1994. | 3,961,146 | 546,700 | 1,103,084 | 1,552,205 | 2,481,074 | 3,371,352 |
| 1995. | 4,244,607 | 619,610 | 1,222,723 | 1,704,513 | 2,689,820 | 3,627,542 |
| 1996. | 4,590,527 | 736,545 | 1,393,805 | 1,909,149 | 2,952,637 | 3,944,383 |
| 1997. | 5,023,457 | 872,826 | 1,597,107 | 2,151,401 | 3,267,600 | 4,327,992 |
| 1998. | 5,469,211 | 1,010,245 | 1,796,647 | 2,393,716 | 3,589,600 | 4,721,430 |
| 1999. | 5,909,329 | 1,152,820 | 2,011,763 | 2,652,835 | 3,927,308 | 5,126,164 |
| 2000. | 6,423,977 | 1,336,773 | 2,267,403 | 2,955,386 | 4,313,786 | 5,589,755 |
| 2001. | 6,241,036 | 1,094,296 | 1,996,492 | 2,690,589 | 4,071,034 | 5,379,286 |
| 2002. | 6,113,778 | 985,781 | 1,867,787 | 2,553,475 | 3,935,504 | 5,244,029 |
| 2003. | 6,287,586 | 1,054,567 | 1,960,676 | 2,663,470 | 4,078,227 | 5,407,851 |
| Total income tax (millions of dollars): ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 366,979 | 94,491 | 156,240 | 200,703 | 278,976 | 343,289 |
| 1987. | 369,046 | 91,559 | 159,642 | 205,230 | 283,857 | 346,655 |
| 1988. | 412,761 | 113,841 | 188,303 | 236,411 | 321,297 | 389,145 |
| 1989. | 432,838 | 109,259 | 190,188 | 241,458 | 334,258 | 407,599 |
| 1990. | 447,061 | 112,338 | 195,088 | 247,514 | 344,340 | 421,075 |
| 1991. | 448,349 | 111,267 | 194,480 | 250,282 | 346,511 | 423,759 |
| 1992. | 476,163 | 131,156 | 218,479 | 276,213 | 373,700 | 452,070 |
| 1993. | 502,720 | 145,836 | 238,083 | 297,808 | 398,516 | 478,563 |
| 1994. | 534,754 | 154,337 | 254,106 | 317,902 | 425,402 | 509,256 |
| 1995. | 588,331 | 178,035 | 287,741 | 357,402 | 472,808 | 561,225 |
| 1996. | 658,124 | 212,626 | 335,433 | 411,404 | 535,164 | 629,684 |
| 1997. | 727,303 | 241,239 | 377,241 | 459,639 | 594,007 | 696,161 |
| 1998. | 788,452 | 274,009 | 424,506 | 512,836 | 651,964 | 755,240 |
| 1999. | 877,292 | 317,419 | 486,464 | 583,002 | 732,890 | 842,168 |
| 2000. | 980,521 | 366,929 | 553,670 | 660,150 | 823,706 | 942,179 |
| 2001.. | 887,882 | 300,898 | 472,823 | 576,163 | 736,053 | 852,642 |
| 2002. | 796,862 | 268,608 | 428,680 | 523,812 | 668,558 | 768,963 |
| 2003. | 747,939 | 256,340 | 406,597 | 492,452 | 627,380 | 722,027 |
| Average tax rate (percentage): 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 14.54 | 33.13 | 25.68 | 22.64 | 18.72 | 16.32 |
| 1987. | 13.12 | 26.41 | 22.10 | 19.77 | 16.61 | 14.60 |
| 1988. | 13.21 | 24.04 | 21.14 | 19.18 | 16.47 | 14.64 |
| 1989. | 13.12 | 23.34 | 20.71 | 18.77 | 16.27 | 14.53 |
| 1990. | 12.95 | 23.25 | 20.46 | 18.50 | 16.06 | 14.36 |
| 1991. | 12.75 | 24.37 | 20.62 | 18.63 | 15.93 | 14.20 |
| 1992. | 12.94 | 25.05 | 21.19 | 19.13 | 16.25 | 14.44 |
| 1993. | 13.32 | 28.01 | 22.71 | 20.20 | 16.90 | 14.90 |
| 1994. | 13.50 | 28.23 | 23.04 | 20.48 | 17.15 | 15.11 |
| 1995. | 13.86 | 28.73 | 23.53 | 20.97 | 17.58 | 15.47 |
| 1996. | 14.34 | 28.87 | 24.07 | 21.55 | 18.12 | 15.96 |
| 1997. | 14.48 | 27.64 | 23.62 | 21.36 | 18.18 | 16.09 |
| 1998. | 14.42 | 27.12 | 23.63 | 21.42 | 18.16 | 16.00 |
| 1999. | 14.85 | 27.53 | 24.18 | 21.98 | 18.66 | 16.43 |
| 2000.. | 15.26 | 27.45 | 24.42 | 22.34 | 19.09 | 16.86 |
| 2001.. | 14.23 | 27.50 | 23.68 | 21.41 | 18.08 | 15.85 |
| 2002. | 13.03 | 27.25 | 22.95 | 20.51 | 16.99 | 14.66 |
| 2003. | 11.90 | 24.31 | 20.74 | 18.49 | 15.38 | 13.35 |

Footnotes at end of Table 6.

## Individual Income Tax Rates and Shares, 2003

Table 5.--Returns with Positive Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): Number of Returns, Shares of AGI and Total Income Tax, AGI Floor on Percentiles in Current and Constant Dollars, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Descending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size Using the Definition of AGI for Each Year, Tax Years 1986-2003--Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples]


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## Individual Income Tax Rates and Shares, 2003

Table 6.--Returns with Positive Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): Number of Returns, Shares of AGI and Total Income Tax, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Ascending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size Using the Definition of AGI for Each Year, Tax Years 1986-2003
[All figures are estimates based on samples]

| Item, tax year | Total | Ascending cumulative percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Bottom 50 percent | Bottom 75 percent | Bottom 90 percent | Bottom 95 percent | Bottom 99 percent |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Number of returns: ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 102,087,623 | 51,043,811 | 76,565,717 | 91,878,861 | 96,983,242 | 101,066,747 |
| 1987. | 106,154,761 | 53,077,380 | 79,616,071 | 95,539,285 | 100,847,023 | 105,093,213 |
| 1988. | 108,872,858 | 54,436,429 | 81,654,643 | 97,985,572 | 103,429,215 | 107,784,129 |
| 1989. | 111,312,721 | 55,656,361 | 83,484,542 | 100,181,451 | 105,747,087 | 110,199,596 |
| 1990. | 112,812,262 | 56,406,132 | 84,609,198 | 101,531,038 | 107,171,651 | 111,684,141 |
| 1991. | 113,804,104 | 56,902,052 | 85,353,078 | 102,423,694 | 108,113,899 | 112,666,063 |
| 1992. | 112,652,759 | 56,326,380 | 84,489,560 | 101,387,483 | 107,020,121 | 111,526,231 |
| 1993. | 113,681,387 | 56,840,693 | 85,261,040 | 102,313,248 | 107,997,318 | 112,544,573 |
| 1994. | 114,989,920 | 57,494,960 | 86,242,440 | 103,490,928 | 109,240,424 | 113,840,021 |
| 1995. | 117,274,186 | 58,637,093 | 87,955,640 | 105,546,767 | 111,410,477 | 116,101,444 |
| 1996. | 119,441,767 | 59,720,883 | 89,581,325 | 107,497,590 | 113,469,679 | 118,247,349 |
| 1997. | 121,503,284 | 60,751,642 | 91,127,463 | 109,352,956 | 115,428,120 | 120,288,251 |
| 1998. | 123,775,831 | 61,887,916 | 92,831,873 | 111,398,248 | 117,587,039 | 122,538,073 |
| 1999. | 126,008,974 | 63,004,487 | 94,506,731 | 113,408,077 | 119,708,525 | 124,748,884 |
| 2000. | 128,227,143 | 64,113,572 | 96,170,357 | 115,404,429 | 121,815,786 | 126,944,872 |
| 2001.. | 128,817,051 | 64,408,526 | 96,612,788 | 115,935,346 | 122,376,198 | 127,528,880 |
| 2002. | 128,323,986 | 64,161,993 | 96,242,990 | 115,491,587 | 121,907,787 | 127,040,746 |
| 2003. | 128,609,786 | 64,304,893 | 96,457,340 | 115,748,807 | 122,179,297 | 127,323,688 |
| Adjusted gross income (millions of dollars): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 2,524,124 | 420,555 | 1,033,951 | 1,637,614 | 1,915,657 | 2,238,927 |
| 1987. | 2,813,728 | 439,859 | 1,104,338 | 1,775,506 | 2,091,507 | 2,467,093 |
| 1988. | 3,124,156 | 466,291 | 1,173,296 | 1,891,620 | 2,233,454 | 2,650,629 |
| 1989. | 3,298,858 | 493,623 | 1,244,380 | 2,012,319 | 2,380,437 | 2,830,779 |
| 1990. | 3,451,237 | 518,700 | 1,307,060 | 2,113,205 | 2,497,900 | 2,967,985 |
| 1991. | 3,516,142 | 532,138 | 1,341,377 | 2,172,939 | 2,572,792 | 3,059,539 |
| 1992. | 3,680,552 | 549,152 | 1,381,151 | 2,236,768 | 2,649,459 | 3,156,966 |
| 1993. | 3,775,578 | 563,279 | 1,417,625 | 2,301,115 | 2,727,326 | 3,254,992 |
| 1994. | 3,961,146 | 589,795 | 1,480,073 | 2,408,941 | 2,858,063 | 3,414,447 |
| 1995. | 4,244,607 | 617,065 | 1,554,788 | 2,540,094 | 3,021,884 | 3,624,997 |
| 1996. | 4,590,527 | 646,144 | 1,637,891 | 2,681,378 | 3,196,723 | 3,853,983 |
| 1997. | 5,023,457 | 695,465 | 1,755,857 | 2,872,056 | 3,426,350 | 4,150,631 |
| 1998. | 5,469,211 | 747,781 | 1,879,611 | 3,075,495 | 3,672,564 | 4,458,967 |
| 1999. | 5,909,329 | 783,164 | 1,982,021 | 3,256,494 | 3,897,565 | 4,756,509 |
| 2000.. | 6,423,977 | 834,222 | 2,110,190 | 3,468,590 | 4,156,573 | 5,087,204 |
| 2001. | 6,241,036 | 861,750 | 2,170,001 | 3,550,447 | 4,244,543 | 5,146,740 |
| 2002. | 6,113,778 | 869,750 | 2,178,274 | 3,560,303 | 4,245,991 | 5,127,997 |
| 2003. | 6,287,586 | 879,735 | 2,209,359 | 3,624,117 | 4,326,911 | 5,233,019 |
| Total income tax (millions of dollars): ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 366,979 | 23,690 | 88,002 | 166,276 | 210,739 | 272,488 |
| 1987. | 369,046 | 22,391 | 85,189 | 163,816 | 209,404 | 277,488 |
| 1988. | 412,761 | 23,616 | 91,464 | 176,350 | 224,459 | 298,920 |
| 1989. | 432,838 | 25,239 | 98,580 | 191,380 | 242,650 | 323,579 |
| 1990.. | 447,061 | 25,986 | 102,721 | 199,547 | 251,973 | 334,723 |
| 1991.. | 448,349 | 24,554 | 101,837 | 198,067 | 253,869 | 337,081 |
| 1992. | 476,163 | 24,093 | 102,463 | 199,950 | 257,683 | 345,007 |
| 1993. | 502,720 | 24,157 | 104,203 | 204,912 | 264,637 | 356,884 |
| 1994. | 534,754 | 25,499 | 109,353 | 216,852 | 280,648 | 380,418 |
| 1995. | 588,331 | 27,106 | 115,523 | 230,929 | 300,590 | 410,296 |
| 1996. | 658,124 | 28,440 | 122,960 | 246,720 | 322,691 | 445,498 |
| 1997. | 727,303 | 31,134 | 133,296 | 267,664 | 350,062 | 486,064 |
| 1998. | 788,452 | 33,212 | 136,488 | 275,615 | 363,946 | 514,442 |
| 1999. | 877,292 | 35,126 | 144,402 | 294,290 | 390,828 | 559,874 |
| 2000. | 980,521 | 38,343 | 156,816 | 320,371 | 426,851 | 613,592 |
| 2001.. | 887,882 | 35,239 | 151,826 | 311,719 | 415,059 | 586,984 |
| 2002. | 796,862 | 27,899 | 128,304 | 273,050 | 368,182 | 528,254 |
| 2003. | 747,932 | 25,912 | 120,564 | 255,486 | 341,341 | 491,597 |

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## Individual Income Tax Rates and Shares, 2003

Table 7.--Returns with Positive "1979 Income Concept" Income: Number of Returns, Shares of Income and Total Income Tax, Income Floor on Percentiles in Current and Constant Dollars, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Descending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size, Tax Years 1986-2003
[All figures are estimates based on samples]

| Item, tax year | Total | Descending cumulative percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Top 1 percent | $\begin{gathered} \text { Top } \\ 5 \text { percent } \end{gathered}$ | Top 10 percent | Top 25 percent | Top 50 percent |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Number of returns: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 101,988,805 | 1,019,888 | 5,099,440 | 10,198,881 | 25,497,201 | 50,994,402 |
| 1987. | 106,191,624 | 1,061,916 | 5,309,581 | 10,619,162 | 26,547,906 | 53,095,812 |
| 1988. | 108,879,154 | 1,088,792 | 5,443,958 | 10,887,915 | 27,219,788 | 54,439,577 |
| 1989. | 111,328,835 | 1,113,288 | 5,566,442 | 11,132,884 | 27,832,209 | 55,664,418 |
| 1990. | 112,717,959 | 1,127,180 | 5,635,898 | 11,271,796 | 28,179,490 | 56,358,980 |
| 1991. | 113,823,123 | 1,138,231 | 5,691,156 | 11,382,312 | 28,455,781 | 56,911,562 |
| 1992. | 112,687,747 | 1,126,877 | 5,634,387 | 11,268,775 | 28,171,937 | 56,343,874 |
| 1993. | 113,721,706 | 1,137,217 | 5,686,085 | 11,372,171 | 28,430,426 | 56,860,853 |
| 1994. | 115,061,112 | 1,150,611 | 5,753,056 | 11,506,111 | 28,765,278 | 57,530,556 |
| 1995. | 117,333,779 | 1,173,338 | 5,866,689 | 11,733,378 | 29,333,445 | 58,666,889 |
| 1996. | 119,487,813 | 1,194,878 | 5,974,391 | 11,948,781 | 29,871,953 | 59,743,906 |
| 1997. | 121,555,156 | 1,215,552 | 6,077,758 | 12,155,516 | 30,388,789 | 60,777,578 |
| 1998 | 123,852,016 | 1,238,520 | 6,192,601 | 12,385,202 | 30,963,004 | 61,926,008 |
| 1999. | 126,107,596 | 1,261,076 | 6,305,380 | 12,610,760 | 31,526,899 | 63,053,798 |
| 2000. | 128,340,271 | 1,283,403 | 6,417,014 | 12,834,027 | 32,085,068 | 64,170,135 |
| 2001.. | 128,863,007 | 1,288,630 | 6,443,150 | 12,886,301 | 32,215,752 | 64,431,504 |
| 2002 | 128,415,184 | 1,284,152 | 6,420,759 | 12,841,518 | 32,103,796 | 64,207,592 |
| 2003. | 128,757,145 | 1,287,571 | 6,437,857 | 12,875,715 | 32,189,286 | 64,378,573 |
| Income floor on percentiles (current dollars): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | N/A | 147,863 | 68,362 | 52,035 | 33,623 | 17,909 |
| 1987. | N/A | 145,624 | 69,222 | 53,094 | 34,165 | 17,959 |
| 1988. | N/A | 161,774 | 73,451 | 55,532 | 35,432 | 18,534 |
| 1989. | N/A | 169,603 | 77,542 | 58,429 | 36,783 | 19,152 |
| 1990. | N/A | 174,813 | 80,400 | 60,623 | 38,026 | 19,947 |
| 1991. | N/A | 180,268 | 83,300 | 62,413 | 38,913 | 20,302 |
| 1992. | N/A | 197,031 | 87,370 | 65,283 | 40,423 | 21,041 |
| 1993. | N/A | 199,698 | 88,992 | 66,685 | 41,013 | 21,390 |
| 1994. | N/A | 210,742 | 93,186 | 69,118 | 42,480 | 22,000 |
| 1995. | N/A | 224,523 | 98,420 | 72,210 | 43,860 | 22,575 |
| 1996. | N/A | 246,268 | 103,489 | 75,574 | 45,508 | 23,378 |
| 1997. | N/A | 268,889 | 110,949 | 79,598 | 47,738 | 24,551 |
| 1998. | N/A | 301,513 | 120,262 | 84,904 | 50,232 | 25,612 |
| 1999. | N/A | 332,253 | 126,643 | 89,172 | 52,399 | 26,487 |
| 2000. | N/A | 353,945 | 134,128 | 93,715 | 54,592 | 27,647 |
| 2001.. | N/A | 323,861 | 131,728 | 93,633 | 55,203 | 28,404 |
| 2002. | N/A | 315,937 | 132,253 | 93,833 | 55,695 | 28,541 |
| 2003. | N/A | 327,160 | 134,818 | 96,021 | 56,573 | 28,896 |
| Income floor on percentiles (constant dollars): ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | N/A | 134,912 | 62,374 | 47,477 | 30,678 | 16,340 |
| 1987. | N/A | 128,190 | 60,935 | 46,738 | 30,075 | 15,809 |
| 1988. | N/A | 136,749 | 62,089 | 46,942 | 29,951 | 15,667 |
| 1989. | N/A | 136,777 | 62,534 | 47,120 | 29,664 | 15,445 |
| 1990. | N/A | 133,751 | 61,515 | 46,383 | 29,094 | 15,262 |
| 1991. | N/A | 132,355 | 61,160 | 45,825 | 28,571 | 14,906 |
| 1992. | N/A | 140,436 | 62,274 | 46,531 | 28,812 | 14,997 |
| 1993. | N/A | 138,199 | 61,586 | 46,149 | 28,383 | 14,803 |
| 1994. | N/A | 142,201 | 62,879 | 46,638 | 28,664 | 14,845 |
| 1995.. | N/A | 147,325 | 64,580 | 47,382 | 28,780 | 14,813 |
| 1996. | N/A | 156,959 | 65,959 | 48,167 | 29,004 | 14,900 |
| 1997. | N/A | 167,532 | 69,127 | 49,594 | 29,743 | 15,297 |
| 1998 | N/A | 183,962 | 73,375 | 51,802 | 30,648 | 15,627 |
| 1999. | N/A | 199,432 | 76,016 | 53,525 | 31,452 | 15,899 |
| 2000. | N/A | 205,543 | 77,891 | 54,422 | 31,703 | 16,055 |
| 2001. | N/A | 182,869 | 74,381 | 52,870 | 31,171 | 16,038 |
| 2002. | N/A | 175,618 | 73,515 | 52,158 | 30,959 | 15,865 |
| 2003. | N/A | 177,804 | 73,271 | 52,185 | 30,746 | 15,704 |

Table 7.--Returns with Positive "1979 Income Concept" Income: Number of Returns, Shares of Income and Total Income Tax, Income Floor on Percentiles in Current and Constant Dollars, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Descending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size, Tax Years 1986-2003--Continued

| Item, tax year | Total | Descending cumulative percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Top } \\ 1 \text { percent } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Top } \\ 5 \text { percent } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Top } \\ 10 \text { percent } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Top } \\ 25 \text { percent } \end{gathered}$ | Top 50 percent |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Income (millions of dollars): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 2,804,691 | 427,513 | 796,935 | 1,097,550 | 1,732,231 | 2,368,620 |
| 1987. | 2,856,118 | 363,880 | 749,240 | 1,067,438 | 1,741,747 | 2,411,715 |
| 1988. | 3,153,639 | 484,675 | 911,170 | 1,255,108 | 1,973,061 | 2,683,524 |
| 1989. | 3,336,571 | 486,976 | 947,363 | 1,317,619 | 2,085,003 | 2,838,481 |
| 1990.. | 3,497,118 | 504,687 | 987,582 | 1,376,162 | 2,182,091 | 2,973,847 |
| 1991... | 3,577,337 | 478,756 | 985,590 | 1,390,924 | 2,224,979 | 3,038,428 |
| 1992. | 3,763,002 | 556,421 | 1,090,019 | 1,509,728 | 2,369,701 | 3,206,490 |
| 1993... | 3,849,532 | 554,075 | 1,105,014 | 1,537,285 | 2,422,475 | 3,278,866 |
| 1994... | 4,033,642 | 579,564 | 1,161,972 | 1,617,250 | 2,544,400 | 3,436,167 |
| 1995... | 4,317,506 | 653,717 | 1,284,726 | 1,772,890 | 2,754,988 | 3,692,267 |
| $1996 .$. | 4,670,644 | 772,868 | 1,462,979 | 1,984,931 | 3,025,107 | 4,015,461 |
| 1997. | 5,112,706 | 918,007 | 1,679,877 | 2,242,353 | 3,353,245 | 4,409,075 |
| 1998. | 5,626,390 | 1,072,779 | 1,925,214 | 2,542,399 | 3,742,006 | 4,869,467 |
| $1999 .$. | 6,082,931 | 1,236,081 | 2,166,370 | 2,825,789 | 4,099,929 | 5,290,805 |
| 2000. | 6,601,494 | 1,424,436 | 2,430,957 | 3,138,299 | 4,495,910 | 5,758,808 |
| 2001. | 6,361,523 | 1,159,037 | 2,121,055 | 2,828,677 | 4,202,776 | 5,491,703 |
| 2002. | 6,262,714 | 1,057,775 | 2,005,658 | 2,712,226 | 4,092,069 | 5,383,263 |
| 2003... | 6,429,711 | 1,122,582 | 2,091,401 | 2,813,645 | 4,226,517 | 5,539,087 |
| Total income tax (millions of dollars): ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986. | 366,763 | 93,128 | 155,553 | 198,862 | 277,578 | 342,296 |
| 1987. | 368,924 | 89,908 | 158,485 | 204,050 | 282,970 | 346,228 |
| 1988. | 412,549 | 112,208 | 186,793 | 235,121 | 320,152 | 388,631 |
| 1989. | 432,643 | 107,508 | 188,588 | 240,229 | 333,285 | 407,106 |
| 1990.. | 446,906 | 110,530 | 192,991 | 245,856 | 342,926 | 420,345 |
| 1991... | 448,177 | 107,926 | 192,548 | 246,745 | 345,168 | 423,180 |
| 1992... | 476,067 | 127,361 | 216,303 | 272,361 | 372,352 | 451,494 |
| 1993... | 502,638 | 142,329 | 235,908 | 294,238 | 397,261 | 477,997 |
| 1994... | 534,693 | 150,133 | 250,770 | 314,909 | 423,743 | 508,540 |
| 1995... | 588,292 | 173,877 | 284,036 | 354,427 | 471,035 | 560,748 |
| 1996... | 658,059 | 208,071 | 331,404 | 407,726 | 532,750 | 628,918 |
| 1997... | 731,123 | 238,978 | 376,046 | 459,674 | 595,060 | 699,131 |
| 1998. | 783,437 | 262,464 | 413,303 | 503,577 | 644,182 | 749,547 |
| 1999... | 877,199 | 307,382 | 479,531 | 577,903 | 729,679 | 841,172 |
| 2000... | 980,459 | 355,911 | 546,102 | 654,155 | 819,937 | 941,304 |
| 2001. | 887,770 | 291,907 | 466,057 | 570,430 | 732,094 | 851,539 |
| 2002. | 796,763 | 259,192 | 420,834 | 517,937 | 664,670 | 767,890 |
| 2003. | 747,800 | 248,107 | 400,202 | 487,657 | 624,070 | 720,861 |
| Average tax rate (percentage): ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986... | 13.08 | 21.78 | 19.52 | 18.12 | 16.02 | 14.45 |
| 1987. | 12.92 | 24.71 | 21.15 | 19.12 | 16.25 | 14.36 |
| 1988. | 13.08 | 23.15 | 20.50 | 18.73 | 16.23 | 14.48 |
| 1989. | 12.97 | 22.08 | 19.91 | 18.23 | 15.98 | 14.34 |
| 1990. | 12.78 | 21.90 | 19.54 | 17.87 | 15.72 | 14.13 |
| 1991.. | 12.53 | 22.54 | 19.54 | 17.74 | 15.51 | 13.93 |
| 1992.......................................................................... | 12.65 | 22.89 | 19.84 | 18.04 | 15.71 | 14.08 |
| 1993... | 13.06 | 25.69 | 21.35 | 19.14 | 16.40 | 14.58 |
| 1994... | 13.26 | 25.90 | 21.58 | 19.47 | 16.65 | 14.80 |
| 1995... | 13.63 | 26.60 | 22.11 | 19.99 | 17.10 | 15.19 |
| 1996... | 14.09 | 26.92 | 22.65 | 20.54 | 17.61 | 15.66 |
| 1997... | 14.30 | 26.03 | 22.39 | 20.50 | 17.75 | 15.86 |
| 1998. | 13.92 | 24.47 | 21.47 | 19.81 | 17.21 | 15.39 |
| 1999. | 14.42 | 24.87 | 22.14 | 20.45 | 17.80 | 15.90 |
| 2000. | 14.85 | 24.99 | 22.46 | 20.84 | 18.24 | 16.35 |
| 2001. | 13.96 | 25.19 | 21.97 | 20.17 | 17.42 | 15.51 |
| 2002. | 12.72 | 24.50 | 20.98 | 19.10 | 16.24 | 14.26 |
| 2003. | 11.63 | 22.10 | 19.14 | 17.33 | 14.77 | 13.01 |

[^11]
## Individual Income Tax Rates and Shares, 2003

Table 7.--Returns with Positive "1979 Income Concept" Income: Number of Returns, Shares of Income and Total Income Tax, Income Floor on Percentiles in Current and Constant Dollars, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Descending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size, Tax Years 1986-2003--Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples]

| Item, tax year | Total | Descending cumulative percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Top 1 percent | Top 5 percent | Top 10 percent | Top 25 percent | Top 50 percent |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Income share (percentage): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986................ | 100.00 | 15.24 | 28.41 | 39.13 | 61.76 | 84.45 |
| 1987. | 100.00 | 12.74 | 26.23 | 37.37 | 60.98 | 84.44 |
| 1988.. | 100.00 | 15.37 | 28.89 | 39.80 | 62.56 | 85.09 |
| 1989. | 100.00 | 14.60 | 28.39 | 39.49 | 62.49 | 85.07 |
| 1990. | 100.00 | 14.43 | 28.24 | 39.35 | 62.40 | 85.04 |
| 1991. | 100.00 | 13.38 | 27.55 | 38.88 | 62.20 | 84.94 |
| 1992. | 100.00 | 14.79 | 28.97 | 40.12 | 62.97 | 85.21 |
| 1993. | 100.00 | 14.39 | 28.71 | 39.93 | 62.93 | 85.18 |
| 1994. | 100.00 | 14.37 | 28.81 | 40.09 | 63.08 | 85.19 |
| 1995. | 100.00 | 15.14 | 29.76 | 41.06 | 63.81 | 85.52 |
| 1996.. | 100.00 | 16.55 | 31.32 | 42.50 | 64.77 | 85.97 |
| 1997. | 100.00 | 17.96 | 32.86 | 43.86 | 65.59 | 86.24 |
| 1998 | 100.00 | 19.07 | 34.22 | 45.19 | 66.51 | 86.55 |
| 1999. | 100.00 | 20.32 | 35.61 | 46.45 | 67.40 | 86.98 |
| 2000.. | 100.00 | 21.58 | 36.82 | 47.54 | 68.10 | 87.23 |
| 2001. | 100.00 | 18.22 | 33.34 | 44.47 | 66.07 | 86.33 |
| 2002. | 100.00 | 16.89 | 32.03 | 43.31 | 65.34 | 85.96 |
| 2003. | 100.00 | 17.46 | 32.53 | 43.76 | 65.73 | 86.15 |
| Total income tax share (percentage): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986..................... | 100.00 | 25.39 | 42.41 | 54.22 | 75.68 | 93.33 |
| 1987. | 100.00 | 24.37 | 42.96 | 55.31 | 76.70 | 93.85 |
| 1988......................................................................... | 100.00 | 27.20 | 45.28 | 56.99 | 77.60 | 94.20 |
| 1989.......................................................................... | 100.00 | 24.85 | 43.59 | 55.53 | 77.03 | 94.10 |
| 1990. | 100.00 | 24.73 | 43.18 | 55.01 | 76.73 | 94.06 |
| 1991. | 100.00 | 24.08 | 42.96 | 55.06 | 77.02 | 94.42 |
| 1992. | 100.00 | 26.75 | 45.44 | 57.21 | 78.21 | 94.84 |
| 1993. | 100.00 | 28.32 | 46.93 | 58.54 | 79.04 | 95.10 |
| 1994. | 100.00 | 28.08 | 46.90 | 58.90 | 79.25 | 95.11 |
| 1995......................................................................... | 100.00 | 29.56 | 48.28 | 60.25 | 80.07 | 95.32 |
| 1996. | 100.00 | 31.62 | 50.36 | 61.96 | 80.96 | 95.57 |
| 1997. | 100.00 | 32.69 | 51.43 | 62.87 | 81.39 | 95.62 |
| 1998 | 100.00 | 33.50 | 52.76 | 64.28 | 82.23 | 95.67 |
| 1999......................................................................... | 100.00 | 35.04 | 54.67 | 65.88 | 83.18 | 95.89 |
| 2000.. | 100.00 | 36.30 | 55.70 | 66.72 | 83.63 | 96.01 |
| 2001......................................................................... | 100.00 | 32.88 | 52.50 | 64.25 | 82.46 | 95.92 |
| 2002.......................................................................... | 100.00 | 32.53 | 52.82 | 65.01 | 83.42 | 96.38 |
| 2003.......................................................................... | 100.00 | 33.18 | 53.52 | 65.21 | 83.45 | 96.40 |

[^12]Table 8.--Returns with Positive "1979 Income Concept" Income: Number of Returns, Shares of Income and Total Income Tax, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Ascending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size, Tax Years 1986-2003
[All figures are estimates based on samples]


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Table 8.--Returns with Positive "1979 Income Concept" Income: Number of Returns, Shares of Income and Total Income Tax, and Average Tax Rates, by Selected Ascending Cumulative Percentiles of Returns Based on Income Size, Tax Years 1986-2003--Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples]

| Item, tax year | Total | Ascending cumulative percentiles |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Bottom 50 percent | Bottom 75 percent | Bottom 90 percent | Bottom 95 percent | Bottom 99 percent |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Average tax rate (percentage): ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1986 .$ | 13.08 | 5.61 | 8.32 | 9.84 | 10.52 | 11.51 |
| 1987... | 12.92 | 5.11 | 7.71 | 9.22 | 9.99 | 11.20 |
| 1988. | 13.08 | 5.09 | 7.83 | 9.35 | 10.07 | 11.25 |
| 1989.. | 12.97 | 5.13 | 7.94 | 9.53 | 10.21 | 11.41 |
| 1990.. | 12.78 | 5.08 | 7.91 | 9.48 | 10.12 | 11.24 |
| 1991. | 12.53 | 4.64 | 7.62 | 9.21 | 9.86 | 10.98 |
| 1992. | 12.65 | 4.42 | 7.44 | 9.04 | 9.72 | 10.87 |
| 1993. | 13.06 | 4.32 | 7.38 | 9.01 | 9.72 | 10.93 |
| 1994. | 13.26 | 4.38 | 7.45 | 9.10 | 9.89 | 11.13 |
| 1995. | 13.63 | 4.41 | 7.50 | 9.19 | 10.03 | 11.31 |
| $1996 .$. | 14.09 | 4.45 | 7.62 | 9.32 | 10.18 | 11.54 |
| 1997.. | 14.30 | 4.55 | 7.73 | 9.46 | 10.34 | 11.73 |
| 1998 | 13.92 | 4.48 | 7.39 | 9.07 | 10.00 | 11.44 |
| 1999.. | 14.42 | 4.55 | 7.44 | 9.19 | 10.15 | 11.76 |
| 2000.. | 14.85 | 4.65 | 7.62 | 9.42 | 10.41 | 12.06 |
| 2001.. | 13.96 | 4.17 | 7.21 | 8.98 | 9.95 | 11.45 |
| 2002. | 12.72 | 3.28 | 6.09 | 7.85 | 8.83 | 10.33 |
| 2003.. | 11.63 | 3.02 | 5.62 | 7.19 | 8.01 | 9.42 |
| Income share (percentage): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986........ | 100.00 | 15.55 | 38.24 | 60.87 | 71.59 | 84.76 |
| 1987. | 100.00 | 15.56 | 39.02 | 62.63 | 73.77 | 87.26 |
| 1988.. | 100.00 | 14.91 | 37.44 | 60.20 | 71.11 | 84.63 |
| 1989.. | 100.00 | 14.93 | 37.51 | 60.51 | 71.61 | 85.40 |
| 1990.. | 100.00 | 14.96 | 37.60 | 60.65 | 71.76 | 85.57 |
| 1991.. | 100.00 | 15.06 | 37.80 | 61.12 | 72.45 | 86.62 |
| 1992. | 100.00 | 14.79 | 37.03 | 59.88 | 71.03 | 85.21 |
| 1993. | 100.00 | 14.82 | 37.07 | 60.07 | 71.29 | 85.61 |
| 1994. | 100.00 | 14.81 | 36.92 | 59.91 | 71.19 | 85.63 |
| 1995. | 100.00 | 14.48 | 36.19 | 58.94 | 70.24 | 84.86 |
| 1996. | 100.00 | 14.03 | 35.23 | 57.50 | 68.68 | 83.45 |
| 1997. | 100.00 | 13.76 | 34.41 | 56.14 | 67.14 | 82.04 |
| 1998 | 100.00 | 13.45 | 33.49 | 54.81 | 65.78 | 80.93 |
| 1999. | 100.00 | 13.02 | 32.60 | 53.55 | 64.39 | 79.68 |
| 2000.. | 100.00 | 12.77 | 31.90 | 52.46 | 63.18 | 78.42 |
| 2001. | 100.00 | 13.67 | 33.93 | 55.53 | 66.66 | 81.78 |
| 2002. | 100.00 | 14.04 | 34.66 | 56.69 | 67.97 | 83.11 |
| 2003. | 100.00 | 13.85 | 34.27 | 56.24 | 67.47 | 82.54 |
| Total income tax share (percentage): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986.......... | 100.00 | 6.67 | 24.32 | 45.78 | 57.59 | 74.61 |
| 1987. | 100.00 | 6.15 | 23.30 | 44.69 | 57.04 | 75.63 |
| 1988.. | 100.00 | 5.80 | 22.40 | 43.01 | 54.72 | 72.80 |
| 1989.. | 100.00 | 5.90 | 22.97 | 44.47 | 56.41 | 75.15 |
| 1990.. | 100.00 | 5.94 | 23.27 | 44.99 | 56.82 | 75.27 |
| 1991.. | 100.00 | 5.58 | 22.98 | 44.94 | 57.04 | 75.92 |
| 1992. | 100.00 | 5.16 | 21.79 | 42.79 | 54.56 | 73.25 |
| 1993. | 100.00 | 4.90 | 20.96 | 41.46 | 53.07 | 71.68 |
| 1994. | 100.00 | 4.89 | 20.75 | 41.10 | 53.10 | 71.92 |
| 1995.. | 100.00 | 4.68 | 19.93 | 39.75 | 51.72 | 70.44 |
| 1996. | 100.00 | 4.43 | 19.04 | 38.04 | 49.64 | 68.38 |
| 1997. | 100.00 | 4.38 | 18.61 | 37.13 | 48.57 | 67.31 |
| 1998 | 100.00 | 4.33 | 17.77 | 35.72 | 47.24 | 66.50 |
| 1999... | 100.00 | 4.11 | 16.82 | 34.12 | 45.33 | 64.96 |
| 2000... | 100.00 | 3.99 | 16.37 | 33.28 | 44.30 | 63.70 |
| 2001... | 100.00 | 4.08 | 17.54 | 35.75 | 47.50 | 67.12 |
| 2002. | 100.00 | 3.62 | 16.58 | 34.99 | 47.18 | 67.47 |
| 2003................................................................. | 100.00 | 3.60 | 16.55 | 34.79 | 46.48 | 66.82 |

[^14]
[^0]:    Kyle Mudry and Michael Parisi are economists with the Individual Returns Analysis Section. This article was prepared under the direction of Jeff Hartzok, Chief.

[^1]:    Number of taxable returns (column 2) divided by total number of returns (column 1).
    ${ }^{2}$ Average tax rate is "total income tax" (column 5) divided by adjusted gross income less deficit (AGI) (column 4).
    ${ }^{3}$ The average adjusted gross income (less deficit), average total income tax and average tax rate were calculated from unrounded data.
    ${ }^{4}$ Constant dollars were calculated using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer price index for urban consumers (CPI-U, 1982-84=100). For 2003, the CPI-U = 184.0.
    ${ }^{5}$ These statistics are based on adjusted gross income less deficit (AGI) recomputed to reflect the 1979 Income Concept, thus enabling more valid comparisons to be made of the average tax rates among years. Changes in the definition of AGI among years render direct comparison of the unadjusted figures misleading. For additional information, see Statistics of Income--Individual Income Tax Returns, for 1986-2003. See Figure G for components of the 1979 Income Concept.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Less than 0.05 percent.
    ${ }^{2}$ Form 8814 was filed for a dependent child under age 14 for whom the parents made an election to report the child's investment income (if it was from interest or dividends totaling between $\$ 750$ and $\$ 7,500$ ) on the parents' income tax return. This rate classification is comprised of those returns with a tax liability only from the dependent's income.
    ${ }^{3}$ The 15 -percent capital gain rate also includes qualified dividends.
    ${ }^{4}$ Form 8615 was filed for a child under age 14 to report the child's investment income in excess of $\$ 1,500$. The returns in this rate classification are not distributed by tax rate. NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ See Figures $\mathrm{I}-1$ and $\mathrm{I}-2$ for the calculation of alternative minimum taxable income and the list of alternative minimum tax adjustments and preferences.
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit.
    NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Limited to 90 percent of AMTI, except when depletion is present on Form 6251. In this case, AMTI is recalculated, and the alternative tax net operating loss deduction is limited to 90 percent of the recomputed amount.

[^5]:    Footnotes at end of table

[^6]:    Footnotes at end of table.

[^7]:    Footnotes at end of table.

[^8]:    * Estimate should be used with caution due to the small number of sample returns on which it is based.
    ** Data combined to prevent disclosure of certain taxpayer information.
    ${ }^{1}$ Includes special tax not included in tax generated.
    ${ }^{2}$ The difference between the amount of tax resulting from using provisions of one of the special tax computations and the amount of tax resulting from the regular tax computation.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit.
    NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

[^9]:    Footnotes at end of Table 6.

[^10]:    Footnotes at end of table.

[^11]:    Footnotes at end of Table 8

[^12]:    Footnotes at end of Table 8.

[^13]:    Footnotes at end of table.

[^14]:    N/A--Not applicable
    ${ }^{1}$ For Table 7, constant dollars were calculated using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer price index for urban consumers (CPI-U, 1982-84=100).
    ${ }^{2}$ Total income tax is the sum of income tax after credits and the alternative minimum tax for 1999 and prior years. For 2000 and following years, alternative minimum tax is included in income tax before credits (see Figure D).
    ${ }^{3}$ Average tax rate was computed by dividing total income tax (see footnote 2) by income, using the 1979 income concept (see text and Figure G).

