## Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, 2005

Data Release

For 2005, taxpayers filed 134.5 million U.S. individual income tax returns, an increase of 1.6 percent from the 132.4 million returns filed for 2004. Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) increased from the previous year by 8.9 percent to $\$ 7.4$ trillion for 2005. Taxable income increased 9.5 percent to $\$ 5.1$ trillion; the alternative minimum tax rose 31.6 percent to $\$ 15.9$ billion; total income tax increased by 11.8 percent to $\$ 928.3$ billion; and total tax liability rose by 11.6 percent to $\$ 971.0$ billion.

Figure A shows that the largest component of AGI, salaries and wages, increased 5.2 percent to $\$ 5,236.5$ billion for Tax Year 2005, while the next largest component of AGI, net capital gains, rose by 36.7 percent to $\$ 604.4$ billion. Other income items with notable percentage changes included capital gain distributions (part of net capital gains), which more than doubled from $\$ 15.3$ billion for 2004 to $\$ 35.5$ billion for 2005; partnership and S corporation net income, which increased by 19.5 percent to $\$ 424.9$ billion; and ordinary dividends, which increased 13.6 percent to $\$ 153.7$ billion. Of this dividend total, about 72.6 percent were reported as qualified dividends. Qualified dividends, which receive preferential tax rates, were reported on 25.8 million returns and totaled $\$ 111.6$ billion, an increase of 9.0 percent from 2004.

Another income item which increased greatly for 2005 was taxable interest, which went up by 25.5 percent to $\$ 140.0$ billion. For 2005, taxable pensions and annuities, the third largest income item, rose 7.2 percent to $\$ 428.0$ billion. The other items related to retirement, taxable IRA distributions and taxable Social Security benefits, also rose for 2005, by 9.5 percent and 13.1 percent respectively.

Declining income items were led by unemployment compensation at $\$ 28.0$ billion, falling by 14.5 percent from its 2004 level. State income tax refunds also decreased ( 14.5 percent) from Tax Year 2004.

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#### Abstract

Statutory adjustments to total income increased 10.2 percent to $\$ 104.2$ billion for Tax Year 2005. The largest statutory adjustment was the deduction for one-half of self-employment tax, representing 20.5 percent of the total. This adjustment to income increased 6.1 percent to $\$ 21.4$ billion. Payments to self-employed retirement (Keogh) plans rose 7.9 percent to $\$ 19.4$ billion, while deductible contributions to an Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRA) increased 19.2 percent to $\$ 12.2$ billion. Tax Year 2005 law changes increased the contribution limits for both Roth and traditional IRAs for those age 50 and over (see Changes in Law section for details). Both the deduction for tuition and fees and student loan interest increased ( 2.3 percent and 14.4 percent, respectively).


Tax Year 2005 marked the second year that a line item adjustment was given to taxpayers who contributed to a qualified health savings account. Over 211,000 taxpayers of the 360,000 taxpayers who made contributions to qualified health savings accounts took an adjustment totaling nearly $\$ 0.5$ billion. This was more than double the number of taxpayers who took an adjustment in Tax Year 2004. The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 added the domestic production activities deduction for Tax Year 2005, which benefited nearly 320,000 taxpayers for a total deduction of $\$ 2.1$ billion (see Changes in Law section for details).

Along with this tax law change, the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 also introduced favorable tax legislation for taxpayers. For instance, taxpayers who housed individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina could claim up to four additional exemptions totaling $\$ 2,000$ (see Changes in Law section for details). An estimated 121,000 returns reported almost 265,000 exemptions for taxpayers providing housing for these victims. All together, the amount deducted for total exemptions increased by 4.8 percent from $\$ 803.4$ billion for 2004 to $\$ 842.3$ billion for 2005.

Total deductions, the sum of the standard deductions and total itemized deductions (after limitation) equaled $\$ 1,665.6$ billion, an increase of 8.4 percent

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## Figure A

Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, Tax Years 2004 and 2005
[Money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Item | Number of returns |  |  | Amount |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2005 | Percentage change | 2004 | 2005 | Percentage change |
| Number of returns, total................................................ | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|  | 132,384,919 | 134,462,537 | 1.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Form 1040 returns. | 80,278,569 | 81,144,182 | 1.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Form 1040A returns. | 30,878,413 | 31,607,574 | 2.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Form 1040EZ returns | 21,227,937 | 21,710,782 | 2.3 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Electronically-filed returns [1] | 69,455,931 | 74,813,073 | 7.7 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Adjusted gross income (less deficit). | 132,384,919 | 134,462,537 | 1.6 | 6,764,907,485 | 7,363,648,396 | 8.9 |
|  | 112,857,828 | 114,595,809 | 1.5 | 4,977,868,690 | 5,236,515,411 | 5.2 |
| Taxable interest. | 57,675,120 | 59,326,291 | 2.9 | 111,561,113 | 140,024,777 | 25.5 |
| Tax-exempt interest [2]. | 4,386,097 | 4,469,929 | 1.9 | 49,837,939 | 54,410,697 | 9.2 |
| Ordinary dividends..... Qualified dividends | 30,612,466 | 31,089,911 | 1.6 | 135,353,804 | 153,736,864 | 13.6 |
|  | 24,544,754 | 25,797,647 | 5.1 | 102,348,349 | 111,592,163 | 9.0 |
| State income tax refunds................................................. | 23,700,194 | 22,281,894 | -6.0 | 21,484,401 | 20,961,408 | -2.4 |
| Alimony received... | 437,246 | 457,751 | 4.7 | 6,830,125 | 7,943,058 | 16.3 |
| Business or profession net income. <br> Business or profession net loss. | 15,011,873 | 15,702,731 | 4.6 | 280,499,096 | 300,591,401 | 7.2 |
|  | 5,201,188 | 5,335,832 | 2.6 | 41,915,266 | 43,083,206 | 2.8 |
| Net capital gain [3]. Capital gain distributions [3]. | 13,651,337 | 16,048,768 | 17.6 | 442,095,059 | 604,352,228 | 36.7 |
|  | 10,799,132 | 13,447,772 | 24.5 | 15,324,930 | 35,457,864 | 131.4 |
| Net capital loss $\qquad$ <br> Sales of property other than capital assets, net gain. | 11,493,985 | 9,994,323 | -13.0 | 25,454,976 | 22,075,818 | -13.3 |
|  | 827,819 | 863,391 | 4.3 | 9,311,122 | 11,421,195 | 22.7 |
| Sales of property other than capital assets, net loss............... | 848,226 | 810,196 | -4.5 | 6,665,222 | 7,747,570 | 16.2 |
| Taxable Individual Retirement Arrangement distributions......... | 9,015,362 | 9,462,567 | 5.0 | 102,003,408 | 111,709,278 | 9.5 |
| Taxable pensions and annuities. | 23,344,955 | 23,549,681 | 0.9 | 399,311,044 | 428,025,371 | 7.2 |
| Rent and royalty net income.. | 5,604,092 | 5,664,697 | 1.1 | 67,955,009 | 74,425,992 | 9.5 |
| Rent and royalty net loss. | 4,954,924 | 5,140,616 | 3.7 | 42,898,818 | 48,353,595 | 12.7 |
| Partnership and S corporation net income............................ | 4,391,303 | 4,543,703 | 3.5 | 355,465,300 | 424,863,423 | 19.5 |
| Partnership and S corporation net loss................................ | 2,268,094 | 2,256,974 | -0.5 | 57,536,319 | 61,665,756 | 7.2 |
| Estate and trust net income.. | 478,444 | 460,575 | -3.7 | 13,051,086 | 15,159,317 | 16.2 |
| Estate and trust net loss. | 31,176 | 30,538 | -2.0 | 630,041 | 756,271 | 20.0 |
| Farm net income. | 591,038 | 631,116 | 6.8 | 7,830,456 | 9,237,072 | 18.0 |
| Farm net loss. | 1,414,985 | 1,356,681 | -4.1 | 19,894,553 | 19,842,812 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment compensation. | 9,154,275 | 7,943,765 | -13.2 | 32,740,408 | 27,995,669 | -14.5 |
| Taxable Social Security benefits. | 11,825,356 | 12,808,594 | 8.3 | 111,778,572 | 126,409,367 | 13.1 |
| Total statutory adjustments. | 32,069,452 | 33,421,578 | 4.2 | 94,479,216 | 104,151,627 | 10.2 |
| Educator expenses. <br> Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials $\qquad$ | 3,437,540 | 3,562,069 | 3.6 | 865,467 | 893,327 | 3.2 |
|  | 100,047 | 102,683 | 2.6 | 243,988 | 290,381 | 19.0 |
| Payments to an Individual Retirement Arrangement............... | 3,379,417 | 3,293,501 | -2.5 | 10,239,186 | 12,207,511 | 19.2 |
| Student loan interest deduction......................................... | 7,604,016 | 8,118,415 | 6.8 | 4,438,098 | 5,075,930 | 14.4 |
| Tuition and fees deduction............................................... | 4,738,193 | 4,731,924 | -0.1 | 10,677,851 | 10,928,436 | 2.3 |
| Health savings account deduction. | 88,110 | 211,766 | 140.3 | 180,186 | 488,782 | 171.3 |
| Medical savings account deduction... | 30,883 | 18,391 | -40.4 | 63,086 | 40,398 | -36.0 |
| Moving expenses adjustment. | 1,086,965 | 1,127,511 | 3.7 | 2,922,985 | 3,055,362 | 4.5 |
| Self-employment tax deduction......................................... | 15,763,127 | 16,507,523 | 4.7 | 20,148,573 | 21,368,314 | 6.1 |
| Self-employed health insurance deduction.. | 3,699,187 | 3,670,561 | -0.8 | 17,270,521 | 17,982,362 | 4.1 |
| Payments to a self-employed retirement (Keogh) plan............ | 1,171,091 | 1,197,774 | 2.3 | 17,982,632 | 19,406,380 | 7.9 |
| Penalty on early withdrawal of savings................................ | 792,543 | 798,900 | 0.8 | 216,830 | 267,260 | 23.3 |
| Alimony paid. | 562,882 | 583,305 | 3.6 | 8,131,749 | 8,523,911 | 4.8 |
| Domestic production activities deduction. | N/A | 317,810 | N/A | N/A | 2,123,938 | N/A |
| Other adjustments. | 189,344 | 256,855 | 35.7 | 1,033,299 | 1,425,226 | 37.9 |

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## Figure A-Continued

Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, Tax Years 2004 and 2005-Continued
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| Item | Number of returns |  |  | Amount |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2005 | Percentage change | 2004 | 2005 | Percentage change |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Total exemptions.............................................................. | 264,727,822 | 269,699,249 | 1.9 | 803,389,845 | 842,320,994 | 4.8 |
| Total deductions.. | 130,572,217 | 132,762,014 | 1.7 | 1,536,262,023 | 1,665,601,292 | 8.4 |
| Total standard deduction. | 84,384,089 | 85,109,566 | 0.9 | 564,559,557 | 584,209,412 | 3.5 |
| Basic standard deduction. | 84,384,089 | 85,109,566 | 0.9 | 548,505,579 | 567,428,479 | 3.4 |
| Additional standard deduction. | 11,118,473 | 11,131,858 | 0.1 | 16,053,978 | 16,780,934 | 4.5 |
| Total itemized deductions (after limitation)........................ | 46,188,128 | 47,652,448 | 3.2 | 971,702,466 | 1,081,391,880 | 11.3 |
| Itemized deductions in excess of limitation | 5,719,877 | 6,322,163 | 10.5 | 34,892,605 | 42,549,206 | 21.9 |
| Medical and dental expenses deduction. | 9,458,334 | 9,871,839 | 4.4 | 61,292,493 | 66,086,920 | 7.8 |
| Taxes paid deduction. | 45,870,333 | 47,267,305 | 3.0 | 357,908,694 | 390,944,404 | 9.2 |
| State and local income taxes [4]. | 44,665,865 | 45,935,853 | 2.8 | 217,157,045 | 237,687,278 | 9.5 |
| Interest paid deduction. | 37,961,584 | 38,884,591 | 2.4 | 345,937,522 | 390,375,165 | 12.8 |
| Charitable contributions deduction. | 40,594,576 | 41,381,479 | 1.9 | 156,200,064 | 172,025,442 | 10.1 |
| Taxable income.. | 102,915,892 | 104,511,849 | 1.6 | 4,649,039,200 | 5,092,405,537 | 9.5 |
| Alternative minimum tax. | 3,132,706 | 4,045,459 | 29.1 | 12,062,016 | 15,874,227 | 31.6 |
| Income tax before credits.................................................. | 102,922,519 | 104,520,737 | 1.6 | 881,808,770 | 982,560,689 | 11.4 |
| Total tax credits [5]. | 41,868,743 | 42,426,730 | 1.3 | 51,389,855 | 54,297,474 | 5.7 |
| Child care credit. | 6,400,794 | 6,549,739 | 2.3 | 3,380,224 | 3,487,785 | 3.2 |
| Credit for the elderly or disabled. | 107,271 | 101,227 | -5.6 | 18,292 | 13,787 | -24.6 |
| Child tax credit. | 26,070,095 | 26,050,925 | -0.1 | 32,426,392 | 32,184,128 | -0.7 |
| Education tax credits. | 7,253,234 | 7,133,854 | -1.6 | 6,076,920 | 6,194,770 | 1.9 |
| Retirement savings contributions credit. | 5,361,813 | 5,365,195 | 0.1 | 1,026,889 | 962,976 | -6.2 |
| Adoption credit... | 69,673 | 83,681 | 20.1 | 299,669 | 303,397 | 1.2 |
| Foreign tax credit. | 4,696,787 | 5,373,540 | 14.4 | 5,754,318 | 8,340,820 | 44.9 |
| General business credit. | 230,905 | 225,238 | -2.5 | 507,705 | 658,970 | 29.8 |
| Prior year minimum tax credit.............................................. | 262,159 | 271,909 | 3.7 | 842,683 | 1,080,361 | 28.2 |
| Self-employment tax... | 15,763,127 | 16,507,523 | 4.7 | 40,289,242 | 42,728,376 | 6.1 |
| Total earned income credit (EIC)....................................... | 22,479,207 | 23,003,703 | 2.3 | 40,616,952 | 43,091,796 | 6.1 |
| EIC used to offset income tax before credits. | 2,988,349 | 2,911,791 | -2.6 | 772,269 | 752,954 | -2.5 |
| EIC used to offset other taxes. | 4,680,510 | 4,834,823 | 3.3 | 4,045,464 | 4,279,188 | 5.8 |
| Excess EIC, refundable portion............................................ | 19,674,899 | 20,357,850 | 3.5 | 35,799,219 | 38,059,653 | 6.3 |
| Additional child tax credit. | 14,609,435 | 15,334,228 | 5.0 | 14,523,694 | 15,588,969 | 7.3 |
| Total income tax.............................................................. | 89,206,556 | 90,659,349 | 1.6 | 830,419,041 | 928,263,735 | 11.8 |
| Total tax liability............................................................... | 92,817,241 | 94,346,561 | 1.6 | 870,346,902 | 970,951,374 | 11.6 |

N/A--Not applicable.
[1] Included in data for Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ.
[2] Not included in adjusted gross income.
[3] Includes capital gain distributions reported on Form 1040 and Schedule D.
[4] State and local income taxes are the total of both income taxes and general sales taxes.
[5] Includes EIC used to offset income tax before credits, shown separately later in this figure.
NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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from Tax Year 2004. The number of returns claiming the standard deductions increased 0.9 percent, accounting for 63.3 percent of all returns filed and 35.1 percent of the total deductions amount. Mostly due to inflation indexing, the average standard deduction (comprised of the basic and additional standard deductions) increased 2.6 percent from $\$ 6,690$ for 2004 to $\$ 6,864$ for 2005.

Itemized deductions were claimed on 35.4 percent of all returns filed for 2005 and represented 64.9 percent of the total deductions amount [1]. The average total for itemized deductions (after limitation) was $\$ 22,693$, a 7.9 -percent increase from the 2004 average of $\$ 21,038$. Due to the AGI limitation on itemized deductions, 6.3 million higher-income taxpayers were unable to deduct $\$ 42.5$ billion in itemized deductions, an increase of 21.9 percent from 2004. The taxes paid deduction was the largest deduction, comprising 34.8 percent of total itemized deductions (before limitation). For 2005, it increased 9.2 percent to $\$ 390.9$ billion.

Tax Year 2005 was the second year that taxpayers could elect to deduct State and local general sales taxes instead of State and local income taxes. For 2005, an estimated 11.2 million taxpayers took advantage of this, deducting $\$ 17.0$ billion. Including taxpayers who deducted State and local sales taxes, 2.8 percent more taxpayers took a deduction for State and local taxes, and the total amount of this deduction increased 9.5 percent from 2004 levels. The interest paid deductions accounted for 34.7 percent of all itemized deductions and increased 12.8 percent, bringing the level of taxes paid deductions to $\$ 390.4$ billion. The charitable contributions deduction also increased sharply ( 10.1 percent) to $\$ 172.0$ billion for 2005.

Total tax credits used to offset income tax liabilities increased 5.7 percent to $\$ 54.3$ billion. About 26.1 million taxpayers claimed $\$ 32.2$ billion in child tax credits, down 0.7 percent from $\$ 32.4$ billion in 2004. However, the additional child tax credit (a refundable part of the child tax credit) increased by 7.3 percent to $\$ 15.6$ billion in 2005. This represented a 1.8-percent increase in total child credits from 2004 levels. The combined $\$ 47.8$ billion of the child tax credit and the additional child tax credit were greater than the $\$ 43.1$ billion of EIC (see below).

Other percentage increases for major tax credits were also small. For instance, the education tax
credits rose by 1.9 percent to $\$ 6.2$ billion, and the child care credit increased by 3.2 percent to $\$ 3.5$ billion. The foreign tax credit, however, had a very large percentage increase, rising 44.9 percent to $\$ 8.3$ billion, making this the second largest credit for 2005. Smaller credits, such as the general business credit and the credit for prior-year minimum tax credit also had large increases from 2004 (29.8 percent and 28.2 percent, respectively).

The total earned income credit (EIC) increased 6.1 percent to $\$ 43.1$ billion for Tax Year 2005. The portion of the EIC used to offset income tax before credits decreased 2.5 percent to $\$ 0.8$ billion, and the portion of the EIC used to offset other taxes (such as the self-employment tax) rose 5.8 percent to $\$ 4.3$ billion. The largest part of the EIC, the refundable portion, was treated as a refund and paid directly to taxpayers who had no tax liability against which to apply the credit. The refundable portion of the EIC increased 6.3 percent to $\$ 38.1$ billion for 2005.

The comparisons of data for Tax Years 2004 and 2005 in this article are based on the preliminary estimates for both years. A few income and tax items tend to be understated in preliminary estimates; therefore, comparisons based on preliminary estimates for 1 year and final estimates for the previous year could be misleading. Comparisons based entirely on preliminary estimates reduce the likelihood of misinterpretation of the data and afford a more accurate representation of year-to-year changes. Final statistics for Tax Year 2004 are available in the Fall 2006 issue of the Bulletin.

## Changes in Law

In general, the definitions used in this article are the same as those in Statistics of Income-2004, Individual Income Tax Returns. The following is a partial list of tax law and Internal Revenue Service administrative changes that had a major bearing on the Tax Year 2005 preliminary data presented in this article.

Additional Child Tax Credits.-Modifications were made to the additional child tax credit for 2005. In Tax Year 2004, the credit limit based on earned income was 15 percent of a taxpayer's earned income that exceeded $\$ 10,750$. For 2005 , the limit was 15 percent of a taxpayer's earned income that exceeded \$11,000.

Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).—For Tax Year 2005, the minimum exemption amount for a
child under age 14 increased to $\$ 5,850$ from $\$ 5,750$ for 2004.

Domestic Production Activities.-For 2005, the deduction equals 3 percent of the lesser of: (a) qualified production activities income; or (b) taxable income for the taxable year. However, the deduction for a taxable year was limited to 50 percent of the W-2 wages paid by the taxpayer during the calendar year that ends in such taxable year. Qualified production activities include domestic manufacturing, producing, growing, and extracting tangible personal property, computer software, and sound recordings, and the construction and substantial renovation of real property including infrastructure.

Earned Income Credit.-The maximum amount of the earned income credit increased, as did the amounts of earned income and investment income an individual could have and still claim the credit. The maximum amount of investment income (interest, dividends, and capital gain income) a taxpayer could have and still claim the credit increased to $\$ 2,700$ from $\$ 2,650$. The maximum credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children increased to $\$ 399$ from \$390.

For these taxpayers, earned income and AGI had to be less than $\$ 11,750$ ( $\$ 13,750$ if married filing jointly) to get any EIC. For taxpayers with one qualifying child, the maximum credit increased $\$ 58$ to $\$ 2,662$, and, for taxpayers with two or more qualifying children, the maximum credit increased $\$ 100$ to $\$ 4,400$. To be eligible for the credit, a taxpayer's earned income and AGI had to be less than $\$ 31,030$ ( $\$ 33,030$ for married filing jointly) for one qualifying child, or less than $\$ 35,263$ ( $\$ 37,263$ for married filing jointly) for two or more qualifying children.

Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005.-The new law provides an additional exemption of $\$ 500$ in Taxable Years 2005 and 2006 for each Hurricane Katrina displaced individual claimed by the taxpayer. The total additional exemption claimed for all years cannot exceed: $\$ 2,000$ for married taxpayers filing jointly, $\$ 1,000$ for married taxpayers filing separately , and $\$ 2,000$ for all other taxpayers.

A Hurricane Katrina displaced individual is a person (1) whose main home on August 28, 2005, was in the Hurricane Katrina disaster area, (2) who was displaced from the home, and (3) who was provided housing free of charge in the taxpayer's main home for a period of 60 consecutive days which
ended in the taxable year in which the exemption was claimed. The additional exemption is not subject to the income-based phaseouts applicable to personal exemptions, and is allowed as a deduction in computing alternative minimum taxable income. For 2005, some 121.3 thousand taxpayers took advantage of this new legislation.

Indexing.-The following items increased due to indexing for inflation: personal exemption amounts, the basic standard deduction amounts, the tax bracket boundaries, 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 Deduction.For 2005, the modified AGI thresholds increased allowing for more taxpayers to deduct contributions to individual retirement plans. A taxpayer or both taxpayers if filing jointly were able to take an IRA deduction up to $\$ 4,000$ ( $\$ 4,500$ if age 50 or older) if covered by a retirement plan and their modified AGI was less than $\$ 60,000$ ( $\$ 80,000$ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)). This was up from the $\$ 55,000$ ( $\$ 75,000$ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)) set for 2004.

## Data Sources and Limitations

The preliminary statistics in this data release are based on a sample of individual income tax returns (Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ including elec-tronically-filed returns) filed during Calendar Year 2006. 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 Treasury Department tax modeling purposes [2].

Returns were then selected at rates ranging from 0.1 percent to 100 percent. The preliminary Tax Year 2005 data are based on a sample of 231,171 returns and an estimated final population of 134,577,117 returns. The corresponding sample and population for the preliminary 2004 data were 159,064 and 133,061,898 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

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provided, the magnitude of the potential sampling error must be known; coefficients of variation (CVs) are used to measure that magnitude. 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.

While the preliminary estimates are intended to represent a full year of taxpayer reporting, they are actually based on returns processed for tax administration purposes, in the case of 2005 returns, between January and late September of 2006. In general, returns processed during the remainder of each year tend to have somewhat different characteristics compared to returns processed earlier. These characteristics include, for example, disproportionately large
amounts of investment income, passive losses, and alternative minimum tax.

## Notes and References

[1] The remaining 1.3 percent of the returns did not need to claim either a standard deduction or itemized deductions because no AGI was reported.
[2] 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.

Table 1.-Individual Income Tax Returns, Tax Year 2005 Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income


Table 1.-Individual Income Tax Returns, Tax Year 2005 Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income-Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Item | All returns | Size of adjusted gross income |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ \$ 15,000 \text { [1] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 15,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 30,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 30,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 50,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 100,000 \end{gathered}$ | \$100,000 under \$200,000 | $\begin{gathered} \$ 200,000 \\ \text { or more } \end{gathered}$ |
| Partnership and S corporation net income: Number of returns Amount. | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 4,543,703 \\ 424,863,423 \end{array}$ | 323,555 $3,664,859$ | $\begin{array}{r} 355,822 \\ 3,441,139 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 470,460 \\ 7,196,405 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,195,470 \\ 23,583,096 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,067,831 \\ 42,952,612 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,130,565 \\ 344,025,309 \end{array}$ |
| Partnership and $S$ corporation net loss: <br> Number of returns. $\qquad$ <br> Amount. $\qquad$ | $2,256,974$ $61,665,756$ | 384,754 $24,050,863$ | 229,449 $2,427,990$ | 280,475 $3,188,299$ | 580,779 $5,640,184$ | 454,524 $5,849,053$ | $\begin{array}{r} 326,996 \\ 20,509,368 \end{array}$ |
| Estate and trust net income: Number of returns. Amount. | 460,575 $15,159,317$ | 48,348 243,352 | 46,505 293,998 | 61,219 490,260 | 118,314 $1,249,101$ | 106,812 $2,296,160$ | $\begin{array}{r} 79,375 \\ 10,586,448 \end{array}$ |
| Estate and trust net loss: <br> Number of returns. Amount. $\qquad$ | 30,538 756,271 | 3,610 238,885 | 3,069 2,138 | 2,578 4,432 | 7,794 57,257 | 4,888 18,152 | 8,599 435,404 |
| Farm net income: <br> Number of returns. Amount. | 631,116 $9,237,072$ | 148,617 995,615 | 99,352 886,739 | 126,683 $1,335,028$ | 166,290 $2,508,434$ | 64,115 $1,791,664$ | 26,061 $1,719,595$ |
| Farm net loss: <br> Number of returns. <br> Amount. | $1,356,681$ $19,842,812$ | 244,099 | 214,835 $2,052,414$ | 259,329 $2,808,780$ | 404,646 $4,426,658$ | 160,286 $2,603,683$ | 73,488 $3,005,684$ |
| Unemployment compensation: Number of returns. Amount. | 7,943,765 $27,995,669$ | $1,677,971$ $4,516,054$ | $2,208,789$ $7,870,044$ | $1,634,499$ $6,086,441$ | $1,907,145$ $7,149,840$ | 441,188 | 74,176 412,791 |
| Taxable Social Security benefits: Number of returns. Amount. | $12,808,594$ $126,409,367$ | 67,932 322,929 | $2,376,960$ $4,520,456$ | $3,522,937$ $21,465,348$ | $4,649,653$ $62,336,491$ | $1,586,807$ $26,628,449$ | $\begin{array}{r} 604,306 \\ 11,135,695 \end{array}$ |
| Total statutory adjustments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns..... | 33,421,578 | 6,458,036 | 5,478,487 | 6,135,210 | 9,368,901 | 4,473,737 | 1,507,207 |
| Amount. | 104,151,627 | 8,442,609 | 9,055,604 | 12,697,481 | 25,143,898 | 22,757,021 | 26,055,014 |
| Educator expenses: <br> Number of returns. <br> Amount. | $3,562,069$ 893,327 | 93,714 20,126 | 309,140 72,371 | 733,094 170,000 | $1,582,301$ 405,009 | 745,312 201,919 | 98,507 23,902 |
| Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials: <br> Number of returns $\qquad$ <br> Amount $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 102,683 \\ & 290,381 \end{aligned}$ | 16,767 53,788 | 16,058 43,115 | 18,444 55,547 | 25,926 73,275 | 23,391 56,896 | 2,102 7,761 |
| Payments to an Individual Retirement Arrangement: <br> Number of returns. <br> Amount. | $3,293,501$ $12,207,511$ | 193,479 507,621 | 499,144 $1,426,543$ | 827,374 $2,711,465$ | $1,099,055$ $4,141,298$ | 529,706 $2,416,695$ | 144,743 $1,003,886$ |
| Student loan interest deduction: <br> Number of returns. <br> Amount. | $8,118,415$ $5,075,930$ | 738,323 384,246 | $1,597,758$ 842,393 | $2,114,356$ $1,403,487$ | $2,969,913$ $2,062,725$ | 698,063 383,080 | 0 |
| Tuition and fees deduction: Number of returns. $\qquad$ Amount. $\qquad$ | $4,731,924$ $10,928,436$ | 894,727 $2,319,989$ | 538,343 $1,109,838$ | 626,230 $1,324,137$ | $1,352,030$ $3,029,940$ | $1,320,592$ $3,144,533$ | 0 |
| Health savings account deduction: <br> Number of returns. $\qquad$ <br> Amount $\qquad$ | 211,766 488,782 | 7,906 15,544 | 22,587 30,142 | 29,368 53,587 | 64,290 134,317 | 50,710 133,559 | 36,904 121,632 |
| Medical savings account deduction: <br> Number of returns. <br> Amount. | 18,391 40,398 | 1,115 2,547 | 1,556 4,314 | 4,759 5,208 | 2,813 6,511 | 5,000 12,207 | 3,149 9,613 |
| Moving expenses adjustment: Number of returns. Amount. | $1,127,511$ $3,055,362$ | 106,719 288,006 | 230,878 382,148 | 250,625 538,120 | 349,981 998,889 | 152,520 576,898 | 36,787 271,301 |
| Self-employment tax deduction: Number of returns. Amount. | $16,507,523$ $21,368,314$ | $4,738,233$ $2,374,347$ | $2,771,306$ $2,520,040$ | $2,437,923$ $2,687,806$ | $3,625,258$ $5,090,630$ | $1,897,888$ $4,248,395$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,036,914 \\ & 4,447,093 \end{aligned}$ |
| Self-employed health insurance deduction: <br> Number of returns. <br> Amount. | $3,670,561$ $17,982,362$ | 578,366 | 545,653 $1,897,183$ | 551,574 $2,302,168$ | 892,329 $4,255,863$ | 592,659 $3,552,266$ | $\begin{array}{r} 509,982 \\ 4,186,906 \end{array}$ |
| Payments to a self-employed retirement (Keogh) plan: Number of returns <br> Amount | $\begin{array}{r} 1,197,774 \\ 19,406,380 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 26,463 \\ 161,234 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 49,233 \\ 241,771 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 102,422 603,803 | $\begin{array}{r} 280,264 \\ 2,461,098 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 375,999 $5,637,383$ | $\begin{array}{r}363,395 \\ 10,301,089 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |

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Table 1.-Individual Income Tax Returns, Tax Year 2005 Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income-Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]


[^1]Table 1.-Individual Income Tax Returns, Tax Year 2005 Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income-Continued

| Item | All returns | Size of adjusted gross income |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ \$ 15,000[1] \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \$ 15,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 30,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \$ 30,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 50,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 100,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \$ 100,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 200,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 200,000 \\ \text { or more } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Total tax credits: [4] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 42,426,730 | 2,636,279 | 10,910,014 | 10,072,885 | 12,909,827 | 4,464,545 | 1,433,180 |
| Amount. | 54,297,474 | 413,460 | 6,283,539 | 11,241,313 | 21,916,612 | 5,584,871 | 8,857,678 |
| Child care credit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 6,549,739 | 50,822 | 1,195,634 | 1,470,543 | 2,441,610 | 1,161,241 | 229,890 |
| Amount.. | 3,487,785 | 5,632 | 608,523 | 854,344 | 1,282,519 | 613,131 | 123,638 |
| Credit for the elderly or disabled: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 101,227 | 58,334 | 42,894 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount... | 13,787 | 9,645 | 4,142 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Child tax credit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns... | 26,050,925 | 319,731 | 5,801,191 | 6,936,870 | 10,165,631 | 2,826,353 | 1,147 |
| Amount... | 32,184,128 | 34,783 | 3,168,009 | 8,018,348 | 17,007,067 | 3,955,327 | 593 |
| Education tax credits: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns... | 7,133,854 | 583,146 | 1,923,125 | 1,906,230 | 2,651,214 | 70,141 | 0 |
| Amount.... | 6,194,770 | 188,140 | 1,373,532 | 1,720,762 | 2,892,954 | 19,386 | 0 |
| Retirement savings contributions credit: $\quad \sim \ldots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns........ | 5,365,195 | 315,948 | 2,462,704 | 2,586,365 | 179 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount... | 962,976 | 75,511 | 477,556 | 409,890 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Adoption credit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 83,681 | ** | ** 3,419 | 18,863 | 45,070 | 16,085 | 246 |
| Amount. | 303,397 | ** | ** 2,083 | 32,505 | 154,646 | 112,712 | 1,451 |
| Foreign tax credit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 5,373,540 | 269,820 | 418,108 | 620,339 | 1,520,082 | 1,375,901 | 1,169,291 |
| Amount. | 8,340,820 | 8,721 | 44,173 | 69,481 | 288,191 | 646,356 | 7,283,899 |
| General business credit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 225,238 | 5,329 | 7,901 | 20,273 | 74,923 | 58,937 | 57,880 |
| Amount.... | 658,970 | 954 | 2,537 | 16,096 | 125,624 | 65,842 | 447,914 |
| Prior year minimum tax credit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 271,909 | 1,025 | 7,026 | 8,095 | 50,353 | 99,928 | 105,482 |
| Amount.... | 1,080,361 | 94 | 2,895 | 9,251 | 80,326 | 138,031 | 849,765 |
| Self-employment tax: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns... | 16,507,523 | 4,738,233 | 2,771,306 | 2,437,923 | 3,625,258 | 1,897,888 | 1,036,914 |
| Amount... | 42,728,376 | 4,746,342 | 5,038,698 | 5,374,399 | 10,179,414 | 8,495,852 | 8,893,671 |
| Total earned income credit (EIC): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 23,003,703 | 12,345,934 | 8,992,232 | 1,665,536 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount... | 43,091,796 | 22,404,351 | 19,698,102 | 989,344 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns... | 2,911,791 | 1,098,229 | 1,436,031 | 377,532 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount. | 752,954 | 89,070 | 596,660 | 67,227 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EIC used to offset other taxes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.... | 4,834,823 | 3,132,958 | 1,423,676 | 278,190 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount. | 4,279,188 | 2,505,241 | 1,634,179 | 139,765 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Excess EIC, refundable portion: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns... | 20,357,850 | 10,838,498 | 8,260,741 | 1,258,611 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount.. | 38,059,653 | 19,810,040 | 17,467,262 | 782,351 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Additional child tax credit: $\quad$ l |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns... | 15,334,228 | 2,844,907 | 8,145,821 | 3,504,996 | 826,801 | 11,698 | 4 |
| Amount... | 15,588,969 | 1,307,943 | 8,453,930 | 4,757,601 | 1,050,443 | 19,051 | 2 |
| Total income tax: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns... | 90,659,349 | 10,221,172 | 17,740,650 | 20,468,147 | 27,899,364 | 10,795,196 | 3,534,820 |
| Amount. | 928,263,735 | 3,238,608 | 23,307,899 | 60,186,674 | 179,381,951 | 190,599,348 | 471,549,257 |
| Total tax liability: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns.. | 94,346,561 | 12,637,828 | 18,395,465 | 20,912,203 | 28,060,797 | 10,803,939 | 3,536,330 |
| Amount.. | 970,951,374 | 5,655,645 | 26,640,338 | 65,480,898 | 191,058,438 | 200,285,053 | 481,831,002 |

[1] Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit.
[2] Included in data for Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ.
[3] Not included in adjusted gross income.
[4] Includes EIC used to offset income tax before credits, shown separately later in this table
NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.


[^0]:    Footnotes at end of the figure.

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