# Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary <br> Data, 1991 

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Taxpayers filed 114.9 million U.S. individual income tax returns for Tax Year 1991, an increase of 1.1 million returns over the number filed for 1990.
Adjusted gross income less deficit totaled slightly less than $\$ 3.5$ trillion for 1991, only 1.2 percent more than the amount reported for the preceding year. This small change, together with proportionally larger increases in personal exemptions claimed and total deductions taken, as well as lower tax rates due to indexing of the tax brackets, caused total income tax to fall by more than $\$ 3.2$ billion, to $\$ 448.2$ billion. The decline in total income tax was the first since 1983.

The minimal growth in adjusted gross income reflected relatively small dollar changes in a large number of income items. Salaries and wages, the most significant portion of adjusted gross income, grew by less than half of the increase for 1990. Taxable interest, the second largest income item, declined for the first time since 1987. Taxable income from pensions and annuities and net income (less deficit) from a business or profession both had smaller growth rates for 1991 than for the previous year.

There were, however, changes of greater magnitude in a few income items. A major shift occurred in the income from sales of property other than capital assets; net gain (less loss) dropped from an overall gain of $\$ 1.9$ billion for 1990 to an overall loss of $\$ 1.5$ billion for 1991: An increase of 49.4 percent in net losses and a decrease of 24.1 percent in net gains were the main contributors to the decline. Overall, capital gains (less losses) continued a 3year decline, dropping from $\$ 109.9$ billion to $\$ 96.5$ billion. Another large change was observed in unemployment compensation, which grew 49.8 percent.

The comparisons of data for Tax Years 1990 and 1991 in this article are based on preliminary estimates. A few income and tax items tend to be understated in preliminary estimates. As a result, comparisons based on preliminary estimates for one year and final estimates from previous years could be misleading. Comparisons based entirely on preliminary estimates, however, reduce the likelihood of misinterpretation of the data, and afford a more accurate measurement of year-to-year change. Final statistics for Tax Year 1990 are available in the historical tables at the end of this issue of the Bulletin.

## Adjusted Gross Income, Taxable Income and Total Income Tax

Adjusted gross income less deficit (AGI) grew more rapidly than taxable income did for 1991 (Figure A). The
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small growth in taxable income and the drop in the number of taxable returns (i.e., returns with an amount reported for "total income tax") were caused by increases in total deductions and personal exemptions which were proportionally larger than the increase in AGI. The majority of the growth in both total deductions and personal ' exemptions was attributable to inflation indexing (see Deductions and Changes in Law below for details). This led to a decline in total income tax, the sum of income tax after credits and the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Income tax after credits fell 0.08 percent, and the alternative minimum tax increased 62.8 percent.
The mean AGI reported on 1991 individual income tax returns was $\$ 30,207$, a rise of $\$ 49$, or 0.16 percent, over the amount for 1990; by contrast, mean AGI for 1990 was $\$ 844$, or 2.88 percent, larger than for 1989 . Mean taxable income equaled $\$ 24,588$, up $\$ 151$ from 1990. Mean total income tax grew $\$ 23$, to $\$ 5,038$ per taxable return [1].
The average tax rate for 1991 (i.e., total income tax divided by AGI reported on taxable returns) was 12.9 percent, 0.3 percentage points lower than it was for 1990 (Figure B). The average tax rate increased for only three of the ten income size classes shown in Figure B, those with adjusted gross incomes of $\$ 200,000$ or more. The principal reasons for the higher average tax rates were the addition of a top marginal tax rate of 31 percent, and the limitation of certain itemized deductions (see Definitions and Changes in Law below). The lower average tax rates in the other seven AGI size classes in Figure. B were mainly the result of the inflation indexing of exemption amounts, standard deduction amounts, the earned income credit and the income tax bracket boundaries.

## Selected Sources of Income

The principal components of AGI are presented in Figure C, which compares the number of returns and amounts for several income (or loss) items for 1990 and 1991. Salaries and wages grew by the largest dollar amount for 1991, $\$ 63.3$ billion. Pension and annuity income increased $\$ 17.9$ billion, and interest received fell $\$ 17.6$ billion. Excluded from Figure C are "statutory adjustments," which are subtracted in the computation of AGI (see Statutory Adjustments below).
"Total positive income" (TPI) is the sum of all positive income line items from individual tax returns. For 1991, TPI grew 1.6 percent, to reach $\$ 3.7$ billion (Figure D) [2].

Adjusted Gross Income, Taxable Income and Total Income Tax, Tax Years 1990 and 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands--money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Item | $\begin{gathered} 1990 \\ \text { (preliminary) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 1991 \\ \text { (preliminary) } \end{gathered}$ |  | Percentage increase in amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |  |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Adjusted gross income (less deficit).... | 113,799 | 3,431,906 | 114,926 | 3,471,537 | 1.2 |
| Taxable income................................ | 93,336 | 2,280,920 | 92,967 | 2,285,892 | 0.2 |
| Total income tax............................. | 90,012 ${ }^{1}$ | 451,425 | 88,969 1 | 448,186 | -0.7 |
| Income tax after credits.................. | 89,998 | -450,808 | 88,956 | 447,182 | -0.8 |
| Alternative minimum tax................ | 119 | 617 | 226 | 1,004 | 62.8 |

${ }^{1}$ The number of returns with total income tax is less than the sum of returns with income tax after credits and returns with alternative minimum tax because some returns reported both.

## Figure B

Number of Returns, Adjusted Gross Income and Total Income Tax, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Years 1990 and 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands--money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Tax year, item | Total | Size of adjusted gross income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No adjusted gross income | $\begin{gathered} \$ 1 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 10,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 10,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 20,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 20,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 30,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 30,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 50,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 100,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 100,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 200,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 200,000 \\ & \text { under } \\ & \$ 500,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500,000 \\ \text { under } \\ \$ 1,000,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 1,000,000 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |
| Tax Year 1991 (preliminary):.. <br> Number of returns. | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) |
|  | 114,926 | 887 | 31,339 | 25,480 | 17,616 | 21,187 | 14,976 | 2,601 | 668 | 119 | 52 |
| Number of returns. <br> Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | $\begin{array}{r} 3,471,537 \\ 448,186 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -41,297 \\ 69 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 154,473 \\ 3,535 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} 374,885 \\ 20,761 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 434,437 \\ 38,004 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 828,617 \\ 88,655 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 991,027 \\ & 135,018 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 338,975 \\ 63,005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 194,077 \\ 46,027 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 79,704 \\ 20,715 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 121,639 \\ 32,397 \end{array}$ |
| Total income tax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tax as a percentage of adjusted gross income (less deficit) | 12.9 | ${ }^{(1)}$ | 2.3 | 5.5 | 8.7 | 10.7 | 13.6 | 18.6 | 23.7 | 26.0 | 26.0 |
| Tax Year 1990 (preliminary):.. | 113,799 | 799 | 31,480 | 25,507 | 17,429 | 21,123 | 14,281 | 2,329 | 653 | 133 | 64 |
| Number of returns................ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted gross income (less deficit) | $\begin{array}{r} 3,431,906 \\ 451,425 \end{array}$ | -33.27241 | $\begin{array}{r} 153,682 \\ 3,861 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 375,522 \\ 22,894 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 429,965 \\ 39,011 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 821,266 \\ 90,128 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 940,565 \\ & 132,297 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 305,813 \\ 58,125 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 190,873 \\ 44,413 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89,284 \\ & 21,674 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 158,208 \\ 38,980 \end{array}$ |
| Total income tax.................. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tax as a percentage of adjusted gross income (less deficit). | 13.2 | (') | 2.5 | 6.1 | 9.1 | 11.0 | 14.1 | 19.0 | 23.3 | 24.3 | 24.6 |
| Change in percentage points, tax as a percentage of adjusted gross income (less deficit), 1991 over 1990 | -0.3 | (') | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 1.4 |

1 Percentage not computed.
NOTE: Detail mav not add to totals because of rounding

In contrast, the consumer price index (CPI-U) grew at an annual rate of 4.2 percent during 1991 [3]. The rate of growth of TPI for 1991 was less than that for any of the 3 previous tax years.

Nine of the sixteen sources of TPI reported on individual income tax returns increased for 1991, two fewer than for the previous year. For the second consecutive
year, unemployment compensation showed the largest percentage increase, 49.8 percent, totaling $\$ 23.3$ billion. Taxable distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRA's) and income from taxable pensions and annuities both rose significantly, 17.6 and 11.2 percent, respectively. Salaries and wages, which made up 73.3 percent of TPI for 1991, increased only 2.4 percent,

Figure $\mathbf{C}$
Comparison of Total and Selected Sources of Adjusted Gross Income (Less Deficit); Tax Years 1990 and 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands--money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Item | $\begin{gathered} 1990 \\ \text { (preliminary) } \end{gathered}$ |  | 1991(preliminary) |  | increase in amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Numbèr of returns | Amount |  |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3). | (4) | (5) |
| Adjusted gross income (less deficit) '.......................................... | 113,799 | 3,431,906 | -114,926 | 3,471,537 | 39,631 |
| Salaries and wages. | . 97,048 | 2,615,307 | 97,454 | 2,678,571 | 63,264 |
| Taxable interest....... | 70,564 | 222,994 | 70,396 | 205,431 | -17,563 |
| Dividends. | .22,921 | 80,119 | 23,257 | 77,218 | -2,901 |
| Business or profession net income (less loss) | 14,629 | 138,576 | 14,981 | 138,680 | 104 |
| Net capital gain (less loss).............................................................. | 14,163 | 109,939 | - 14,983 | 96,505 | -13:434 |
| Net gain (less loss), sales of property other than capital assets............ | - 1,654 | 1,924 | 1,576 | -1,478 | $:-3,402$ |
| Social security benefits in adjusted gross income............................... | 5,133 | 19,949 | 5,421 | 21,789 | 1,840 |
| Rent and royalty net income (less loss)......... | 10,084 | 4,757 | 11,037 | 3,388 | -1,369 |
| Partnership and S Corporation net income (less loss). | 5,664 | 74,322 | 5,257 | 66,216 | -8,106 |
| Estate and trust net income (less loss). | 502 | 3,778 | 458 | 3,528 | -250 |
| Farm net income (less loss)............................................................ | 2,329 | -814 | 2,306 | -2,273 | -1,459 |
| Unemployment compensation......................................................: | 8,080 | 15,569 | 9,979 | 23,315 | .7,746 |
| Pensions and annuities in adjusted gross income.......... | 17,155 | 160,978 | 18,102. | 178,959 | 17,981 |
| Taxable Individual Retirement Arrangement distributions. | 3,561 | 17,581 | 4,028 | 20,674 | 3,093 |
|  | n.a. | $-5,520$ | n.a. | -11,154 | -5,634 |

n.a.- Not available.
${ }^{T}$ includes sources of adjusted gross income not shown separately.
2 "Other net income (less losṣ)" represents only data reported on the "other income" residual line on Form 1040 , and does not include the foreign earned income exclusion.

## Figure D

Comparison of Total and Selected Sources of Total Positive Income, Tax Years 1990 and 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands-money amounts are in millions of dollars]


> n.a. - Nọt available.
${ }^{1}$ Includes sources of income not shown separately.
2 "Other net income" represents only data reported on the "other income" residual line on Form 1040.
following a gain of 5.9 percent for 1990 .
Much of the $\$ 7.7$ billion growth in unemployment compensation was a consequence of higher unemployment in the United States during 1991. The number of
returns with income from unemployment compensation increased 1.7 million, or 23.5 percent. The national unemployment rate increased from 5.4 percent for 1990 to 6.7 percent for 1991 [4].

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Net gain from the sale of capital assets fell for the third consecutive year, dropping 11.9 percent, for a total decline of 34.4 percent from 1988 to 1991 [5].

## Losses

Total losses included in AGI rose to $\$ 142.9$ billion for 1991, an 8.9 percent increase over 1990 (Figure E). The largest percentage change was in the net loss from the sale of property other than capital assets, which increased 49.4 percent. Business or profession net loss was also higher, climbing 16.3 percent to $\$ 484$ million, a likely result of the continuing recession [6].

Taxpayers again sustained most of their losses through participation in partnerships and S Corporations, which accounted for 24.7 percent of the total (Figure F). Other net losses, representing the total amount reported on the "all other" residual line of Form 1040 (except the foreign earned income exclusion), were responsible for 22.7 percent of the total. The net operating loss carryforward accounted for 92.1 percent of "other" net losses.

## Statutory Adjustments

Statutory adjustments edged up 2.9 percent for 1991 (Figure G). The deduction for self-employment tax was the largest of all statutory adjustments, representing 30.5 percent of the total. Deductible payments to IRA's, despite a downward trend which began with 1986, accounted for 26.7 percent of all statutory adjustments. The self-employed health insurance deduction showed the largest percentage change for 1991, increasing 21.1 percent.

## Deductions

The aggregate amount of all standard deductions claimed rose 6.0 percent for 1991 , from $\$ 332.8$ billion to $\$ 352.8$ billion (Figure H). Total deductions, the sum of the standard deductions and total itemized deductions, equaled $\$ 811.8$ billion, an increase of 3.4 percent. The rise in total deductions, which was proportionally larger than the growth in AGI, was a primary cause of the slow growth in taxable income.

The number of returns claiming a standard deduction accounted for 71.0 percent of all returns filed for 1991, and 43.5 percent of total deductions. For 1990, the same percentage of returns claimed a standard deduction, but it accounted for 42.4 percent of the total amount. The increase was due, in large part, to the fact that the aggregate amount of standard deductions grew at a higher rate than total itemized deductions. About 75 percent of the growth in total deductions was attributable to growth in total standard deductions, and about 76 percent of the growth there came from inflation indexing.

Itemized deductions were claimed on 28.2 percent of all returns filed and represented 56.5 percent of total deductions. The remaining 0.8 percent of the returns claimed neither the standard deduction nor itemized deductions, because AGI on these returns was equal to zero.

Total itemized deductions increased 1.4 percent for 1991, despite the complete elimination of the deduction for personal interest following a 5 -year phase-out, and the introduction of a limitation on certain itemized deductions for individuals with AGI's exceeding certain levels (see Definitions and Changes in Law below for details). Total

## Figure E

Comparison of Total and Selected Sources of Net Losses Included in Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Years 1990 and 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands--money amounts are in millions of dotlars]

| Item | 1990(preliminary) |  | 1991(preliminary) |  | Percentage increase in amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number <br> of <br> returns | Amount |  |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Total net losses '.............................................................. | n.a. | 131,188 | n.a. | 142,881 | 8.9 |
| Partnership and S Corporation net loss..................................... | 2,621 | 32,306 | 2,209 | 35,349 | 9.4 |
| Rent and royalty net loss....................................................... | 5,052 | 26,897 | 4,949 | 28,211 | 4.8 |
| Estate and trust net loss........................................................ | 71 | 416 | 61 | 484 | 16.3 |
| Business or profession net loss................................................ | 3,408 | 18,289 | 3,457 | 19,737 | 7.9 |
| Farm net loss...................................................................... | 1,327 | 12,438 | 1,361 | 12,052 | -3.1 |
| Net capital loss included in adjusted gross income....................... | 5,011 | 9,405 | 4,585 | 8,617 | -8.3 |
| Net loss, sales of property other than capital assets...................... | 796 | 3,999 | 835 | 5,975 | 49.4 |
| Other net loss ${ }^{2}$..................................................................... | n.a. | 27,438 | n.a. | 32,456 | 18.2 |

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## Figure F

Positive Income and Net Losses Included in Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 1991


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## Figure G

Total and Selected Statutory Adjustments, Tax Years 1990 and 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands--money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Item | 1990(preliminary) |  | 1991(preliminary) |  | Percentage increase in amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |  |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
|  | 16,611 | 33,263 | 16,977 | 34,217 | 2.9 |
| Payments to Individual Retirement Arrangements........................... | 5.255 | 9,929 | 4,715 | 9,150 | -7.9 |
| Self-employment tax deduction..................................................... | 10,990 | 9,647 | 11,732 | 10,447 | 8.3 |
| Self-employed health insurance deduction..................................... | 2,680 | 1,558 | 3,032 | 1,887 | 21.1 |
| Payments to self-employed retirement (Keogh) plans........................ | 819 | 6,637 | 841 | 6,807 | 2.6 |
| Penalty on early withdrawal of savings............................................ | 909 | 191 | 999 | 195 | 2.1 |
| Alimony paid............................................................................ | 638 | 4,694 | 661 | 5,086 | 8.4 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes statutory adjustments not shown separately.

## Figure $\boldsymbol{H}$

Total and Selected Itemized Deductions After Limitation and the Standard Deduction, Tax Years 1990 and 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands--money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Item | 1990(preliminary) |  | 1991(preliminary) |  | Percentage increase in amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of returns ${ }^{1}$ | Amount | Number of returns ${ }^{1}$ | Amount |  |
| , | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Total itemized deductions after limitation ${ }^{2} . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 32,157 | 452,380 | 32,417 | 458,905 | 1.4 |
| Medical and dental expenses............................................ | 5,039 | 21,164 | 5,305 | 23,316 | 10.2 |
| Taxes paid.............. ...................................................... | 31,597 | 139,955 | 31,916 | 146,489 | 4.7 |
|  | 29,356 | 203,499 | 27,346 | 208,119 | 2.3 |
| Home mortgage............................................................ | 26,681 | 187,125 | 26,941 | 197,936 | 5.8 |
| Contributions................................................................. | 29,290 | 57,245 | 29,541 | 60,162 | 5.1 |
| Casualty or theft losses. | 114 | 745 | 122 | 811 | 8.9 |
| Moving expenses............................. ........................ ... | 907 | 4,191 | 803 | 3,536 | -15.6 |
| Miscellaneous expenses after limitation....... ......... ............. | 7,381 | 23,242 | 7,408 | 24,994 | 7.5 |
| Gambling loss deduction +.................. | n.a. | n.a. | 675 | 2,031 | n.a. |
| Other miscellaneous deductions ........... .......................... | 747 | 2,339 | 36 | 68 | n.a. |
| Standard deduction..................................................... | 80,826 | 332,803 | 81,612 | 352,862 | 6.0 |

n. a. - Not available.
${ }^{1}$ Returns with no adjusted gross income are not included in the deduction counts. For this reason, the sum of the number of returns with total itemized deductions after limitation and the number of returns with total standard deduction is less than the total number of returns for all filers.

2 Includes itemized deductions not shown separately; for amounts in excess of the limitation, see Figure $I$.
${ }^{3}$ Also includes investment interest and deductible "points", not shown separately.
"For the 1990 statistics, the gambling loss deduction was included in total "non-limited miscellaneous deductions." For the 1991 statistics, "non-limited miscellaneous deductions" are described as "other miscellaneous deductions" and exclude the gambling loss deduction.

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.
itemized deductions disallowed by the limitation amounted to $\$ 10.6$ billion for 1991 (Figure I), or 2.3 percent of the total that would have otherwise been allowed. In the absence of the itemized deductions limitation, taxable income would have declined 0.2 percent instead of increasing by 0.2 percent.

Interest paid constituted the largest part of total itemized deductions for 1991 , representing 45.4 percent of all
itemized deductions. Home mortgage interest accounted for 95.1 percent of total interest deducted. The remaining portion was divided between investment interest and deductible points paid on a mortgage.
The deduction for gambling losses (not in excess of winnings) was separated from "other" miscellaneous deductions on tax returns beginning with 1991. The deduction for gambling losses totaled $\$ 2.0$ billion.

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## Figure 1

Itemized Deductions in Excess of Limitation, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 1991
[Number of returns is in thousands-money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Size of adjusted |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| gross income |

NOTE: For married taxpayers filing separately with adjusted gross income greater than $\$ 50,000$, certain itemized deductions were subject to a limitation. For all other taxpayers, the limitation threshold was $\$ 100,000$.

## Tax Credits

Total tax credits increased 8.0 percent for 1991 , from $\$ 6.6$ bilion to $\$ 7.1$ billion (Figure J). There were increases in only two credits, the foreign tax credit and the earned income credit, which represented a combined 65.0 percent of total tax credits.
Despite a slight reduction in the average foreign tax credit, a 13.6 percent increase in the number of returns claiming the credit caused the total amount of the foreign tax credit to increase 12.9 percent.
The earned income credit (EIC) grew more than all other credits for 1991, as a result both of inflation indexing and of changes in the tax code; which included an increase in the rate of the credit, a higher credit for taxpayers with two or more eligible dependents, and the
introduction of a health insurance credit and an extra credit for a child born in 1991 (see Definitions and Changes in Law below for details). The portion of the EIC used to offset income tax before credits increased to $\$ 2.1$ billion, 28.6 percent more than the previous year.
The largest segment of the EIC was the refundable portion, which was paid directly to taxpayers who had no tax against which to apply the credit, or whose EIC exceeded income tax (and other taxes, such as the selfemployment tax). The refundable portion of the EIC amounted to $\$ 8.2$ billion for 1991 ; up from $\$ 5.3$ billion $\cdot$ for 1990 . The number of returns on which the refundable portion was claimed grew from 5.7 million to 10.4 million, an increase of 82.5 percent. The total EIC, including the refundable portion, equaled $\$ 11.1$ billion, a 46.1 percent increase over 1990.

## Summary

Adjusted gross income and total positive income grew at lower rates for 1991 than they had for 1990; both income indicators were outpaced by inflation. The average tax rate decreased for most taxpayers; only individuals reporting AGI of $\$ 200,000$ or more had a higher average tax rate for 1991 than for 1990.

Unemployment compensation rose 49.8 percent, and net capital gain (less loss) decreased 12.2 percent for 1991. Itemized deductions, even though subject to limitation by a change in the tax code, grew 1.4 percent. Taxable income grew by just 0.2 percent. The inflation indexing of the earned income credit, the tax bracket boundaries, and the personal exemption and standard deduction amounts contributed to a decline in total income tax of $\$ 3.2$ billion.

## Figure J

Total and Selected Tax Credits, Tax Years 1990 and 1991
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## Definitions and Changes in Law

In general, the definitions used in this article are the same as those explained in Statistics of Income-1989, Individual Income Tax Returns. The following is a partial list of tax law and Internal Revenue Service administrative changes that had a bearing on the 1991 preliminary data discussed in this article.
Alternative Minimum Tax Rate. -The alternative minimum tax rate on "tax preferences" was raised to 24 percent for 1991, from 21 percent for 1990.

Capital Gains Tax.-A maximum tax rate of 28 percent for net long-term (assets held more than one year) capital gains went into effect for 1991, compared to a maximum tax rate of 31 percent on other types of income. For 1990, long-term capital gains were taxed at the same rate as other types of income. The maximum rate for all types of income for 1990 was 28 percent.

Earned Income Credit. -If a taxpayer's "earned income" and adjusted gross income for 1991 were both less than $\$ 21,250$, and a qualifying child lived with him or her, the taxpayer may have been able to claim the earned income credit. Beginning with 1991, Schedule EIC, Earned Income Credit, was used to figure the credit. The new form allowed for the computation of the three components of the credit: the basic credit, the health insurance credit and the extra credit for a child born in 1991. The basic credit could be as much as $\$ 1,192$ for one qualifying child, and as much as $\$ 1,235$ for two or more qualifying children. The health insurance credit was available to individuals who paid health insurance that covered a qualifying child. The maximum amount of the health insurance credit was $\$ 428$. The maximum amount of the extra credit for a child born in 1991 was $\$ 357$.

Exemption Amount.-A taxpayer was allowed a $\$ 2,150$ deduction for each exemption to which he or she was entitled for 1991, an increase over the $\$ 2,050$ allowed for 1990. Beginning with 1991, the deduction for exemptions was limited for taxpayers with AGI above certain levels (see Phaseout of Personal Exemptions below for details).

Itemized Deductions. - If a taxpayer's AGI was greater than $\$ 100,000$ ( $\$ 50,000$ if married filing separately), his or her itemized deductions may have been limited. The limitation did not apply to the deductions for medical and dental expenses, investment interest expenses, casualty or theft losses, and gambling losses; all other deductions were subject to the limitation. To arrive at allowable itemized deductions, total itemized deductions were reduced by the smaller of: a) 80 percent of the non-exempt deductions, or b) 3 percent of the amount of AGI in excess of $\$ 100,000$ ( $\$ 50,000$ if married filing separately).

Also, the phase-out of the deduction for personal inter-
est (such as interest on car loans and credit card balances) was completed. No personal interest could be deducted for 1991.

Phaseout of Personal Exemptions.-Beginning with 1991, a taxpayer's personal exemption deduction was limited, based on filing status, if he or she reported AGI in excess of certain amounts. For single taxpayers, the phaseout began at $\$ 100,000$ and was completed at $\$ 222,500$; for married taxpayers filing jointly and qualifying widow(er)s, the phaseout began at $\$ 150,000$ and was completed $\$ 272,500$; for heads of households, the phaseout began at $\$ 125,000$ and was completed at $\$ 247,500$; and for married taxpayers filing separately the phaseout began at $\$ 75,000$ and was completed at $\$ 136,250$. Thus, for each filing status, if a taxpayer reported AGI below the bottom threshold, his or her deduction for exemptions was allowed entirely; if AGI was more than the upper limit, the deduction for exemptions was disallowed entirely.

The phaseout of exemptions for 1990 was based on taxable income, and began at $\$ 97,620$ for single filers, $\$ 162,770$ for joint married filers and qualifying widow(er)s, $\$ 134,930$ for heads of households, and $\$ 123,570$ for separate married filers. The amount of taxable income at which the 1990 phaseout was completed depended on the number of exemptions claimed by the taxpayer.

Standard Deduction. - The standard deduction increased for 1991. For single filers, the standard deduction rose from $\$ 3,250$ to $\$ 3,400$; for persons married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)s, from $\$ 5,450$ to $\$ 5,700$; for persons married filing separately, from $\$ 2,725$ to $\$ 2,850$; and for heads of household, from $\$ 4,750$ to \$5,000.

Tax Rates.-For 1991, the tax rate schedule contained three basic rates: 15,28 and 31 percent. For 1990, there were two rates: 15 and 28 percent, plus a phase-out of the benefits of the 15 percent tax rate.

## Data Sources and Limitations

These preliminary statistics are based on a sample of individual income tax returns (Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ) filed during Calendar Year 1992. Returns in the sample were stratified based on return type (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ); the presence or absence of specific forms or schedules; and the larger of positive income or negative income [7]. Returns were then selected at rates ranging from 0.02 percent to 100 percent. The preliminary 1991 data are based on a sample of 106,924 returns and an estimated final population of $115,438,439$ returns. The corresponding sample and population for the preliminary

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## Figure K

Coefficients of Variation for Selected Frequency Estimates, Tax Year 1991

| Number of returns | Approximate coefficient of variation |
| :---: | :---: |
| 44,550,900................................. | 0.01 |
| 11,137,700................................ | 0.02 |
| 1,782,000................................. | 0.05 |
| 445,500................................ | 0.10 |
| 111,400................................ | 0.20 |
| 49,500................................ | 0.30 |
| 36,400................................ | 0.35 |
| 17,800................................ | 0.50 |

1990 data were 89,970 and $114,467,245$ returns, respectively.
The data presented here are estimates based on a sample of returns filed and are, therefore, 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.
Approximate CV's for frequency estimates are presented in Figure K. These approximate CV's shown are intended only as a general indication of the reliability of the data. For a number other than those shown, the corresponding CV can be estimated by interpolation. 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 pur-
poses between January and late September of 1992. In general, returns processed during the remainder of each year tend to have somewhat different characteristics compared with the returns processed earlier. These characteristics include disproportionately large amounts of investment income and alternative minimum tax.

All comparisons between 1991 and 1990 are based on preliminary estimates for each year. Figure $L$ provides a comparison of 1990 preliminary and final data. Certain items, such as AGI and salaries and wages, which are reported on most returns, changed little between preliminary and final data. In contrast, other items, including partnership and S Corporation net losses and the alternative minimum tax tend to be understated in all preliminary estimates.

## Notes and References

[1] Mean or average taxable income is defined as the amount of taxable -income divided by the number of taxable returns. Mean total income tax is defined as the amount of total income tax divided by the number of taxable returns.
[2] For the purposes of this article, total positive income was a compilation of all income items on individual tax returns (Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ) for which a positive amount was reported by the taxpayer. The Form 1040 income tax return entry for Schedule E, Supplemental Income and Loss, was separated into the following components: rent and royalty net income, partnership and $S$ corporation net income, and estate and trust net income. When any of

## Figure L

## Comparison of Selected Preliminary and Final Data, Tax Year 1990

[Money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Item | 1990 preliminary data | 1990 <br> final data | Increase from preliminary to final data | Percentage increase from preliminary to final data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Adjusted gross income (less deficit)... | 3,431,906 | 3,405,427 | -26,479 | -0.8 |
| Salaries and wages. | 2,615,307 | 2,599,401 | -15,906 | -0.6 |
| Net capital gain (less loss). | 109,939 | 114,231 | 4,292 | 3.9 |
| Partnership and S Corporation: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income............... | 106,628 | 112,030 | 5,402 | 5.1 |
| Net loss. | 32,306 | 45,007 | 12,701 | 39.3 |
| "Other income:" |  |  |  |  |
| Net income. | 21,918 | 22,405 | 487 | 2.2 |
| Net loss. | 27,438 | 39,558 | 12,120 | 44.2 |
| Total itemized deductions.................................................... | 452,380 | 458,485 | 6,105 | 1.4 |
| Interest paid deduction.................................................... | 203,499 | 208,354 | 4,855 | 2.4 |
| Total tax credits................ | 6,584 | 6,831 | 247 | 3.8 |
| Total income tax............................................................... | 451,425 | 447,127. | -4,298 | -1.0 |
| Alternative minimum tax................................................. | 617 | 830 | 213 | 34.5 |

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these components was positive on a return, the corresponding income (rather than the netted total amount from Schedule E) was included in the statistics for total positive income.
[3] U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Monthly Labor Review. Represents annual averages of monthly figures. Reflects buying patterns of all urban consumers. Indices used were: 1991 CPI-U=136.2; 1990 CPI-U=130.7
[4] U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Earnings, monthly.
[5] Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Bulletin, Spring 1992, Volume 9, Number 4, 1992.
[6] Detailed information regarding sole proprietorships will be included in the Fall 1993 issue of the Bulletin.
[7] Returns in the sample are stratified based on the presence or absence of one or more of the following forms or schedules: Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income; Form 1116, Computation of Foreign Tax Credit; Schedule C, Profit (or Loss) from Business or Profession; Schedule F, Farm Income and Expenses; and Form 4835, Farm Rental Income (or Loss).

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Table 1.-All Returns: Selected Income, Adjustments, Deductions and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income
[All figures are estimates based ón samples-money amounts are in thousands of doilars]


Note and footnotes at end of table.

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## Table 1.--All Returns: Selected Income, Adjustments, Deductions and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income--Continued

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## Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, 1991

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


## Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, 1991

Table 1.-All Returns: Selected Income, Adjustments, Deductions and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income--Continued

| Size of adjusted gross income | Selected sources of income or loss-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Farm |  |  |  | Social security benefits |  |  |  |
|  | Net income |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net } \\ & \text { loss } \end{aligned}$ |  | Total |  | In adjusted gross income |  |
|  | Number <br> of returns | Amount | Number <br> of retums | Amount | Number <br> of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (49) | (50) | (51) | (52) | (53) | (54) | (55) | (56) |
|  | 944,431 | 8,779,474 | 1,381,247 | 12,052,388 |  | 109,708,854 | 5,421,074 | 21,788,613 |
| No adjusted gross income......... | 19,027 | 199,600 | 124,037 | 2,671,740 | $\begin{aligned} & 108,686 \\ & 813,292 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 887,383 \\ 6,657,735 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 444 \\ 2,800 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{3 , 3 7 1} \\ & \mathbf{7 , 4 7 0} \end{aligned}$ |
| \$1 under \$5,000....................... | 81,278 | 185,583 | 70,909 | 505,484 |  |  |  |  |
| \$5,000 under \$10,000.............. | 101,600 | 423,594 | 105,522 | 741,969 | $\begin{array}{r} 813,292 \\ 1,571,788 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,657,735 \\ 13,789,010 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,800 \\ 24,126 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,470 \\ 84,188 \end{array}$ |
| \$10,000 under \$15,000............ | 111,915 | 603,173 | $\begin{aligned} & 122,728 \\ & 106,624 \end{aligned}$ | 763,168 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,571,788 \\ & 1,536,291 \end{aligned}$ | $14,995,026$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24,126 \\ & 29,383 \end{aligned}$ | 104,739 |
| \$15,000 under \$20,000............ | 70,860 | 370,326 |  |  | $1,050,351$ | 10,173,461 | $51,026$ | $51,836$ |
| \$ $\mathbf{2 0 , 0 0 0}$ under \$25,000............ | 96,941 | 745,239 | $\begin{aligned} & 119,452 \\ & 108,922 \end{aligned}$ | 757,128 | $\begin{aligned} & 980,491 \\ & 775,155 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,883,356 \\ & 7,676,027 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 382,654 \\ & 583,735 \end{aligned}$ | 409,894 |
| \$25,000 under $\mathbf{\$ 3 0 , 0 0 0}$............ | 75,659 | 688,560 |  | 621,010 |  |  |  | 1,032,334 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000............ | 122,187 | 1,301,527 | $\begin{aligned} & 108,922 \\ & 172,134 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,119,153 \\ 989,098 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 775,155 \\ 1,463,772 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,181,354 \\ 9,642,082 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 583,735 \\ 1,461,755 \end{array}$ | 4,663,350 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000............ | 98,362 | 1,452,609 | $147,032$ |  | $998,699$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,461,755 \\ 998,699 \end{array}$ | 4,530,487 |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000............ | 101,453 | 1,570,682 | $\begin{aligned} & 147,032 \\ & 160,081 \end{aligned}$ | 1,156,191 | 1,111,025 | 12,044,617 | 1,111,025 | 6,012,546 |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000.......... | 29,532 | 575,425 | 50,886 | 426,203 | 339,339 | 3,879,126 | 339,339 | 1,939,557 |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000......... | 24,614 | 853,873 | 49,74116,748 | 719,016 | $\begin{array}{r} 317,096 \\ 92,486 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,097,152 \\ & 1,380,009 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 317,096 \\ 09 \text { A86 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,048,575 \\ 690,004 \end{array}$ |
| \$200,000 under \$500,000......... | 8,493 | 461,460 |  | 536,746 |  |  |  |  |
| \$500,000 under $\$ 1,000,000 . \ldots .$. | 1,612 | 137,931 | 16,748 4,113 | 203,280 | $\begin{aligned} & 92,486 \\ & 17,875 \end{aligned}$ | $276,555$ | 17,875 | 138,278 |
| \$1,000,000 or more................. | 899 | 209,891 | 2,316 | 281,825 | $8,627$ | 143,962$89,107,363$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,627 \\ 5,329,821 \\ 01,254 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 71,981 \\ 21,473,400 \\ 315,213 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Taxable retums, total............. | 716,625 | 8,556,112 | 1,005,171 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8,935,712 \\ & 2,249,263 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Nontaxable retums, total......... | 227,006 | 1,223,362 | 356,076 | $4,434,461$ |  | $20,599,491$ |  |  |
| Size of adjusted gross income | Total statutory adjustments |  | Selected statutory adjustments |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Individual Retirement <br> Arrangement payments (primary taxpayer) |  | Individual Retirement Arrangement payments (spouse) |  | Deduction for self-employment tax |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Number <br> of returns | Amount | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { returns } \end{aligned}$ | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of retums | Amount |
|  | (57) | (58) | (59) | (60) | (61) | (62) | (63) | (64) |
| All returne.......................... | 46,976,517 | 34,217,293 | 4,257,175 | 6,472,831 | 1,947,840 | 2,677,232 | 11,732,258 | $10,446,710$ |
| No adjusted gross income......... | 175,440 | 241,842 | 16,073 | 28,358 | 6,896 | 11,945 | 133,379 | 88,021 |
| \$1 under \$5,000...................... | 1,077,948 | 426,475 | $\begin{array}{r} 68,066 \\ 211,464 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 91,641 \\ 321,686 \end{array}$ | 6,817 | $\begin{aligned} & 13,542 \\ & 53,722 \end{aligned}$ | 930,509 | $\begin{aligned} & 179,468 \\ & 508,234 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$5,000 under \$10,000.............. | 1,570,133 | 1,117,195 |  |  | 32,520 |  | 1,286,328 |  |
| \$10,000 under \$15,000............ | 1,491,186 | 1,502,313 | 290,017 | 477,488 | 59,022 | $83,117$ | 1,101,439 | 574,326 |
| \$15,000 under \$20,000............ | 1,548,936 | 1,874,728 | 421,832 | 649,452 | 102,484 | 127,687 | 1,059,283 | 678,216 |
| \$20,000 under \$25,000............ | 1,488,811 | 2,095,691 | $\begin{aligned} & 543,015 \\ & 525,898 \end{aligned}$ | 840,181 | 143,229 | 190,658 | 900,409 | 637,443 |
| \$25,000 under \$30,000............ | 1,394,946 | 2,122,992 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 750,209 \\ 1,113,685 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 213,688 \\ & 410,078 \end{aligned}$ | 266,817 | 842,257 | 672,563 |
| \$3,000 under \$40,000............ | 2,211,607 | 3,807,002 | $\begin{aligned} & 525,898 \\ & 807,236 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $611,518$ | 1,310,882 | 1,142,067 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000............ | 1,761,388 | 3,002,154 | 557,461 | 683,007 | 358,542 | $366,403$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,035,286 \\ & 1,773,007 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$50,000 under \$75,000............ | 2,143,363 | 4,887,501 | 375,216 | 674,130 | 263,532 | 399,020 | 1,578,195 |  |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000.......... | 843,030 | 3,284,682 | $\begin{aligned} & 168,985 \\ & 198,725 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 323,565 \\ & 379,002 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 131,834 \\ & 160,262 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 205,469 \\ & 252,760 \end{aligned}$ | 604,917 | 1,031,978 |
| \$100,000 under $\$ 200,000 . . . . . . .$. | 911,338 | 5,701,827 |  |  |  |  | 666,242 | 1,505,440 |
| \$200,000 under $\$ 500,000 . . . . . . .$. | 281,011 | 3,190,920 | 58,630 | 112,296 | 47,699 | 77,447 | 178,472 | 509,300 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000...... | 52,574 | 658,523 | 10,377 | 20,077 | 8,086 | 12,377 | 28,271 | 81,549 |
| \$1,000,000 or more................. | 24,806 | 323,450 | 4,175 | 8,054 | 3,148 | 4,743 | 11,676 | 29,813 |
| Taxable returns, total............. | 13,923,530 | 31,854,220 | 4,034,694 | 6,149,664 | 1,848,860 | 2,534,857 | 9,074,796 | 8,224,695 |
| Nontaxabie retume, total......... | 3,052,988 | 2,363,073 | 222,280 | 323,167 | 88,980 | 142,375 | 2,657,462 | 1,222,015 |

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

| Size of adjusted gross income | Selected iternized deductions--Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Contributions deduction |  | Moving expense deduction |  | Net miscellaneous deductions after limitation |  | Gambling loss deduction |  |
|  | Number <br> of returns | Amount | Number <br> of returns | Anount | Number <br> of returns | Amount | Number <br> of returns | Amount |
|  | (81) | (82) | (83) | (84) | (85) | (86) | (87) | (88) |
|  | 29,540,981 |  |  |  | 7,407,728 | 24,903,797 | 674,972 | 2,031,259 |
| No adjusted gross incorne | -- | - 05 |  | -1,298 | 56,296 | 80,089 | -4,300 | -12,219 |
| $\$ 1$ under \$5,000. | 108,386 | 65,177 | -1,308 | $\cdot 1,288$ | 58,296 | 80,089 | *4,300 | -12,219 |
| \$5,000 under \$10,000............. | $417,205$ | 402,385 | 8,938 | 26,546 | 133,527 | 181,399 | $11,470$ | $32,891$ |
| \$10,000 under $\$ 15,000 . . . . . . . . . . . .1$. | 804,997 | 985,176 | 20,311 | 60,150 | 234,737 | 561,315 778,630 | 14,404 39,939 | $34,773$ $57.876$ |
| \$15,000 under \$20,000........... | 1,104,988 | 1,208,029 | 18,427 | 32,833 | 323,859 | 778,630 | 39,939 | $57,876$ |
| \$20,000 under \$25,000........... | 1,577,739 | 1,824,819 | 38,977 | 115,144 | 442,852 519,530 | $1,029,477$ $1,522,899$ | $34,310$ | $\begin{array}{r} 44,245 \\ 218,412 \end{array}$ |
| \$25,000 under \$30,000........... | 1,808,326 | 2,247,179 | 38,191 | 86,251 | 519,530 1,181750 | 1,522,899 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 218,412 \\ & 179,192 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000............ | 4,383,229 | 5,782,380 | 82,896 | 265,392 | 1,181,750 | $3,184,501$ | $\begin{array}{r} 111,041 \\ 94.247 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 179,192 \\ & 202.478 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$40,000 under $\$ 50,000 . . . . . . . . . .$. | 4,712,913 | 6,593,211 | 129,113 223,591 | 490,613 897,546 | $1,184,124$ $1,900,397$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,219,478 \\ & 5,841,584 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 94,247 \\ 182,312 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 202,478 \\ & 382,181 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$50,000 under $\$ 75,000 . . . . . . . . .$. . | 8,344,995 | 14,046,443 | 223,591 | 897,546 | 1,900,397 | 5,841,584 | 182,312 $59308$ | 382,181 <br> 244109 |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000.......... | 3,152,455 | 7,082,607 | $105,588$ $103,372$ | $599,087$ <br> 808,858 | $750,895$ $541,509$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,119,997 \\ & 3,359,291 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59,308 \\ & 53,851 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 244,108 \\ & 222,125 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$100,000 under $\$ 200,000 . . . . . . .$. | 2,356,567 | $8,249,447$ | 103,372 | $808,658$ | 541,509 | $\begin{aligned} & 3,359,291 \\ & 1,306,413 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53,851 \\ & 15,630 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 222,125 \\ & 212,264 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$200,000 under $\$ 500,000 . . . . . .$. | 818,308 | 5,034,826 | $20,069$ | 199,167 | $110,122$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,306,413 \\ 343,960 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15,630 \\ 2,962 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 212,264 \\ 84,973 \end{array}$ |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000...... | 107,524 47,348 | $2,179,877$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,055 \\ 651 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25,774 \\ 9,253 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,881 \\ 5,288 \end{array}$ | $464,780$ | $1,517$ | $108,523$ |
| \$1,000,000 or more................. | $\begin{array}{r}47,348 \\ \hline 90959\end{array}$ | $4,500,298$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 9,253 \\ 3,498,968 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,268 \\ 8,964,142 \end{array}$ | $23,743,184$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 108,523 \\ 1,736,605 \end{array}$ |
| Taxable returne, totel............ | 28,204,583 | 56,400,566 | 777,101 | 3,448,968 | 8,984,142 | $23,743,164$ | 631,633 | 1,736,605 |
| Nontaxable returns, total........ | 1,336,398 | 1,761,290 | 26,386 | 88,712 | 443,566 | 1,250,632 | 43,339 | 294,654 |
| Slee of adjusted gross income | Selected itemized deductions-Cont'd |  | Itemized deductions in excess of limitation |  | Exemptions |  | Taxable income |  |
|  | Other miscollaneous deductions, except garmbing |  |  |  | Total |
|  | Number <br> of returns | Amount | Number <br> of returns | Amount |  |  | Number of exemptions | Amount | Number <br> of returns | Amount |
| All returne........................... | (69) | (90) | (91) | (92) | (93) | (94) | (95) | (96) |
|  | 35,782----3,653 | 68,400 | 3,282,788 | 10,623,006 | 231,425,110 | $491,587,404$ | 92,967,044 | 2,285,891,914 |
| No acfusted gross income........ |  | - | - | - | 1,756,976 | $3,745,395$ | 4,457,972 | 2,810,784 |
| $\$ 1$ under $\$ 5,000$. |  |  | - | - | 13,017,665 | 27,923,482 |  |  |
| $\$ 5,000$ under $\$ 10,000$. |  | - | - | - | 22,608,121 | 48,528,224 | 8,987,804 | 20,576,630 |
| \$10,000 under $\$ 15,000 . . . . . . . . . .$. |  | 635 |  | - | 25,027,763 | 53,727,639 | 11,500,172 | $\begin{aligned} & 58,164,350 \\ & 98,411,396 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$15,000 under \$20,000............ |  | $\bullet 8,571$ | - | - | 22,613,230 | 48,560,105 | 11,180,131 |  |
| \$20,000 under \$25,000............ | *1,367 |  | - | - | 20,236,326 | $43,462,195$ | $9,573,214$ | $122,217,430$ |
| $\$ 25,000$ under $\$ 30,000$............. |  | .414 | -- | - | 17,615,771 | $37,832,318$ | $7,784,607$ | $131,568,541$ |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000........... | *3,576 | *,080 | - | - | 29,936,822 | 64,292,913 | 12,292,393 | 280,066,605 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000............ | *3,400 | *4,933 | - | $\cdots$ | 24,192,044 | 51,957,003 | 8,809,336 | $\begin{aligned} & 266,793,178 \\ & 482,942,977 \end{aligned}$ |
| \$50,000 under $\$ 75,000 . . . . . . . . . .$. | 14,421 | 3,049 | 86,391 | 22,847 | $\begin{aligned} & 33,675,670 \\ & 10,616,932 \end{aligned}$ | 72,358,857 | 11,391,662 |  |
| \$75,000 under \$100,000.......... | *1,142 | ${ }^{*} 89$ | 14,318 | 17,534 |  | 22,801,125 | 3,555,628 | 221,462,173 |
| \$100,000 under \$200,000........ | 5,752 | 28,666 | 2,402,614 | 2,232,928 | 7,658,104 | 15,590,805 | 2,596,486 | 259,189,666 |
| \$200,000 under $\$ 500,000 . . . . . .$. | 1,899 | 8,886 | 624,312 | 3,558,584 | 1,984,440 | 786,420 | 667,433 | 164,415,475 |
| \$500,000 under $\$ 1,000,000$..... | 365 | 2,892 | $\begin{array}{r} 108,033 \\ 47,119 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,833,592 \\ & 2,957,610 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 345,062 \\ & 140,184 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,181 \\ 6,744 \end{array}$ | $51,480$ | $108,889,301$ |
| \$1,000,000 or more................. | 155 | 4,244 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable returns, total............. | 34,378 | 62,884 | 3,277,507 | 10,613,756 | 179,529,880 | 380,230,394 | 88,939,774 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,275,136,794 \\ 10,755,121 \end{array}$ |
| Nontaxable returns, total........ | 1,404 | 5,578 | 5,281 | 0,339 | 51,895,230 | 111,357,010 | 4,027,270 |  |

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## Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, 1991

Table 1.-All Returns: Selected Income, Adjustments, Deductions and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income-Continued
[All figures are astimates based on samples-money amounts are in thousands of dollars]



[^0]:    n.a. Not available.

    1 Total net losses do not include the foreign earned income exclusion.
    2 "Other net loss" represents only data reported on the "other income" residual line of Form 1040, except for the foreign earned income exclusion.

[^1]:    - Includes credits not shown separately.
    ${ }^{2}$ Represents the portion of the earned income credit used to offset income tax before credits. Additional earned income credit amounts were used to offset other taxes ( $\$ 833,000$ for Tax Year 1991, compared to $\$ 662,000$ for 1990), and some amounts were either refundable or paid directly to the taxpayer ( $\$ 8,221 ; 000$ for Tax

[^2]:    Note and footnotes at end of table.

[^3]:    Note and footnotes at end of table.

[^4]:    Note and footnotes at end of table.

