

**Table 480. Federal Individual Income Tax Returns—Selected Tax Credits: 2004 to 2006**

[41,694 represents 41,694,000. For tax years. Based on a sample of returns, see source and Appendix III]

Item	2004		2005		2006	
	Number of returns (1,000)	Amount (mil. dol.)	Number of returns (1,000)	Amount (mil. dol.)	Number of returns (1,000)	Amount (mil. dol.)
<b>Total tax credits</b> <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	<b>41,694</b>	<b>52,367</b>	<b>42,246</b>	<b>55,316</b>	<b>46,092</b>	<b>58,939</b>
Child care credit . . . . .	6,317	3,338	6,501	3,462	6,467	3,487
Earned income credit <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	2,975	768	2,896	745	2,960	797
Foreign tax credit . . . . .	4,700	6,758	5,398	9,362	6,418	10,958
General business credit . . . . .	249	635	251	878	387	1,302
Minimum tax credit . . . . .	275	902	290	1,081	359	1,032
Child tax credit <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	25,989	32,300	25,951	32,048	25,742	31,742
Education credits . . . . .	7,181	6,017	7,057	6,120	7,725	7,022
Retirement savings contribution credit . . . .	5,289	1,012	5,294	945	5,192	894

<sup>1</sup> Includes credits not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Represents portion of earned income credit used to offset income tax before credits. <sup>3</sup> Excludes refundable portion.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, *Statistics of Income Bulletin*, Fall issues.