

**Table 489. Federal Individual Income Tax Returns—Selected Itemized Deductions and the Standard Deduction: 2007 and 2008**

[50,544 represents 50,544,000. For tax years. Based on a sample of returns, see source and Appendix III. Minus sign (-) indicates decrease]

| Item   | 2007                                   |                    | 2008                                   |                    | Percent change, 2007-08                  |                  |
|--|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|------------------|
|  | Number of returns <sup>1</sup> (1,000) | Amount (mil. dol.) | Number of returns <sup>1</sup> (1,000) | Amount (mil. dol.) | Number of returns <sup>1</sup> (percent) | Amount (percent) |
| <b>Total itemized deductions before limitation . . .</b>         | <b>50,544</b>                          | <b>1,372,138</b>   | <b>48,167</b>                          | <b>1,339,354</b>   | <b>-4.7</b>                              | <b>-2.4</b>      |
| Medical and dental expenses after 7.5 percent                    |  |                    |  |                    |  |                  |
| AGI limitation . . . . .   | 10,520                                 | 76,347             | 10,155                                 | 76,387             | -3.5                                     | 0.1              |
| Taxes paid <sup>2</sup> . . . . .                                | 50,119                                 | 465,881            | 47,836                                 | 467,212            | -4.6                                     | 0.3              |
| State and local income taxes . . . . .                           | 36,683                                 | 269,351            | 35,403                                 | 270,958            | -3.5                                     | 0.6              |
| State and local general sales taxes . . . . .                    | 11,936                                 | 18,522             | 11,045                                 | 17,686             | -7.5                                     | -4.5             |
| Interest paid <sup>3</sup> . . . . .                             | 41,283                                 | 524,790            | 39,200                                 | 497,618            | -5                                       | -5.2             |
| Home mortgage interest . . . . .                                 | 40,777                                 | 491,432            | 38,684                                 | 470,408            | -5.1                                     | -4.3             |
| Charitable contributions <sup>4</sup> . . . . .                  | 41,119                                 | 193,604            | 39,250                                 | 172,936            | -4.5                                     | -10.7            |
| Other than cash contributions . . . . .                          | 23,854                                 | 58,747             | 23,027                                 | 40,421             | -3.5                                     | -31.2            |
| Casualty and theft losses . . . . .                              | 107                                    | 2,337              | 337                                    | 4,348              | 213.3                                    | 86.1             |
| Miscellaneous deductions after 2-percent                         |  |                    |  |                    |  |                  |
| AGI limitation . . . . .   | 12,734                                 | 85,218             | 12,437                                 | 89,924             | -2.3                                     | 5.5              |
| Total unlimited miscellaneous deductions . . . . .               | 1,692                                  | 23,961             | 1,642                                  | 30,929             | -3                                       | 29.1             |
| Itemized deductions in excess of limitation . . . . .            | 7,131                                  | 39,102             | 6,783                                  | 17,077             | -4.9                                     | -56.3            |
| Total itemized deductions after limitation . . . . .             | 50,544                                 | 1,333,037          | 48,167                                 | 1,322,276          | -4.7                                     | -0.8             |
| Total standard deduction . . . . .                               | 90,511                                 | 654,182            | 91,781                                 | 695,488            | 1.4                                      | 6.3              |
| Total deductions (after itemized deduction limitation) . . . . . | 141,055                                | 1,987,218          | 139,948                                | 2,017,764          | -0.8                                     | 1.5              |

<sup>1</sup> Returns with no adjusted gross income are excluded from the deduction counts. For this reason, the sum of the number of returns with total itemized deductions and the number of returns with total standard deduction is less than the total number of returns for all filers. <sup>2</sup> Includes real estate taxes, personal property taxes, and other taxes, not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup> Includes investment interest and deductible mortgage "points," not shown separately. <sup>4</sup> For more information, see Table 584.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, *Statistics of Income Bulletin*, fall issues. See also <<http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/index.html>>.

**Table 490. Federal Individual Income Tax Returns—Statutory Adjustments: 2007 and 2008**

[36,050 represents 36,050,000. For tax years. Based on a sample of returns, see source and Appendix III. Minus sign (-) indicates decrease]

| Item  | 2007                      |                    | 2008                      |                    | Percent change in amount, 2007-08 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | Number of returns (1,000) | Amount (mil. dol.) | Number of returns (1,000) | Amount (mil. dol.) |                                   |
| <b>Total statutory adjustments . . . . .</b>                  | <b>36,050</b>             | <b>123,020</b>     | <b>35,774</b>             | <b>121,599</b>     | <b>-1.2</b>                       |
| Payments to an Individual Retirement Account . . . . .        | 3,300                     | 12,877             | 2,740                     | 11,666             | -9.4                              |
| Educator expenses deduction . . . . .                         | 3,654                     | 926                | 3,753                     | 947                | 2.3                               |
| Moving expenses adjustment . . . . .                          | 1,119                     | 2,903              | 1,113                     | 3,003              | 3.5                               |
| Student loan interest deduction . . . . .                     | 9,091                     | 7,464              | 9,136                     | 7,731              | 3.6                               |
| Tuition and fees deduction . . . . .                          | 4,543                     | 10,579             | 4,577                     | 11,002             | 4                                 |
| Self-employment tax deduction . . . . .                       | 17,840                    | 24,760             | 17,411                    | 24,286             | -1.9                              |
| Self-employment health insurance deduction . . . . .          | 3,839                     | 21,283             | 3,618                     | 21,194             | -0.4                              |
| Payments to a self-employed retirement (Keogh) plan . . . . . | 1,191                     | 22,262             | 1,010                     | 20,262             | -9                                |
| Forfeited interest penalty . . . . .                          | 1,164                     | 353                | 1,311                     | 389                | 10.3                              |
| Alimony paid . . . . .  | 600                       | 9,497              | 580                       | 9,621              | 1.3                               |
| Other adjustment <sup>1</sup> . . . . .                       | (NA)                      | 1,415              | (NA)                      | 1,862              | 31.6                              |

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Includes foreign housing adjustment, Medical Savings Accounts deduction, jury duty pay deduction, and other adjustments for 2007 and 2008.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, *Statistics of Income Bulletin*, Fall issues. See also <<http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/index.html>>.