11-Feb-09 PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Table T09-0096Reduce Child Tax Credit (CTC) Refundability Threshold to \$8,100Baseline: Current LawDistribution of Tax Units with Benefit, 2009 1

Cash Income Level (thousands of 2008 dollars) ²	Tax Units (thousands) ³			Average Benefit (\$)	
	All	Number with Benefit	Percent with Benefit	Tax Units with Benefit	All Tax Units
Less than 10	17,204	374	2.2	-133	-3
10-20	24,101	3,666	15.2	-479	-73
20-30	19,493	2,164	11.1	-510	-57
30-40	14,384	479	3.3	-469	-16
40-50	11,749	121	1.0	-461	-5
50-75	21,662	60	0.3	-408	-1
75-100	14,107	10	0.1	-528	0
100-200	19,712	7	0.0	-465	0
200-500	5,636	0	0.0	**	**
500-1,000	989	0	0.0	**	**
More than 1,000	519	0	0.0	**	**
All	150,241	6,904	4.6	-469	-22

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 0308-6).

(1) Calendar year. Baseline is current law. Proposal reduced the unindexed earnings threshold for refundability to \$8,100. Estimates are static and do not account for any potential microeconomic behavioral response. Official estimates from the Joint Committee on Taxation would likely show a somewhat different effect on revenue. Average benefits are suppressed for income classes in which fewer than 5,000 tax units have a reduction in tax liability.

(2) Tax units with negative cash income are excluded from the lowest income class but are included in the totals. For a description of cash income, see

http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/TaxModel/income.cfm

(3) Includes both filing and non-filing units but excludes those that are dependents of other tax units.