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**Earned Income Tax Credit: Number of Recipients and  
Amount of Credit, 1975-2009**

Year	Number of Recipient Families (thousands)	Total Amount of Credit (millions)	Refunded Portions of Credit (millions)	Average Credit per Family
1975	6,215	1,250	900	201
1976	6,473	1,295	890	200
1977	5,627	1,127	880	200
1978	5,192	1,048	801	202
1979	7,135	2,052	1,395	288
1980	6,954	1,986	1,370	286
1981	6,717	1,912	1,278	285
1982	6,395	1,775	1,222	278
1983	7,368	1,795	1,289	224
1984	6,376	1,638	1,162	257
1985	7,432	2,088	1,499	281
1986	7,156	2,009	1,479	281
1987	8,738	3,391	2,930	450
1988	11,148	5,896	4,257	529
1989	11,696	6,595	4,636	564
1990	12,542	7,542	5,266	601
1991	13,665	11,105	8,183	813
1992	14,097	13,028	9,959	924
1993	15,117	15,537	12,028	1,028
1994	19,017	21,105	16,598	1,110
1995	19,334	25,956	20,829	1,342
1996	19,464	28,825	23,157	1,481
1997	19,391	30,389	24,396	1,567
1998	20,273	32,340	27,175	1,595
1999	19,259	31,901	27,604	1,656
2000	19,277	32,296	27,803	1,675
2001	19,593	33,376	29,043	1,704
2002	21,703	38,199	33,737	1,760
2003	22,024	38,657	34,012	1,755
2004	22,270	40,024	35,300	1,797
2005	22,752	42,410	37,465	1,864
2006	23,042	44,388	39,072	1,926
2007	24,584	48,540	42,508	1,974
2008	24,757	50,669	44,260	2,047
2009	27,388	60,427	55,118	2,206

Note: 2009 estimates are preliminary.

Source: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division, Table 1, Individual Income Tax Returns: Selected Income and Tax Items for Tax Years 1999 - 2009.