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Dependent Care Tax Credit:
Number of Families and Amount of Credit, 1976-2015

Year	Number of returns claiming dependent credit (thousands)	Aggregate amount of credit claimed (millions of dollars)	Average credit claimed per return (dollars)
1976	2,660	548	206
1977	2,910	521	179
1978	3,431	654	191
1979	3,833	793	207
1980	4,231	956	226
1981	4,578	1,148	251
1982	5,004	1,501	300
1983	6,367	2,051	322
1984	7,456	2,649	355
1985	8,417	3,127	372
1986	8,950	3,398	380
1987	8,520	3,438	404
1988	9,023	3,813	423
1989	6,028	2,440	405
1990	6,144	2,549	415
1991	5,896	2,521	428
1992	5,980	2,527	423
1993	6,090	2,559	420
1994	6,012	2,526	420
1995	5,964	2,518	422
1996	6,003	2,663	444
1997	5,796	2,464	425
1998	6,128	2,661	434
1999	6,182	2,677	433
2000	6,368	2,794	439
2001	6,185	2,721	440
2002	6,186	2,707	438
2003	6,313	3,207	508
2004	6,317	3,338	528
2005	6,501	3,462	533
2006	6,467	3,487	539
2007	6,492	3,483	537
2008	6,587	3,527	535
2009	6,286	3,317	528
2010	6,338	3,398	536
2011	6,333	3,426	541
2012	6,340	3,412	538
2013	6,316	3,459	548
2014	6,341	3,505	553
2015	6,344	3,585	565

Source: 1976-2000: Joint Committee on Taxation, Ways and Means Committee, 2004 Greenbook, Table 13-15; 2001-2014: IRS, Statistics of Income Division.

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/SOI-Tax-Stats-Historical-Table-1>

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