

Table T08-0035
Individual Income Tax Measures in H.R. 5140:
The Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008
Beneficiaries (thousands) by Individual Characteristics, 2008^{1,2}

	Individual Income Tax Filers	Non-filers ³	Earners ⁴	Non- earners	Positive AGI	Zero/ negative AGI	Aged ⁵	Non-Aged
Zero benefit	15,981	21,053	11,365	25,669	23,357	13,677	17,340	19,694
Partial benefit	38,034	1,358	36,453	2,939	38,769	623	4,627	34,764
Full benefit	74,441	0	68,685	5,756	74,433	8	9,228	65,213
Total	128,456	22,411	116,504	34,363	136,559	14,308	31,196	119,672

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 1006-2).

(1) Calendar year. Baseline is 2008 current law assuming extension and indexation for inflation of the 2007 AMT patch. The proposal provides a refundable basic credit equal to the greater of: (1) income tax liability net of non-refundable credits (other than the child tax credit) not to exceed \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples filing a joint return); and (2) \$300 (\$600 for joint returns) if the individual has: (a) at least \$3,000 of earned income; or (b) income tax liability net of non-refundable credits (other than the child tax credit) of at least \$1 and gross income greater than the sum of the applicable basic standard deduction and one personal exemption (2 exemptions for joint returns). For any tax unit with at least \$1 of basic credit, the proposal provides an additional, refundable, \$300 credit for each child-tax-credit-eligible child. The total value of the credit (basic plus child credit) is phased out at a rate of 5 percent of AGI in excess of \$75,000 for singles, \$150,000 for couples.

(2) Tax units that are dependents of other tax units are excluded from the analysis. Our estimates are based on 2008 incomes; the proposal actually allows the rebate to be based on 2007 income if it results in a higher amount.

(3) Our estimates assume that all non-filers who would benefit (those with earnings of at least \$3,000) would file to claim the credit.

(4) Includes tax units reporting a positive amount of wages and salaries or self-employment income.

(5) Includes tax units in which the primary (or secondary taxpayer in the case of joint returns) is age 65 or older.