

Table T08-0042
Individual Income Tax Measures in Senate Stimulus Proposal
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	4,873	4,886	2,360	7,399	5,456	4,304	2,212	7,548
Partial benefit ⁶	914	135	143	906	1,049	0	518	531
Full benefit	122,669	17,390	114,001	26,058	130,055	10,004	28,466	111,592
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 of \$500 (\$1,000 for married couples filing a joint return) available to all tax filers with at least \$3000 of earned income and Social Security benefits or at least \$1 of income tax liability after nonrefundable credits excluding the child credit. 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. 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. Our estimates assume that all potential beneficiaries claim the credit.

(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 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.

(6) Tax units with a partial benefit are those with a rebate that is greater than \$0 but less than the maximum amount of \$500 plus \$300 per qualifying child (\$1,000 plus \$300 per qualifying child for married couples filing a joint return). Note that partial benefits can arise from taxpayers engaging in an activity with a cost (e.g. foregoing itemized deductions) in order to become eligible for the credits.