

Table T08-0059
Individual Income Tax Measures in H.R. 5140, The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008:
As Passed by the House and Senate
Distribution of Federal Tax Change by Cash Income Percentile, 2008 ¹
Summary Table

Cash Income Percentile ^{2,3}	Percent of Tax Units ⁴		Percent Change in After-Tax Income ⁵	Share of Total Federal Tax Change	Average Federal Tax Change (\$)	Average Federal Tax Rate ⁶	
	With Tax Cut	With Tax Increase				Change (%) Points)	Under the Proposal
Lowest Quintile	71.5	0.0	3.8	8.6	-313	-3.7	-0.2
Second Quintile	96.5	0.0	3.0	16.5	-588	-2.7	4.8
Middle Quintile	99.0	0.0	2.4	21.8	-779	-2.0	12.7
Fourth Quintile	99.7	0.0	1.9	28.8	-1,028	-1.5	17.5
Top Quintile	68.6	0.0	0.5	24.2	-866	-0.4	24.6
All	86.9	0.0	1.3	100.0	-715	-1.0	20.2
Addendum							
80-90	85.6	0.0	1.3	15.5	-1,108	-1.0	20.1
90-95	83.2	0.0	0.9	7.6	-1,092	-0.7	22.2
95-99	23.5	0.0	0.1	1.0	-178	-0.1	24.7
Top 1 Percent	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	-62	0.0	29.6
Top 0.1 Percent	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-14	0.0	31.7

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

Number of AMT Taxpayers (millions). Baseline: 4.1 Proposal: 4.1

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(2) \$300 (\$600 for joint returns) if the individual has: (a) at least \$3,000 of earned income plus Social Security benefits; or (b) income tax liability net of non-refundable credits, other than the child tax credit (CTC), 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 CTC-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. Our estimates are based on 2008 incomes; the proposal actually allows the credit to be based on 2007 income if it results in a higher amount. Our estimates assume that all potential beneficiaries claim the credit.

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Baseline Distribution of Income and Federal Taxes
by Cash Income Percentile, 2008 ¹

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	Number (thousands)	Percent of Total							
Lowest Quintile	29,579	19.6	8,477	298	8,178	3.5	2.4	2.9	0.4
Second Quintile	30,169	20.0	21,597	1,634	19,963	7.6	6.2	7.3	2.2
Middle Quintile	30,172	20.0	38,857	5,705	33,152	14.7	11.1	12.1	7.7
Fourth Quintile	30,178	20.0	67,869	12,878	54,991	19.0	19.4	20.0	17.4
Top Quintile	30,174	20.0	213,996	53,576	160,420	25.0	61.3	58.3	72.2
All	150,867	100.0	69,872	14,845	55,027	21.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Addendum									
80-90	15,087	10.0	108,117	22,806	85,311	21.1	15.5	15.5	15.4
90-95	7,544	5.0	154,967	35,537	119,430	22.9	11.1	10.9	12.0
95-99	6,034	4.0	264,051	65,321	198,730	24.7	15.1	14.5	17.6
Top 1 Percent	1,509	1.0	1,367,765	404,512	963,253	29.6	19.6	17.5	27.3
Top 0.1 Percent	151	0.1	6,480,962	2,053,813	4,427,149	31.7	9.3	8.1	13.8

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