

Table T08-0244
Impact of Senator McCain's Tax Proposal as Described by Economic Advisors on Workers
Distribution of Federal Tax Change by Cash Income Percentile, 2009¹
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 (%)	Under the Proposal
Lowest Quintile	12.9	0.0	0.1	0.2	-12	-0.1	5.9
Second Quintile	40.4	0.1	0.4	1.7	-97	-0.3	11.7
Middle Quintile	63.4	0.1	0.7	5.2	-300	-0.6	17.4
Fourth Quintile	83.8	0.0	1.4	14.3	-959	-1.1	19.5
Top Quintile	96.9	0.0	2.9	78.3	-5,891	-2.2	24.3
All	57.2	0.1	2.0	100.0	-1,250	-1.5	21.0
Addendum							
80-90	95.3	0.0	2.4	17.1	-2,529	-1.9	21.3
90-95	98.6	0.0	3.0	14.3	-4,344	-2.3	22.5
95-99	98.7	0.1	3.0	19.3	-7,393	-2.2	24.5
Top 1 Percent	97.8	0.1	3.3	27.6	-43,698	-2.3	27.3
Top 0.1 Percent	99.6	0.0	4.4	17.4	-272,505	-3.1	28.4

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 0308-6).

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Baseline Distribution of Income and Federal Taxes
by Cash Income Percentile, 2009¹

Cash Income Percentile ^{2,3}	Tax Units ⁴		Average Income (Dollars)	Average Federal Tax Burden (Dollars)	Average After-Tax Income ⁵ (Dollars)	Average Federal Tax Rate ⁶	Share of Pre-Tax Income Percent of Total	Share of Post-Tax Income Percent of Total	Share of Federal Taxes Percent of Total	
	Number (thousands)	Percent of Total								
Lowest Quintile	25,080	20.6	10,982	657	10,325	6.0	2.8	3.4	0.7	
Second Quintile	26,624	21.9	28,355	3,411	24,944	12.0	7.6	8.7	4.1	
Middle Quintile	26,562	21.8	51,934	9,320	42,614	17.9	13.9	14.7	11.1	
Fourth Quintile	22,680	18.6	88,188	18,116	70,073	20.5	20.2	20.7	18.4	
Top Quintile	20,231	16.6	273,077	72,191	200,887	26.4	55.8	52.9	65.5	
All	121,714	100.0	81,414	18,311	63,103	22.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Addendum										
80-90	10,292	8.5	135,250	31,379	103,872	23.2	14.1	13.9	14.5	
90-95	4,997	4.1	192,377	47,640	144,737	24.8	9.7	9.4	10.7	
95-99	3,981	3.3	339,617	90,618	248,999	26.7	13.6	12.9	16.2	
Top 1 Percent	962	0.8	1,892,212	560,317	1,331,895	29.6	18.4	16.7	24.2	
Top 0.1 Percent	97	0.1	8,939,650	2,806,625	6,133,025	31.4	8.8	7.8	12.2	

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