

**Estimated Benefit from Administration Budget Proposal to  
Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Workers Without Qualifying Children  
for Returns, Earners and Filers by Marital Status  
Tax Year 2017**

Return, Earner, Filer	All Claimants Benefiting from Proposal			New Claimants Benefiting from Proposal		
	Number of Returns or Individuals (millions)	Total Benefit (\$millions)	Average Benefit (\$)	Number of Returns or Individuals (millions)	Total Benefit (\$millions)	Average Benefit (\$)
Total Returns	12.8	6,241	487	5.5	2,836	511
Total Earners	13.1			5.7		
Total Filers	14.2			5.9		
<b>Returns by Marital Status</b>						
Joint Returns	1.3	607	454	0.4	126	351
Two Earners	0.3	154	484	0.1	43	379
One Earner	1.0	453	444	0.2	83	338
Unmarried Returns	11.5	5,634	491	5.2	2,709	522

Note: The proposal would increase the EITC for workers without qualifying children by doubling the phase-in rate and the phase-out rate from 7.65 percent to 15.3 percent, thereby doubling the maximum credit from an estimated \$511 to an estimated \$1022. The proposal would also allow taxpayers who are at least age 21 and under age 67 to claim the benefit, if otherwise eligible. All current claimants would receive a larger EITC.