

Table T08-0079
Current-Law Distribution of Federal Taxes By Cash Income Percentile, 2008¹
All Tax Units

Cash Income Percentile ^{2,3}	Tax Units		Cash Income	Cash Income	Average Income per	Share of Total					Average Effective Tax Rate						
	Number (thousands)	Percent of Total				Individual Income Tax ⁴	Payroll Tax ⁵	Corporate Income Tax	Estate Tax	All Federal Tax ⁶	Individual Income Tax	Individual Income Tax Amt \$ billions	Payroll Tax	Payroll Tax Amt \$ billions	Corporate Income Tax	Estate Tax	All Federal Tax
			% Total	2010 Amts \$ billions	Tax Unit dollars												
Lowest Quintile	38,731	26.1	3.69	469	12,111	-3.2	3.9	1.0	0.0	0.2	-8.1	-38	8.4	39	0.9	0.0	1.1
Second Quintile	32,516	21.9	8.12	1,034	31,787	-2.7	10.7	2.4	0.6	3.2	-3.1	-32	10.4	107	1.0	0.0	8.3
Middle Quintile	29,742	20.0	13.76	1,751	58,884	4.7	19.0	3.8	1.4	9.9	3.3	57	10.9	191	0.9	0.0	15.1
Fourth Quintile	24,836	16.7	19.46	2,476	99,680	13.6	26.4	7.1	4.5	17.3	6.6	164	10.7	265	1.2	0.0	18.6
Top Quintile	21,974	14.8	55.24	7,029	319,881	87.5	39.9	85.2	93.0	69.2	15.0	1,055	5.7	401	5.1	0.4	26.2
All	148,478	100.0	100.27	12,759	85,931	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	9.5	1,206	7.9	1,003	3.3	0.2	20.9
Addendum Top Quintile																	
80-90	11,083	7.5	13.3	1,696	153,008	13.8	17.2	6.8	3.7	13.9	9.8	167	10.2	173	1.7	0.1	21.8
90-95	5,366	3.6	9.2	1,170	217,965	12.7	10.0	6.2	3.4	10.5	13.1	153	8.6	101	2.2	0.1	24.0
95-99	4,406	3.0	13.4	1,710	388,119	23.8	9.1	16.5	25.1	17.1	16.8	287	5.3	91	4.1	0.4	26.5
Top 1 Percent	1,119	0.8	19.3	2,454	2,192,409	37.2	3.6	55.8	60.7	27.7	18.3	449	1.5	36	9.6	0.7	30.0
Top 0.1 Percent	113	0.1	9.3	1,182	10,454,792	17.7	0.8	34.2	33.4	14.1	18.0	213	0.7	8	12.2	0.8	31.6
Total Top Quintile				7,029								1,055		401			

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Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 0308-4).

(1) Calendar year.

(2) Tax units with negative cash income are excluded from the lowest quintile but are included in the totals. Includes both filing and non-filing units but excludes those that are dependents of other tax units. For a description of cash income, see <http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/TaxModel/income.cfm>

(3) The cash income percentile breaks used in this table are (in 2008 dollars): 20% \$18,725, 40% \$37,257, 60% \$65,634, 80% \$110,346, 90% \$159,187, 95% \$224,850, 99% \$601,906, 99.9% \$2,906,959. Quintiles contain equal numbers of people.

(4) After tax credits (including refundable portion of earned income and child tax credits).

(5) Includes both the employee and employer portion of Social Security and Medicare tax.

(6) Excludes customs duties and excise taxes.