## Section 1

# Introduction and Changes in Law 

## Introduction

This report contains complete individual income tax data for Tax Year 2009. The statistics are based on a stratified probability sample of individual income tax returns, selected before audit, which represents a population of almost 140.5 million Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ, including electronic returns, filed for Tax Year 2009.

Table A on the following pages presents selected income and tax items for Tax Years 2005 through 2009 as they appear on the forms and provides the percentage change for each item between 2008 and 2009. When comparing income and tax items from different years, it is important to consider any changes in the tax law, which may have affected the data. These tax law changes are explained below. To assist year-to-year comparisons, Table A includes the items in both current dollars and constant 1990 dollars, as adjusted by the U.S. Department

[^0]of Labor's consumer price index (CPI-U). For Tax Year 2009, the number of individual tax returns filed decreased by 2.0 million, or 1.4 percent. Adjusted gross income (AGI) fell $\$ 636.4$ billion, or 7.7 percent from 2008 to 2009, compared to the 4.9 percent decrease recorded from 2007 to 2008. Total tax liability decreased 12.2 percent to $\$ 965.4$ billion. Several components of AGI showed large decreases between 2008 and 2009. The most notable of these were sales of property other than capital assets, net gain less loss, which decreased 130.8 percent, and net capital gain less loss, which decreased 50.5 percent. Conversely, cancellation of debt and unemployment compensation increased 117.4 percent and 91.3 percent, respectively.

This report is divided into six sections. Section 1 explains the requirements for filing, changes in the law for 2009, and the 1979 Income Concept. Section 2 describes the sample of individual income tax returns upon which the statistics are based. Section 3 contains tables of detailed aggregate statistics on individual tax returns. Section 4 provides explanations of the terms used in the tables. The tax forms appear in Section 5, and Section 6 contains a subject index.

Table A. Selected Income and Tax Items, Tax Years 2005-2009, in Current and Constant 1990 Dollars
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| Item [1] | Current dollars |  |  |  |  | Percent change, 2008 to 2009 |
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|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| All returns | 134,372,678 | 138,394,754 | ** 142,978,806 | 142,450,569 | 140,494,127 | -1.4 |
| Electronically filed returns | 73,471,852 | 80,095,643 | 87,851,490 | 95,243,204 | 98,358,434 | 3.3 |
| Form 1040 returns | 81,497,559 | 83,805,545 | 86,300,563 | 84,317,993 | 84,144,965 | -0.2 |
| Electronically filed returns | 39,465,536 | 43,470,129 | 47,982,634 | 51,906,024 | 54,252,971 | 4.5 |
| Form 1040A returns | 31,326,141 | 32,018,556 | 33,507,223 | 36,280,305 | 39,563,588 | 9.0 |
| Electronically filed returns | 22,224,396 | 23,888,067 | 25,420,635 | 28,761,499 | 32,862,236 | 14.3 |
| Form 1040EZ returns | 21,548,977 | * 22,570,653 | 23,171,020 | 21,852,270 | 16,785,574 | -23.2 |
| Electronically filed returns | 11,781,921 | 12,737,447 | 14,448,221 | 14,575,681 | 11,243,227 | -22.9 |
| Salaries and wages <br> Number of returns | 114,070,880 | 116,379,376 | 120,844,802 | 119,578,500 | 116,668,680 | -2.4 |
| Amount | 5,155,407,373 | 5,469,370,119 | 5,842,269,820 | 5,950,634,829 | 5,707,088,487 | -4.1 |
| Taxable interest Number of returns | 59,249,357 | 62,401,235 | 64,505,131 | 62,449,609 | 57,811,427 | -7.4 |
| Amount | 162,432,720 | 222,707,445 | 268,058,182 | 223,291,064 | 168,001,234 | -24.8 |
| Tax-exempt interest Number of returns | 4,497,973 | 6,038,822 | 6,321,596 | 6,453,113 | 6,255,546 | -3.1 |
| Amount | 57,693,924 | 72,970,971 | 79,351,341 | 79,821,721 | 73,574,105 | -7.8 |
| Ordinary dividends Number of returns | 31,175,376 | 31,619,775 | 32,006,152 | 31,043,113 | 29,287,816 | -5.7 |
| Amount | 166,482,004 | 199,359,146 | 237,052,127 | 219,330,668 | 163,458,846 | -25.5 |
| Qualified dividends Number of returns | 25,853,686 | 26,584,184 | 27,145,274 | 26,409,275 | 25,412,544 | -3.8 |
| Amount | 118,980,474 | 137,195,800 | 155,872,285 | 158,975,193 | 123,570,203 | -22.3 |
| State income tax refunds Number of returns | 22,110,769 | 22,964,214 | 23,592,999 | 22,819,648 | 23,444,210 | 2.7 |
| Amount | 22,204,760 | 24,206,006 | 27,046,648 | 27,569,478 | 30,314,607 | 10.0 |
| Alimony received Number of returns | 457,488 | 441,514 | 457,308 | 436,700 | 438,103 | 0.3 |
| Amount | 7,979,270 | 8,120,381 | 8,759,334 | 8,779,355 | 8,821,395 | 0.5 |
| Business or profession net income less loss Number of returns | 21,057,329 | 21,656,409 | 22,629,468 | 22,111,687 | 22,111,784 | [6] |
| Amount | 269,701,056 | 281,527,260 | 279,736,260 | 264,234,283 | 244,982,827 | -7.3 |
| Net capital gain less loss Number of returns | 22,040,458 | 22,069,069 | 22,143,812 | 20,409,219 | 19,539,842 | -4.3 |
| Amount | 663,057,140 | 771,045,623 | 895,673,984 | 466,578,810 | 231,187,309 | -50.5 |
| Capital gain distributions reported on Form 1040 Number of returns | 4,155,219 | 4,599,135 | 5,012,429 | 3,321,856 | 750,663 | -77.4 |
| Amount | 4,958,078 | 8,416,731 | 11,981,884 | 2,693,831 | 360,637 | -86.6 |
| Sales of property other than capital assets, net gain less loss Number of returns | 1,777,203 | 1,778,803 | 1,751,136 | 1,722,608 | 1,787,663 | 3.8 |
| Amount | 3,662,932 | 4,201,647 | 4,356,742 | -7,811,362 | -18,027,483 | -130.8 |
| Total IRA distributions Number of returns | 10,024,085 | 10,635,115 | 11,395,793 | 12,052,397 | 10,523,386 | -12.7 |
| Amount | 146,906,503 | 165,503,242 | 189,848,217 | 216,258,321 | 179,131,646 | -17.2 |
| Taxable IRA distributions Number of returns | 9,387,189 | 9,965,065 | 10,683,225 | 11,259,424 | 9,659,133 | -14.2 |
| Amount | 112,277,199 | 124,705,552 | 147,959,327 | 162,150,226 | 135,202,708 | -16.6 |
| Total pensions and annuities Number of returns | 25,352,088 | 26,511,367 | 27,678,148 | 28,011,742 | 28,408,058 | 1.4 |
| Amount | 685,308,391 | 780,831,489 | 851,528,103 | 844,774,212 | 822,742,643 | -2.6 |
| Taxable pensions and annuities Number of returns | 23,247,374 | 24,098,220 | 25,180,637 | 25,540,246 | 26,020,252 | 1.9 |
| Amount | 420,144,855 | 450,454,465 | 490,581,465 | 506,269,008 | 523,295,800 | 3.4 |
| Rents, royalties, partnerships, estates, trusts, etc. Number of returns | 15,510,991 | 15,624,588 | 16,184,703 | 16,273,369 | 16,432,633 | 1.0 |
| Amount | 447,047,895 | 466,087,829 | 453,450,913 | 418,055,577 | 384,952,758 | -7.9 |
| Farm net income less loss Number of returns | 1,981,249 | 1,958,273 | 1,977,943 | 1,948,054 | 1,924,214 | -1.2 |
| Amount | -12,168,786 | -15,331,319 | -14,693,259 | -14,846,610 | -14,095,257 | 5.1 |

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|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Unemployment compensation Number of returns | 7,887,700 | 7,378,438 | 7,622,280 | 9,532,896 | 11,298,837 | 18.5 |
| Amount | 27,857,367 | 26,523,665 | 29,415,079 | 43,674,694 | 83,538,098 | 91.3 |
| Total social security benefits Number of returns | 15,510,458 | 20,609,364 | 22,587,781 | 24,066,883 | 24,589,713 | 2.2 |
| Amount | 252,239,705 | 339,754,476 | 382,324,621 | 415,587,419 | 457,087,273 | 10.0 |
| Taxable social security benefits Number of returns | 12,660,754 | 13,749,185 | 15,011,961 | 15,015,435 | 15,320,332 | 2.0 |
| Amount | 124,829,069 | 144,403,839 | 167,186,633 | 168,110,210 | 174,649,879 | 3.9 |
| Foreign earned income exclusion [2] Number of returns | 303,940 | 329,264 | 343,077 | 371,885 | 396,405 | 6.6 |
| Amount | 16,275,890 | 18,154,653 | 19,888,233 | 22,891,602 | 24,461,966 | 6.9 |
| Net operating loss [2] <br> Number of returns | 862,791 | 916,899 | 922,895 | 920,078 | 1,119,575 | 21.7 |
| Amount | 79,451,741 | 80,795,920 | 86,369,141 | 97,019,034 | 124,079,065 | 27.9 |
| Cancellation of debt [2] <br> Number of returns | N/A | N/A | 271,290 | 341,992 | 490,846 | 43.5 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | 1,881,848 | 4,192,002 | 9,115,329 | 117.4 |
| Gambling earnings [2] <br> Number of returns | 1,809,182 | 1,871,292 | 2,008,658 | 1,889,725 | 1,768,442 | -6.4 |
| Amount | 24,883,528 | 27,902,023 | 30,139,091 | 27,196,828 | 23,775,855 | -12.6 |
| Other income, less loss [2] Number of returns | 6,811,025 | 6,176,952 | 6,607,358 | 6,786,526 | 6,487,936 | -4.4 |
| Amount | 26,863,382 | 29,938,461 | 36,140,255 | 34,267,297 | 31,315,947 | -8.6 |
| Total income Number of returns | 134,114,986 | 137,228,802 | 142,586,333 | 141,788,473 | 140,040,871 | -1.2 |
| Amount | 7,531,892,210 | 8,144,688,302 | 8,810,738,960 | 8,384,459,552 | 7,739,397,945 | -7.7 |
| Educator expenses Number of returns | 3,503,719 | 3,166,931 | 3,654,214 | 3,753,395 | 3,841,466 | 2.3 |
| Amount | 877,796 | 805,568 | 925,997 | 947,072 | 970,392 | 2.5 |
| Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials <br> Number of returns | 100,111 | 120,468 | 135,102 | 129,275 | 142,530 | 10.3 |
| Amount | 285,073 | 368,258 | 420,756 | 416,104 | 558,144 | 34.1 |
| Health savings account deduction Number of returns | 215,781 | 358,968 | 592,526 | 835,619 | 946,436 | 13.3 |
| Amount | 510,690 | 868,560 | 1,500,881 | 2,209,984 | 2,589,379 | 17.2 |
| Moving expenses Number of returns | 1,134,137 | 1,082,576 | 1,119,044 | 1,113,455 | 856,242 | -23.1 |
| Amount | 3,076,563 | 3,159,251 | 2,903,022 | 3,003,231 | 2,099,707 | -30.1 |
| One-half of self-employment tax Number of returns | 16,694,655 | 17,074,708 | 17,840,382 | 17,411,224 | 17,436,420 | 0.1 |
| Amount | 22,733,881 | 23,925,376 | 24,759,998 | 24,286,264 | 23,833,849 | -1.9 |
| Keogh retirement plan Number of returns | 1,256,900 | 1,228,299 | 1,191,135 | 1,010,421 | 922,981 | -8.7 |
| Amount | 21,268,404 | 22,011,551 | 22,262,415 | 20,261,952 | 18,857,129 | -6.9 |
| Self-employed health insurance Number of returns | 3,901,082 | 3,804,190 | 3,838,721 | 3,617,716 | 3,625,543 | 0.2 |
| Amount | 19,645,889 | 20,302,533 | 21,283,306 | 21,193,681 | 21,819,844 | 3.0 |
| Penalty on early withdrawal of savings Number of returns | 805,625 | 1,164,171 | 1,164,446 | 1,310,949 | 1,204,856 | -8.1 |
| Amount | 265,870 | 429,850 | 352,592 | 389,043 | 339,005 | -12.9 |
| Alimony paid adjustment Number of returns | 588,463 | 585,286 | 599,587 | 580,015 | 570,110 | -1.7 |
| Amount | 8,954,038 | 9,115,764 | 9,496,674 | 9,621,349 | 9,844,186 | 2.3 |
| Total taxpayer IRA adjustment Number of returns | 3,256,066 | 3,230,531 | 3,299,773 | 2,739,675 | 2,587,823 | -5.5 |
| Amount | 12,003,037 | 12,533,506 | 12,876,504 | 11,665,532 | 11,215,140 | -3.9 |
| Student loan interest deduction <br> Number of returns | 8,072,896 | 8,540,900 | 9,091,081 | 9,135,508 | 9,718,995 | 6.4 |
| Amount | 5,052,720 | 6,156,865 | 7,463,755 | 7,730,515 | 8,339,817 | 7.9 |
| Tuition and fees deduction Number of returns | 4,696,013 | 4,015,828 | 4,543,382 | 4,576,654 | 2,422,642 | -47.1 |
| Amount | 10,846,990 | 9,620,615 | 10,578,961 | 11,001,733 | 5,453,156 | -50.4 |

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| Domestic production activities deduction Number of returns | 336,959 | 421,128 | 478,999 | 501,755 | 490,677 | -2.2 |
| Amount | 2,360,983 | 3,303,121 | 6,780,483 | 7,011,197 | 5,697,897 | -18.7 |
| Archer MSA deduction Number of returns | 18,808 | 18,668 | 10,972 | 8,921 | 8,464 | -5.1 |
| Amount | 41,341 | 35,106 | 21,748 | 16,796 | 13,056 | -22.3 |
| Foreign housing deductions Number of returns | 2,417 | 3,942 | 5,238 | 6,862 | 7,945 | 15.8 |
| Amount | 70,962 | 83,632 | 98,011 | 129,783 | 135,791 | 4.6 |
| Other adjustments Number of returns | 257,014 | 137,296 | 139,569 | 151,165 | 161,638 | 6.9 |
| Amount | 1,402,311 | 1,073,988 | 1,295,091 | 1,715,146 | 1,200,729 | -30.0 |
| Total statutory adjustments Number of returns | 33,591,124 | 33,980,524 | 36,050,434 | 35,773,805 | 34,764,363 | -2.8 |
| Amount | 109,396,547 | 113,845,357 | 123,020,191 | 121,599,382 | 112,967,222 | -7.1 |
| Adjusted gross income or loss (AGI) Amount | 7,422,495,663 | 8,030,842,945 | 8,687,718,769 | 8,262,860,170 | 7,626,430,723 | -7.7 |
| Total itemized deductions Number of returns | 47,755,427 | 49,123,555 | 50,544,470 | 48,167,223 | 45,695,736 | -5.1 |
| Amount | 1,121,810,935 | 1,229,237,288 | 1,333,036,542 | 1,322,276,380 | 1,203,808,276 | -9.0 |
| Total standard deduction Number of returns | 84,841,222 | 86,583,732 | 90,510,904 | 91,780,792 | 92,268,979 | 0.5 |
| Amount | 580,747,711 | 607,464,186 | 654,181,656 | 695,487,631 | 747,779,539 | 7.5 |
| Basic standard deduction Number of returns | 84,841,222 | 86,583,732 | 90,510,904 | 91,780,792 | 92,268,979 | 0.5 |
| Amount | 564,186,053 | 590,487,763 | 635,824,934 | 663,412,108 | 709,396,730 | 6.9 |
| Additional standard deduction Number of returns | 10,996,440 | 11,261,327 | 11,703,100 | 12,523,644 | 12,740,860 | 1.7 |
| Amount | 16,561,658 | 16,976,422 | 18,356,722 | 19,941,237 | 21,255,341 | 6.6 |
| Real estate tax, new motor vehicle tax, or net disaster loss increase in standard deduction: <br> Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15,723,821 | 20,532,964 | 30.6 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | 11,267,483 | 17,324,744 | 53.8 |
| AGI less deductions Number of returns | 118,115,885 | 120,676,830 | 125,121,755 | 123,533,612 | 121,635,282 | -1.5 |
| Amount | 5,859,016,944 | 6,340,706,374 | 6,871,049,690 | 6,485,665,094 | 5,946,879,328 | -8.3 |
| Number of exemptions | 269,043,070 | 275,256,944 | 282,613,371 | 282,928,837 | 284,239,508 | 0.5 |
| Exemption amount | 839,904,186 | 891,911,609 | 943,171,372 | 980,976,976 | 1,029,070,478 | 4.9 |
| Taxable income Number of returns | 104,330,653 | 106,667,402 | 110,533,209 | 107,994,637 | 104,160,741 | -3.6 |
| Amount | 5,137,165,874 | 5,579,145,443 | 6,063,263,892 | 5,652,925,474 | 5,088,387,918 | -10.0 |
| Capital construction fund reduction Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10,798 | 2,400 | -77.8 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | 81,185 | 50,659 | -37.6 |
| Tax from table, rate schedules, etc. Number of returns | 104,321,332 | 106,658,774 | 110,522,670 | 107,149,531 | 103,467,697 | -3.4 |
| Amount | 972,706,955 | 1,061,247,534 | 1,155,415,243 | 1,081,261,635 | 953,412,098 | -11.8 |
| Additional taxes Number of returns | 10,595 | 12,787 | 13,249 | 13,735 | 11,396 | -17.0 |
| Amount | 23,740 | 43,250 | 13,823 | 21,864 | 32,714 | 49.6 |
| Alternative minimum tax Number of returns | 4,004,756 | 3,966,540 | 4,108,964 | 3,935,248 | 3,827,562 | -2.7 |
| Amount | 17,421,071 | 21,564,586 | 24,109,512 | 25,649,084 | 22,579,779 | -12.0 |
| Income tax before credits Number of returns | 104,345,964 | 106,688,255 | 110,547,299 | 107,201,197 | 103,502,636 | -3.5 |
| Amount | 990,151,766 | 1,082,855,370 | 1,179,538,578 | 1,106,932,583 | 976,024,591 | -11.8 |
| Child care credit Number of returns | 6,500,596 | 6,466,792 | 6,491,844 | 6,587,103 | 6,286,241 | -4.6 |
| Amount | 3,462,104 | 3,486,637 | 3,483,152 | 3,526,697 | 3,317,379 | -5.9 |
| Credit for elderly or disabled Number of returns | 101,627 | 98,261 | 89,767 | 75,488 | 63,526 | -15.8 |
| Amount | 14,127 | 14,571 | 12,469 | 10,070 | 8,235 | -18.2 |
| Education credits Number of returns | 7,057,251 | 7,725,138 | 7,435,044 | 7,740,979 | 10,598,706 | 36.9 |
| Amount | 6,119,631 | 7,022,420 | 6,910,412 | 7,632,594 | 10,836,636 | 42.0 |

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| Residential energy credit Number of returns | N/A | 4,344,189 | 4,326,398 | 225,733 | 6,711,683 | 2873.3 |
| Amount | N/A | 1,000,149 | 1,007,577 | 216,687 | 5,822,875 | 2587.2 |
| Foreign tax credit <br> Number of returns | 5,398,046 | 6,418,317 | 7,642,644 | 6,708,279 | 6,309,847 | -5.9 |
| Amount | 9,361,989 | 10,958,470 | 15,435,196 | 16,572,321 | 13,060,099 | -21.2 |
| Child tax credit <br> Number of returns | 25,950,568 | 25,741,511 | 25,889,333 | 25,173,769 | 23,563,012 | -6.4 |
| Amount | 32,047,620 | 31,741,551 | 31,556,282 | 30,537,638 | 28,416,808 | -6.9 |
| Retirement savings contributions credit Number of returns | 5,293,605 | 5,192,133 | 5,862,206 | 5,961,299 | 6,253,195 | 4.9 |
| Amount | 944,531 | 893,957 | 976,846 | 977,386 | 1,039,726 | 6.4 |
| Mortgage interest credit Number of returns | 48,221 | 48,897 | 33,185 | 39,094 | 44,686 | 14.3 |
| Amount | 55,771 | 48,366 | 37,432 | 43,319 | 44,182 | 2.0 |
| Adoption credit Number of returns | 84,793 | 93,369 | 94,128 | 88,628 | 80,676 | -9.0 |
| Amount | 319,558 | 351,184 | 396,039 | 353,493 | 278,451 | -21.2 |
| General business credit Number of returns | 251,386 | 386,681 | 230,821 | 303,756 | 292,508 | -3.7 |
| Amount | 877,850 | 1,302,464 | 845,539 | 1,649,280 | 1,601,155 | -2.9 |
| Prior year minimum tax credit Number of returns | 290,376 | 359,098 | 395,359 | 415,592 | 319,646 | -23.1 |
| Amount | 1,081,252 | 1,032,247 | 1,034,675 | 945,226 | 758,965 | -19.7 |
| Alternative motor vehicle credit Number of returns | N/A | 25,300 | 157,814 | 31,803 | 75,752 | 138.2 |
| Amount | N/A | 50,035 | 184,661 | 48,798 | 137,329 | 181.4 |
| Qualified electric vehicle credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3,241 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,521 | [7] |
| Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,006 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,820 | [7] |
| Qualified plug-in electric vehicle credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 22,571 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 129,372 | [7] |
| Total credits [3] <br> Number of returns | 40,526,374 | 44,397,533 | 46,084,671 | 42,392,934 | 46,444,316 | 9.6 |
| Amount | 54,571,100 | 58,141,809 | 62,630,766 | 62,626,419 | 65,472,703 | 4.5 |
| Income tax after credits Number of returns | 92,343,186 | 94,509,890 | 98,369,138 | 95,188,516 | 90,699,226 | -4.7 |
| Amount | 935,580,666 | 1,024,713,561 | 1,116,907,812 | 1,044,306,164 | 910,551,888 | -12.8 |
| Self-employment tax Number of returns | 16,694,655 | 17,074,708 | 17,840,382 | 17,411,224 | 17,436,420 | 0.1 |
| Amount | 45,459,427 | 47,842,244 | 49,511,062 | 48,564,239 | 47,659,080 | -1.9 |
| Recapture taxes Number of returns | 15,206 | 12,536 | 17,924 | 18,909 | 16,492 | -12.8 |
| Amount | 299,191 | 320,788 | 413,740 | 372,938 | 189,944 | -49.1 |
| Social security, Medicare tax on tip income not reported Number of returns | 335,818 | 355,457 | 194,630 | 178,990 | 164,103 | -8.3 |
| Amount | 79,220 | 73,109 | 30,331 | 26,725 | 22,743 | -14.9 |
| Tax on qualified retirement plans <br> Number of returns | 4,822,297 | 5,148,030 | 5,550,175 | 5,734,262 | 5,874,254 | 2.4 |
| Amount | 3,820,152 | 4,347,720 | 5,004,547 | 5,273,134 | 5,312,413 | 0.7 |
| Advanced earned income credit payments Number of returns | 122,078 | 129,124 | 138,647 | 140,253 | 123,251 | -12.1 |
| Amount | 58,167 | 62,149 | 69,336 | 78,248 | 75,501 | -3.5 |
| Household employment taxes Number of returns | 228,381 | 225,441 | 222,146 | 218,804 | 207,338 | -5.2 |
| Amount | 936,858 | 917,524 | 914,059 | 966,299 | 1,039,678 | 7.6 |
| Total tax liability [4] Number of returns | 99,880,223 | 102,363,945 | 106,650,214 | 103,776,175 | 100,148,024 | -3.5 |
| Amount | 986,460,793 | 1,078,601,440 | 1,173,264,964 | 1,100,039,736 | 965,374,801 | -12.2 |

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Dollars-Continued
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| Item [1] | Current dollars |  |  |  |  | Percent change, 2008 to 2009 |
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|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Income tax withheld Number of returns | 118,161,380 | 120,500,889 | 125,583,890 | 124,388,369 | 120,134,277 | -3.4 |
| Amount | 782,659,594 | 843,094,979 | 912,563,316 | 932,116,047 | 827,302,476 | -11.2 |
| Estimated tax payments Number of returns | 11,053,213 | 11,128,072 | 11,523,634 | 11,153,666 | 10,139,259 | -9.1 |
| Amount | 221,001,524 | 252,998,613 | 284,119,655 | 285,930,452 | 224,536,503 | -21.5 |
| Making work pay credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 100,994,053 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 50,687,027 | [7] |
| Earned income credit Number of returns | 22,751,904 | 23,042,200 | 24,583,940 | 24,756,744 | 27,041,498 | 9.2 |
| Amount | 42,410,290 | 44,387,566 | 48,539,994 | 50,669,263 | 59,239,462 | 16.9 |
| Nontaxable combat pay election Number of returns | 21,973 | 8,323 | 6,642 | 10,590 | 22,029 | 108.0 |
| Amount | 328,268 | 90,997 | 109,650 | 139,757 | 341,179 | 144.1 |
| Additional child tax credit Number of returns | 15,219,712 | 15,590,592 | 15,884,285 | 18,160,498 | 21,290,682 | 17.2 |
| Amount | 15,495,160 | 16,248,889 | 16,690,219 | 20,426,787 | 27,499,364 | 34.6 |
| Refundable education credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8,836,029 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7,612,351 | [7] |
| Payment with an extension request Number of returns | 1,627,572 | 1,758,125 | 1,773,576 | 1,486,081 | 1,304,953 | -12.2 |
| Amount | 77,833,848 | 86,530,919 | 96,167,969 | 65,144,561 | 49,625,940 | -23.8 |
| Excess social security tax withheld Number of returns | 1,383,240 | 1,443,437 | 1,544,389 | 1,464,021 | 1,105,071 | -24.5 |
| Amount | 2,023,314 | 2,288,807 | 2,519,084 | 2,468,691 | 1,930,124 | -21.8 |
| Other payments: <br> Form 2439 <br> Number of returns | 19,812 | 84,547 | 39,521 | 90,333 | 8,658 | -90.4 |
| Amount | 52,976 | 52,199 | 119,959 | 145,091 | 35,695 | -75.4 |
| Form 4136 <br> Number of returns | 340,769 | 318,754 | 305,765 | 317,783 | 323,330 | 1.7 |
| Amount | 101,712 | 85,905 | 88,950 | 95,267 | 93,907 | -1.4 |
| Form 8885 <br> Number of returns | 13,380 | 22,397 | 22,550 | 8,749 | 11,836 | 35.3 |
| Amount | 27,078 | 27,567 | 39,343 | 23,039 | 36,989 | 60.5 |
| Refundable prior year minimum tax credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | 151,643 | 288,093 | 240,844 | -16.4 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | 508,074 | 2,508,066 | 2,557,056 | 2.0 |
| First-time homebuyer credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,203,566 | 1,380,392 | 14.7 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8,373,054 | 9,763,743 | 16.6 |
| Total payments Number of returns | 126,781,067 | 134,948,299 | 135,128,289 | 135,007,847 | 132,753,706 | -1.7 |
| Amount | 1,141,605,497 | 1,249,879,508 | 1,361,454,082 | 1,379,724,464 | 1,261,563,761 | -8.6 |
| Overpayment, total Number of returns | 104,778,359 | 109,915,823 | 110,611,578 | 114,698,578 | 112,382,258 | -2.0 |
| Amount | 272,110,056 | 295,796,995 | 316,924,652 | 378,739,410 | 381,458,887 | 0.7 |
| Overpayment refunded Number of returns | 101,870,385 | 107,001,071 | 107,687,030 | 111,683,923 | 109,402,781 | -2.0 |
| Amount | 232,975,616 | 250,941,390 | 267,872,391 | 324,121,135 | 333,096,000 | 2.8 |
| Refund credited to next year Number of returns | 4,055,960 | 3,978,421 | 4,061,974 | 4,861,285 | 4,612,597 | -5.1 |
| Amount | 39,134,446 | 44,855,606 | 49,052,261 | 54,618,276 | 48,362,887 | -11.5 |
| Tax due at time of filing Number of returns | 25,659,937 | 26,694,105 | 28,599,646 | 22,714,746 | 22,356,865 | -1.6 |
| Amount | 118,232,296 | 126,289,889 | 130,607,837 | 100,277,626 | 86,129,753 | -14.1 |
| Tax penalty Number of returns | 5,882,477 | 6,496,924 | 7,549,807 | 6,355,582 | 6,548,380 | 3.0 |
| Amount | 1,266,944 | 1,770,962 | 1,872,302 | 1,222,944 | 859,826 | -29.7 |

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|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| All returns | 134,372,678 | 138,394,754 | ** 142,978,806 | 142,450,569 | 140,494,127 | -1.4 |
| Electronically filed returns | 73,471,852 | 80,095,643 | 87,851,490 | 95,243,204 | 98,358,434 | 3.3 |
| Form 1040 returns | 81,497,559 | 83,805,545 | 86,300,563 | 84,317,993 | 84,144,965 | -0.2 |
| Electronically filed returns | 39,465,536 | 43,470,129 | 47,982,634 | 51,906,024 | 54,252,971 | 4.5 |
| Form 1040A returns | 31,326,141 | 32,018,556 | 33,507,223 | 36,280,305 | 39,563,588 | 9.0 |
| Electronically filed returns | 22,224,396 | 23,888,067 | 25,420,635 | 28,761,499 | 32,862,236 | 14.3 |
| Form 1040EZ returns | 21,548,977 | * 22,570,653 | 23,171,020 | 21,852,270 | 16,785,574 | -23.2 |
| Electronically filed returns | 11,781,921 | 12,737,447 | 14,448,221 | 14,575,681 | 11,243,227 | -22.9 |
| Salaries and wages <br> Number of returns | 114,070,880 | 116,379,376 | 120,844,802 | 119,578,500 | 116,668,680 | -2.4 |
| Amount | 3,450,741,214 | 3,546,932,632 | 3,683,650,580 | 3,613,014,468 | 3,477,811,388 | -3.7 |
| Taxable interest Number of returns | 59,249,357 | 62,401,235 | 64,505,131 | 62,449,609 | 57,811,427 | -7.4 |
| Amount | 108,723,373 | 144,427,656 | 169,015,247 | 135,574,417 | 102,377,352 | -24.5 |
| Tax-exempt interest Number of returns | 4,497,973 | 6,038,822 | 6,321,596 | 6,453,113 | 6,255,546 | -3.1 |
| Amount | 38,617,084 | 47,322,290 | 50,032,371 | 48,464,919 | 44,834,921 | -7.5 |
| Ordinary dividends Number of returns | 31,175,376 | 31,619,775 | 32,006,152 | 31,043,113 | 29,287,816 | -5.7 |
| Amount | 111,433,738 | 129,286,087 | 149,465,402 | 133,169,804 | 99,609,291 | -25.2 |
| Qualified dividends Number of returns | 25,853,686 | 26,584,184 | 27,145,274 | 26,409,275 | 25,412,544 | -3.8 |
| Amount | 79,638,871 | 88,972,633 | 98,280,129 | 96,524,100 | 75,301,769 | -22.0 |
| State income tax refunds Number of returns | 22,110,769 | 22,964,214 | 23,592,999 | 22,819,648 | 23,444,210 | 2.7 |
| Amount | 14,862,624 | 15,697,799 | 17,053,372 | 16,739,209 | 18,473,252 | 10.4 |
| Alimony received Number of returns | 457,488 | 441,514 | 457,308 | 436,700 | 438,103 | 0.3 |
| Amount | 5,340,877 | 5,266,136 | 5,522,909 | 5,330,513 | 5,375,622 | 0.8 |
| Business or profession net income less loss Number of returns | 21,057,329 | 21,656,409 | 22,629,468 | 22,111,687 | 22,111,784 | [6] |
| Amount | 180,522,795 | 182,572,802 | 176,378,474 | 160,433,687 | 149,288,743 | -6.9 |
| Net capital gain less loss Number of returns | 22,040,458 | 22,069,069 | 22,143,812 | 20,409,219 | 19,539,842 | -4.3 |
| Amount | 443,813,347 | 500,029,587 | 564,737,695 | 283,290,109 | 140,881,968 | -50.3 |
| Capital gain distributions reported on Form 1040 Number of returns | 4,155,219 | 4,599,135 | 5,012,429 | 3,321,856 | 750,663 | -77.4 |
| Amount | 3,318,660 | 5,458,321 | 7,554,782 | 1,635,599 | 219,767 | -86.6 |
| Sales of property other than capital assets, net gain less loss Number of returns | 1,777,203 | 1,778,803 | 1,751,136 | 1,722,608 | 1,787,663 | 3.8 |
| Amount | 2,451,762 | 2,724,804 | 2,747,000 | -4,742,782 | -10,985,669 | -131.6 |
| Total IRA distributions Number of returns | 10,024,085 | 10,635,115 | 11,395,793 | 12,052,397 | 10,523,386 | -12.7 |
| Amount | 98,330,993 | 107,330,248 | 119,702,533 | 131,304,384 | 109,160,052 | -16.9 |
| Taxable IRA distributions Number of returns | 9,387,189 | 9,965,065 | 10,683,225 | 11,259,424 | 9,659,133 | -14.2 |
| Amount | 75,152,074 | 80,872,602 | 93,290,875 | 98,451,868 | 82,390,438 | -16.3 |
| Total pensions and annuities Number of returns | 25,352,088 | 26,511,367 | 27,678,148 | 28,011,742 | 28,408,058 | 1.4 |
| Amount | 458,707,089 | 506,375,804 | 536,902,965 | 512,916,947 | 501,366,632 | -2.3 |
| Taxable pensions and annuities Number of returns | 23,247,374 | 24,098,220 | 25,180,637 | 25,540,246 | 26,020,252 | 1.9 |
| Amount | 281,221,456 | 292,123,518 | 309,319,965 | 307,388,590 | 318,888,361 | 3.7 |
| Rents, royalties, partnerships, estates, trusts, etc. <br> Number of returns | 15,510,991 | 15,624,588 | 16,184,703 | 16,273,369 | 16,432,633 | 1.0 |
| Amount | 299,228,845 | 302,261,887 | 285,908,520 | 253,828,523 | 234,584,252 | -7.6 |
| Farm net income less loss Number of returns | 1,981,249 | 1,958,273 | 1,977,943 | 1,948,054 | 1,924,214 | -1.2 |
| Amount | -8,145,104 | -9,942,490 | -9,264,350 | -9,014,335 | -8,589,431 | 4.7 |

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|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| Unemployment compensation Number of returns | 7,887,700 | 7,378,438 | 7,622,280 | 9,532,896 | 11,298,837 | 18.5 |
| Amount | 18,646,163 | 17,200,820 | 18,546,708 | 26,517,726 | 50,906,824 | 92.0 |
| Total social security benefits Number of returns | 15,510,458 | 20,609,364 | 22,587,781 | 24,066,883 | 24,589,713 | 2.2 |
| Amount | 168,835,144 | 220,333,642 | 241,062,182 | 252,329,945 | 278,541,909 | 10.4 |
| Taxable social security benefits Number of returns | 12,660,754 | 13,749,185 | 15,011,961 | 15,015,435 | 15,320,332 | 2.0 |
| Amount | 83,553,594 | 93,647,107 | 105,414,018 | 102,070,559 | 106,428,933 | 4.3 |
| Foreign earned income exclusion [2] Number of returns | 303,940 | 329,264 | 343,077 | 371,885 | 396,405 | 6.6 |
| Amount | 10,894,170 | 11,773,446 | 12,539,869 | 13,898,969 | 14,906,743 | 7.3 |
| Net operating loss [2] <br> Number of returns | 862,791 | 916,899 | 922,895 | 920,078 | 1,119,575 | 21.7 |
| Amount | 53,180,550 | 52,396,835 | 54,457,214 | 58,906,517 | 75,611,862 | 28.4 |
| Cancellation of debt [2] <br> Number of returns | N/A | N/A | 271,290 | 341,992 | 490,846 | 43.5 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | 1,186,537 | 2,545,235 | 5,554,740 | 118.2 |
| Gambling earnings [2] Number of returns | 1,809,182 | 1,871,292 | 2,008,658 | 1,889,725 | 1,768,442 | -6.4 |
| Amount | 16,655,641 | 18,094,697 | 19,003,210 | 16,512,950 | 14,488,638 | -12.3 |
| Other income, less loss [2] Number of returns | 6,811,025 | 6,176,952 | 6,607,358 | 6,786,526 | 6,487,936 | -4.4 |
| Amount | 17,980,845 | 19,415,344 | 22,787,046 | 20,805,888 | 19,083,453 | -8.3 |
| Total income Number of returns | 134,114,986 | 137,228,802 | 142,586,333 | 141,788,473 | 140,040,871 | -1.2 |
| Amount | 5,041,427,182 | 5,281,899,029 | 5,555,320,908 | 5,090,746,540 | 4,716,269,314 | -7.4 |
| Educator expenses Number of returns | 3,503,719 | 3,166,931 | 3,654,214 | 3,753,395 | 3,841,466 | 2.3 |
| Amount | 587,548 | 522,418 | 583,857 | 575,029 | 591,342 | 2.8 |
| Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials <br> Number of returns | 100,111 | 120,468 | 135,102 | 129,275 | 142,530 | 10.3 |
| Amount | 190,812 | 238,818 | 265,294 | 252,644 | 340,124 | 34.6 |
| Health savings account deduction Number of returns | 215,781 | 358,968 | 592,526 | 835,619 | 946,436 | 13.3 |
| Amount | 341,827 | 563,268 | 946,331 | 1,341,824 | 1,577,927 | 17.6 |
| Moving expenses Number of returns | 1,134,137 | 1,082,576 | 1,119,044 | 1,113,455 | 856,242 | -23.1 |
| Amount | 2,059,279 | 2,048,801 | 1,830,405 | 1,823,455 | 1,279,529 | -29.8 |
| One-half of self-employment tax Number of returns | 16,694,655 | 17,074,708 | 17,840,382 | 17,411,224 | 17,436,420 | 0.1 |
| Amount | 15,216,788 | 15,515,808 | 15,611,600 | 14,745,758 | 14,523,979 | -1.5 |
| Keogh retirement plan Number of returns | 1,256,900 | 1,228,299 | 1,191,135 | 1,010,421 | 922,981 | -8.7 |
| Amount | 14,235,880 | 14,274,676 | 14,036,832 | 12,302,339 | 11,491,243 | -6.6 |
| Self-employed health insurance Number of returns | 3,901,082 | 3,804,190 | 3,838,721 | 3,617,716 | 3,625,543 | 0.2 |
| Amount | 13,149,859 | 13,166,364 | 13,419,487 | 12,868,052 | 13,296,675 | 3.3 |
| Penalty on early withdrawal of savings Number of returns | 805,625 | 1,164,171 | 1,164,446 | 1,310,949 | 1,204,856 | -8.1 |
| Amount | 177,959 | 278,761 | 222,315 | 236,213 | 206,584 | -12.5 |
| Alimony paid adjustment Number of returns | 588,463 | 585,286 | 599,587 | 580,015 | 570,110 | -1.7 |
| Amount | 5,993,332 | 5,911,650 | 5,987,815 | 5,841,742 | 5,998,895 | 2.7 |
| Total taxpayer IRA adjustment Number of returns | 3,256,066 | 3,230,531 | 3,299,773 | 2,739,675 | 2,587,823 | -5.5 |
| Amount | 8,034,161 | 8,128,084 | 8,118,855 | 7,082,897 | 6,834,333 | -3.5 |
| Student loan interest deduction Number of returns | 8,072,896 | 8,540,900 | 9,091,081 | 9,135,508 | 9,718,995 | 6.4 |
| Amount | 3,382,008 | 3,992,779 | 4,706,025 | 4,693,695 | 5,082,155 | 8.3 |
| Tuition and fees deduction Number of returns | 4,696,013 | 4,015,828 | 4,543,382 | 4,576,654 | 2,422,642 | -47.1 |
| Amount | 7,260,368 | 6,239,050 | 6,670,215 | 6,679,862 | 3,323,069 | -50.3 |

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|  | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| Domestic production activities deduction <br> Number of returns | 336,959 | 421,128 | 478,999 | 501,755 | 490,677 | -2.2 |
| Amount | 1,580,310 | 2,142,102 | 4,275,210 | 4,256,950 | 3,472,210 | -18.4 |
| Archer MSA deduction <br> Number of returns | 18,808 | 18,668 | 10,972 | 8,921 | 8,464 | -5.1 |
| Amount | 27,671 | 22,767 | 13,712 | 10,198 | 7,956 | -22.0 |
| Foreign housing deductions Number of returns | 2,417 | 3,942 | 5,238 | 6,862 | 7,945 | 15.8 |
| Amount | 47,498 | 54,236 | 61,798 | 78,800 | 82,749 | 5.0 |
| Other adjustments Number of returns | 257,014 | 137,296 | 139,569 | 151,165 | 161,638 | 6.9 |
| Amount | 938,629 | 696,490 | 816,577 | 1,041,376 | 731,706 | -29.7 |
| Total statutory adjustments Number of returns | 33,591,124 | 33,980,524 | 36,050,434 | 35,773,805 | 34,764,363 | -2.8 |
| Amount | 73,223,927 | 73,829,674 | 77,566,325 | 73,830,833 | 68,840,477 | -6.8 |
| Adjusted gross income or loss (AGI) Amount | 4,968,203,255 | 5,208,069,355 | 5,477,754,583 | 5,016,915,707 | 4,647,428,838 | -7.4 |
| Total itemized deductions Number of returns | 47,755,427 | 49,123,555 | 50,544,470 | 48,167,223 | 45,695,736 | -5.1 |
| Amount | 750,877,467 | 797,170,744 | 840,502,233 | 802,839,332 | 733,582,130 | -8.6 |
| Total standard deduction Number of returns | 84,841,222 | 86,583,732 | 90,510,904 | 91,780,792 | 92,268,979 | 0.5 |
| Amount | 388,720,021 | 393,945,646 | 412,472,671 | 422,275,429 | 455,685,277 | 7.9 |
| Basic standard deduction Number of returns | 84,841,222 | 86,583,732 | 90,510,904 | 91,780,792 | 92,268,979 | 0.5 |
| Amount | 377,634,574 | 382,936,292 | 400,898,445 | 402,800,308 | 432,295,387 | 7.3 |
| Additional standard deduction <br> Number of returns | 10,996,440 | 11,261,327 | 11,703,100 | 12,523,644 | 12,740,860 | 1.7 |
| Amount | 11,085,447 | 11,009,353 | 11,574,226 | 12,107,612 | 12,952,676 | 7.0 |
| Real estate tax, new motor vehicle tax, or net disaster loss increase in standard deduction: <br> Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15,723,821 | 20,532,964 | 30.6 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | 6,841,216 | 10,557,431 | 54.3 |
| AGI less deductions Number of returns | 118,115,885 | 120,676,830 | 125,121,755 | 123,533,612 | 121,635,282 | -1.5 |
| Amount | 3,921,698,088 | 4,112,001,540 | 4,332,313,802 | 3,937,865,874 | 3,623,936,215 | -8.0 |
| Number of exemptions | 269,043,070 | 275,256,944 | 282,613,371 | 282,928,837 | 284,239,508 | 0.5 |
| Exemption amount | 562,184,863 | 578,412,198 | 594,685,607 | 595,614,436 | 627,099,621 | 5.3 |
| Taxable income <br> Number of returns | 104,330,653 | 106,667,402 | 110,533,209 | 107,994,637 | 104,160,741 | -3.6 |
| Amount | 3,438,531,375 | 3,618,122,855 | 3,822,991,105 | 3,432,255,904 | 3,100,784,837 | -9.7 |
| Capital construction fund reduction Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10,798 | 2,400 | -77.8 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | 49,293 | 30,871 | -37.4 |
| Tax from table, rate schedules, etc. Number of returns | 104,321,332 | 106,658,774 | 110,522,670 | 107,149,531 | 103,467,697 | -3.4 |
| Amount | 651,075,606 | 688,227,973 | 728,508,980 | 656,503,725 | 580,994,575 | -11.5 |
| Additional taxes Number of returns | 10,595 | 12,787 | 13,249 | 13,735 | 11,396 | -17.0 |
| Amount | 15,890 | 28,048 | 8,716 | 13,275 | 19,935 | 50.2 |
| Alternative minimum tax Number of returns | 4,004,756 | 3,966,540 | 4,108,964 | 3,935,248 | 3,827,562 | -2.7 |
| Amount | 11,660,690 | 13,984,816 | 15,201,458 | 15,573,214 | 13,759,768 | -11.6 |
| Income tax before credits Number of returns | 104,345,964 | 106,688,255 | 110,547,299 | 107,201,197 | 103,502,636 | -3.5 |
| Amount | 662,752,186 | 702,240,837 | 743,719,154 | 672,090,214 | 594,774,278 | -11.5 |
| Child care credit Number of returns | 6,500,596 | 6,466,792 | 6,491,844 | 6,587,103 | 6,286,241 | -4.6 |
| Amount | 2,317,339 | 2,261,113 | 2,196,187 | 2,141,285 | 2,021,559 | -5.6 |
| Credit for elderly or disabled Number of returns | 101,627 | 98,261 | 89,767 | 75,488 | 63,526 | -15.8 |
| Amount | 9,456 | 9,449 | 7,862 | 6,114 | 5,018 | -17.9 |
| Education credits Number of returns | 7,057,251 | 7,725,138 | 7,435,044 | 7,740,979 | 10,598,706 | 36.9 |
| Amount | 4,096,139 | 4,554,099 | 4,357,132 | 4,634,240 | 6,603,678 | 42.5 |

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|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| Residential energy credit Number of returns | N/A | 4,344,189 | 4,326,398 | 225,733 | 6,711,683 | 2873.3 |
| Amount | N/A | 648,605 | 635,294 | 131,565 | 3,548,370 | 2597.1 |
| Foreign tax credit Number of returns | 5,398,046 | 6,418,317 | 7,642,644 | 6,708,279 | 6,309,847 | -5.9 |
| Amount | 6,266,392 | 7,106,660 | 9,732,154 | 10,062,126 | 7,958,622 | -20.9 |
| Child tax credit Number of returns | 25,950,568 | 25,741,511 | 25,889,333 | 25,173,769 | 23,563,012 | -6.4 |
| Amount | 21,450,884 | 20,584,663 | 19,896,773 | 18,541,371 | 17,316,763 | -6.6 |
| Retirement savings contributions credit Number of returns | 5,293,605 | 5,192,133 | 5,862,206 | 5,961,299 | 6,253,195 | 4.9 |
| Amount | 632,216 | 579,739 | 615,918 | 593,434 | 633,593 | 6.8 |
| Mortgage interest credit Number of returns | 48,221 | 48,897 | 33,185 | 39,094 | 44,686 | 14.3 |
| Amount | 37,330 | 31,366 | 23,602 | 26,302 | 26,924 | 2.4 |
| Adoption credit <br> Number of returns | 84,793 | 93,369 | 94,128 | 88,628 | 80,676 | -9.0 |
| Amount | 213,894 | 227,746 | 249,709 | 214,628 | 169,684 | -20.9 |
| General business credit Number of returns | 251,386 | 386,681 | 230,821 | 303,756 | 292,508 | -3.7 |
| Amount | 587,584 | 844,659 | 533,127 | 1,001,384 | 975,719 | -2.6 |
| Prior year minimum tax credit <br> Number of returns | 290,376 | 359,098 | 395,359 | 415,592 | 319,646 | -23.1 |
| Amount | 723,730 | 669,421 | 652,380 | 573,908 | 462,502 | -19.4 |
| Alternative motor vehicle credit <br> Number of returns | N/A | 25,300 | 157,814 | 31,803 | 75,752 | 138.2 |
| Amount | N/A | 32,448 | 116,432 | 29,628 | 83,686 | 182.5 |
| Qualified electric vehicle credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3,241 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,536 | [7] |
| Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,006 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,109 | [7] |
| Qualified plug-in electric vehicle credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 22,571 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 78,837 | [7] |
| Total credits [3] <br> Number of returns | 40,526,374 | 44,397,533 | 46,084,671 | 42,392,934 | 46,444,316 | 9.6 |
| Amount | 36,526,841 | 37,705,453 | 39,489,764 | 38,024,541 | 39,898,052 | 4.9 |
| Income tax after credits Number of returns | 92,343,186 | 94,509,890 | 98,369,138 | 95,188,516 | 90,699,226 | -4.7 |
| Amount | 626,225,345 | 664,535,383 | 704,229,390 | 634,065,673 | 554,876,227 | -12.5 |
| Self-employment tax Number of returns | 16,694,655 | 17,074,708 | 17,840,382 | 17,411,224 | 17,436,420 | 0.1 |
| Amount | 30,427,997 | 31,026,099 | 31,217,567 | 29,486,484 | 29,042,706 | -1.5 |
| Recapture taxes <br> Number of returns | 15,206 | 12,536 | 17,924 | 18,909 | 16,492 | -12.8 |
| Amount | 200,262 | 208,034 | 260,870 | 226,435 | 115,749 | -48.9 |
| Social security, Medicare tax on tip income not reported Number of returns | 335,818 | 355,457 | 194,630 | 178,990 | 164,103 | -8.3 |
| Amount | 53,025 | 47,412 | 19,124 | 16,226 | 13,859 | -14.6 |
| Tax on qualified retirement plans Number of returns | 4,822,297 | 5,148,030 | 5,550,175 | 5,734,262 | 5,874,254 | 2.4 |
| Amount | 2,556,996 | 2,819,533 | 3,155,452 | 3,201,660 | 3,237,302 | 1.1 |
| Advanced earned income credit payments Number of returns | 122,078 | 129,124 | 138,647 | 140,253 | 123,251 | -12.1 |
| Amount | 38,934 | 40,304 | 43,718 | 47,509 | 46,009 | -3.2 |
| Household employment taxes <br> Number of returns | 228,381 | 225,441 | 222,146 | 218,804 | 207,338 | -5.2 |
| Amount | 627,080 | 595,022 | 576,330 | 586,702 | 633,564 | 8.0 |
| Total tax liability [4] Number of returns | 99,880,223 | 102,363,945 | 106,650,214 | 103,776,175 | 100,148,024 | -3.5 |
| Amount | 660,281,655 | 699,482,127 | 739,763,533 | 667,905,122 | 588,284,461 | -11.9 |

Footnotes at end of table.

Table A. Selected Income and Tax Items, Tax Years 2005-2009, in Current and Constant 1990 Dollars-Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples-money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

| Item [1] | Constant 1990 dollars [5] |  |  |  |  | Percent change, 2008 to 2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| Income tax withheld <br> Number of returns | 118,161,380 | 120,500,889 | 125,583,890 | 124,388,369 | 120,134,277 | -3.4 |
| Amount | 523,868,537 | 546,754,202 | 575,386,706 | 565,947,812 | 504,145,324 | -10.9 |
| Estimated tax payments Number of returns | 11,053,213 | 11,128,072 | 11,523,634 | 11,153,666 | 10,139,259 | -9.1 |
| Amount | 147,926,054 | 164,071,733 | 179,142,279 | 173,606,832 | 136,829,069 | -21.2 |
| Making work pay credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 100,994,053 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30,887,890 | [7] |
| Earned income credit Number of returns | 22,751,904 | 23,042,200 | 24,583,940 | 24,756,744 | 27,041,498 | 9.2 |
| Amount | 28,387,075 | 28,785,711 | 30,605,293 | 30,764,580 | 36,099,611 | 17.3 |
| Nontaxable combat pay election Number of returns | 21,973 | 8,323 | 6,642 | 10,590 | 22,029 | 108.0 |
| Amount | 219,724 | 59,012 | 69,136 | 84,855 | 207,909 | 145.0 |
| Additional child tax credit Number of returns | 15,219,712 | 15,590,592 | 15,884,285 | 18,160,498 | 21,290,682 | 17.2 |
| Amount | 10,371,593 | 10,537,542 | 10,523,467 | 12,402,421 | 16,757,687 | 35.1 |
| Refundable education credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8,836,029 | [7] |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4,638,849 | [7] |
| Payment with an extension request Number of returns | 1,627,572 | 1,758,125 | 1,773,576 | 1,486,081 | 1,304,953 | -12.2 |
| Amount | 52,097,622 | 56,116,030 | 60,635,542 | 39,553,468 | 30,241,280 | -23.5 |
| Excess social security tax withheld Number of returns | 1,383,240 | 1,443,437 | 1,544,389 | 1,464,021 | 1,105,071 | -24.5 |
| Amount | 1,354,293 | 1,484,311 | 1,588,325 | 1,498,902 | 1,176,188 | -21.5 |
| Other payments: <br> Form 2439 <br> Number of returns | 19,812 | 84,547 | 39,521 | 90,333 | 8,658 | -90.4 |
| Amount | 35,459 | 33,851 | 75,636 | 88,094 | 21,752 | -75.3 |
| Form 4136 <br> Number of returns | 340,769 | 318,754 | 305,765 | 317,783 | 323,330 | 1.7 |
| Amount | 68,080 | 55,710 | 56,084 | 57,843 | 57,225 | -1.1 |
| Form 8885 <br> Number of returns | 13,380 | 22,397 | 22,550 | 8,749 | 11,836 | 35.3 |
| Amount | 18,124 | 17,877 | 24,806 | 13,988 | 22,541 | 61.1 |
| Refundable prior year minimum tax credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | 151,643 | 288,093 | 240,844 | -16.4 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | 320,349 | 1,522,809 | 1,558,230 | 2.3 |
| First-time homebuyer credit Number of returns | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,203,566 | 1,380,392 | 14.7 |
| Amount | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5,083,821 | 5,949,874 | 17.0 |
| Total payments Number of returns | 126,781,067 | 134,948,299 | 135,128,289 | 135,007,847 | 132,753,706 | -1.7 |
| Amount | 764,126,839 | 810,557,398 | 858,419,976 | 837,719,772 | 768,777,429 | -8.2 |
| Overpayment, total Number of returns | 104,778,359 | 109,915,823 | 110,611,578 | 114,698,578 | 112,382,258 | -2.0 |
| Amount | 182,135,245 | 191,826,845 | 199,826,388 | 229,957,140 | 232,455,141 | 1.1 |
| Overpayment refunded Number of returns | 101,870,385 | 107,001,071 | 107,687,030 | 111,683,923 | 109,402,781 | -2.0 |
| Amount | 155,940,841 | 162,737,607 | 168,898,103 | 196,794,860 | 202,983,547 | 3.1 |
| Refund credited to next year Number of returns | 4,055,960 | 3,978,421 | 4,061,974 | 4,861,285 | 4,612,597 | -5.1 |
| Amount | 26,194,408 | 29,089,239 | 30,928,286 | 33,162,281 | 29,471,595 | -11.1 |
| Tax due at time of filing Number of returns | 25,659,937 | 26,694,105 | 28,599,646 | 22,714,746 | 22,356,865 | -1.6 |
| Amount | 79,138,083 | 81,900,058 | 82,350,465 | 60,885,019 | 52,486,138 | -13.8 |
| Tax penalty Number of returns | 5,882,477 | 6,496,924 | 7,549,807 | 6,355,582 | 6,548,380 | 3.0 |
| Amount | 848,021 | 1,148,484 | 1,180,518 | 742,528 | 523,965 | -29.4 |

* Includes 742,859 Form 1040EZ-T returns
** The total number of returns does not include the returns filed by individuals to only receive the economic stimulus payment and who had no other reason to file
N/A = Not applicable.
[1] All items correspond to the Form 1040 line items. Therefore, some may differ from the SOI items shown in the Basic Tables in Section 3.
[2] Included in the line for other income on Form 1040.
[3] Total credits includes the values for mortgage interest tax credit and "other credits" not tabulated here
[4] Total tax liability includes the values for "other taxes" not tabulated here
[5] Inflation-adjusted data were calculated using the consumer price index from the Bureau of Labor Statistics; based on $1990=100$
when $1990 \mathrm{CPI}-\mathrm{U}=130.7 ; 2009 \mathrm{CPI}-\mathrm{U}=214.537 ; 2008 \mathrm{CPI}-\mathrm{U}=215.303 ; 2007 \mathrm{CPI}-\mathrm{U}=207.342 ; 2006 \mathrm{CPI}-\mathrm{U}=201.6 ; 2005 \mathrm{CPI}-\mathrm{U}=195.3$.
[6] Less than 0.05 .
[7] Percentage not computed.

Figure 1--General Filing Requirements

| Marital Status | Filing Status | Age | Gross Income |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single (including divorced and legally separated) | Single | under 65 65 or older | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 9,350 \\ \$ 10,750 \end{array}$ |
|  | Head of household | under 65 65 or older | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 12,000 \\ & \$ 13,400 \end{aligned}$ |
| Married with a child and living apart from spouse during the last six months of 2009 | Head of household | under 65 65 or older | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 12,000 \\ & \$ 13,400 \end{aligned}$ |
| Married and living with spouse at the end of 2009 (or on the date spouse died) | Married, joint return | under 65 (both spouses) <br> 65 or older (one spouse) <br> 65 or older (both spouses) | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 18,700 \\ & \$ 19,800 \\ & \$ 20,900 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Married, separate return | any age | \$3,650 |
| Married, not living with spouse at the end of 2009 (or on the date spouse died) | Married, joint or separate return | any age | \$3,650 |
| Widowed in 2007 or 2008 and not remarried in 2009 | Single | under 65 65 or older | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 9,350 \\ \$ 10,750 \end{array}$ |
|  | Head of household | under 65 <br> 65 or older | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 12,000 \\ & \$ 13,400 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child | under 65 65 or older | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 15,050 \\ & \$ 16,150 \end{aligned}$ |

## Requirements for Filing

The filing requirements for Tax Year 2009 were based on gross income, marital status, age, and, to a lesser extent, dependency and blindness. Gross income included all income received in the form of money, property, and services that was not expressly exempt from tax. Generally, a citizen or resident of the United States was required to file a tax return if gross income for the year was at least as much as the amount shown for the appropriate filing status in Figure 1. Figure 2 shows the filing requirements for taxpayers who could be claimed as a dependent by another person (such as a parent).

In addition to the general filing requirements, an individual was obligated to file a return for Tax Year 2009 if he or she:

1. Was liable for any of the following taxes:

- Social security or Medicare tax on unreported tip income;
- Uncollected social security, Medicare, or railroad retirement tax on reported tip income or group-term life insurance;
- Alternative minimum tax;
- Tax on an individual retirement arrangement (IRA) or a qualified retirement plan;
- Tax from the recapture of various credits, including investment credits or low-income housing credits;
- Household employment taxes (unless only filing because taxpayer owed this tax, then taxpayer could have filed only schedule H);

2. Received any advanced earned income credit (AEIC) payments.
3. Had net earnings from self-employment of at least $\$ 400$; or

## Figure 2.-Filing Requirements for Children and Other Dependents

If someone (such as a parent) can claim the individual as a dependent, and any of the four conditions listed below applies, he or she must file a return.

In this chart unearned income includes taxable interest, ordinary dividends, and capital gain distributions. Earned income includes wages, tips, and taxable scholarship and fellowship grants. Gross income is the total of unearned and earned income.

## 1. Single dependents under 65 must file a return if-

- Earned income was more than $\$ 5,700$, or
- Unearned income was over \$950, or
- Gross income was more than the larger of (a) $\$ 950$ or (b) earned income (up to $\$ 5,400$ ) plus $\$ 300$.

2. Single dependents 65 or older or blind must file a return if-

- Earned income was more than $\$ 7,100$ ( $\$ 8,500$ if 65 or older and blind), or
- Unearned income was more than $\$ 2,350$ ( $\$ 3,750$ if 65 or older and blind), or
- Gross income was more than $\$ 2,350$ ( $\$ 3,750$ if 65 or older and blind), or the total of earned income (up to $\$ 5,400$ ) plus $\$ 1,700$ ( $\$ 3,100$ if 65 or older and blind), whichever is larger.


## 3. Married dependents under 65 must file a return if-

- Gross income was at least $\$ 5$ and spouse files a separate return and itemizes deductions.
- Earned income was more than $\$ 5,700$, or
- Unearned income was over $\$ 950$, or
- Gross income was more than the larger of $\$ 950$ or earned income (up to $\$ 5,400$ ) plus $\$ 300$.

4. Married dependents 65 or older or blind must file a return if-

- Earned income was more than $\$ 6,800$ ( $\$ 7,900$ if 65 or older and blind), or
- Unearned income was more than $\$ 2,050$ ( $\$ 3,150$ if 65 or older and blind), or
- Gross income was more than $\$ 2,050$ ( $\$ 3,150$ if 65 or older and blind), or the total of earned income (up to $\$ 5,4000$ ) plus $\$ 1,400$ ( $\$ 2,500$ if 65 or older and blind), whichever is larger.
- Gross income was at least $\$ 5$ and spouse files a separate return and itemizes deductions.

4. Had wages of $\$ 108.28$ or more from a church or qualified church-controlled organization that was exempt from employer social security and Medicare taxes.

Data shown in this report include individuals who were not required to file tax returns, but did
so for any of a number of reasons. For example, an individual might have filed a return to obtain a refund of tax withheld, or take advantage of the earned income credit.

## Changes in Law or Administrative Procedures

Major changes in effect for Tax Year 2009 that influenced the Statistics of Income data are listed below. Section 4, Explanation of Terms, provides more detailed explanations and definitions of the terms used in this report.

## Additional Child Tax Credits

Modifications were made to the additional child tax credit for 2009. In Tax Year 2008, the credit limit based on earned income was 15 percent of a taxpayer's earned income that exceeded $\$ 8,500$. For 2009 , the limit was 15 percent of a taxpayer's earned income that exceeded $\$ 3,000$.

## Alternative Minimum Tax

For Tax Year 2009, the alternative minimum tax exemption rose to $\$ 70,950$ for a married couple filing a joint return, up from $\$ 69,950$ in 2008, and to $\$ 46,700$ for singles and heads of household, up from $\$ 46,200$, and to $\$ 35,475$ from $\$ 34,975$ for a married person filing separately.

## Earned Income Credit

The maximum amount of the earned income credit increased, as did the amounts of earned income and investment income an individual could have and still claim the credit. The maximum amount of investment income (interest, dividends and capital gain income) a taxpayer could have and still claim the credit increased to $\$ 3,100$ from $\$ 2,950$. The maximum credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children increased to $\$ 457$ from $\$ 438$. For these taxpayers, earned income and AGI had to be less than $\$ 13,440$ ( $\$ 18,440$ if married filing jointly) to get any EIC. For taxpayers with one qualifying child, the maximum credit increased $\$ 126$ to $\$ 3,043$ and, for taxpayers with two qualifying children, the maximum credit increased to $\$ 5,028$ from $\$ 4,824$. New for 2009, the maximum credit was $\$ 5,657$ for taxpayers with three or more qualifying children. To be eligible for the credit, a taxpayer's earned income and AGI had to be less than $\$ 35,463$ ( $\$ 40,463$ for married filing jointly) for one qualifying child,
less than $\$ 40,295$ ( $\$ 45,295$ for married filing jointly) for two qualifying children, or less than $\$ 43,279$ ( $\$ 48,279$ for married filing jointly) for three or more qualifying children.

## Education credits

The American Opportunity credit was a new education credit (a modification of the Hope credit) available for 2009. The maximum credit per student was $\$ 2,500(100 \%$ of the first $\$ 2,000$ and $25 \%$ of the next $\$ 2,000$ of qualified education expenses). The credit was available for the first 4 years of postsecondary education and $40 \%$ of the credit (up to $\$ 1,000$ ) was refundable.

The American Opportunity credit was phased out for AGI between $\$ 80,000$ and $\$ 90,000$ ( $\$ 160,000$ and $\$ 180,000$ if married filing jointly). A taxpayer could not take the credit if they were claimed as a dependent on another return, married filing separately, or took a deduction for tuition and fees for the same student.

## Exemption Amount

Indexing for inflation increased to $\$ 3,650$ the deduction for each exemption to which the taxpayer was entitled for 2009 , an increase from the $\$ 3,500$ allowed for 2008. The AGI threshold for the limitation of exemption amounts was also indexed for inflation, increasing from $\$ 159,950$ to $\$ 166,800$ for single filers; $\$ 239,950$ to $\$ 250,200$ for married persons filing jointly and surviving spouses; $\$ 199,950$ to $\$ 208,500$ for heads of household; and $\$ 119,975$ to $\$ 125,100$ for married persons filing separately. The phase-out of the deduction for exemptions was completed at AGI levels above $\$ 289,300$ for single filers; \$372,700 for married persons filing jointly and surviving spouses; $\$ 331,000$ for heads of household; and $\$ 186,350$ for married persons filing separately. For 2008 and 2009, a taxpayer could lose no more than $1 / 3$ of the dollar amount of their exemption, so the amount of each exemption could not be reduced to less than $\$ 2,433$. For 2007 and 2006, a taxpayer could lose no more than $2 / 3$ of the dollar amount of their exemption. For 2005 and previous years, exemption amounts could be limited to zero.

## First Time Homebuyer Credit

For Tax Year 2009, a taxpayer may have claimed this credit (up to $\$ 8,000$, or $\$ 4,000$ if married filing separately) if they bought a home after 2008, and before October 1, 2010 (if the taxpayer entered a written binding contract before May 1, 2010), and did not own a main home during the prior 3 years. Taxpayers were only allowed to claim this credit in Tax Year 2009 if their modified AGI was below $\$ 95,000$ ( $\$ 170,000$ if married filing jointly), and they purchased the home before November 7, 2009. If the home was purchased after November 6, 2009, this income limit was increased to $\$ 145,000$ ( $\$ 245,000$ if married filing jointly). For homes purchased in 2009 or 2010, taxpayers had to repay the credit only if the home ceases to be their main home within a 36 -month period beginning on the purchase date.

## Government Retiree Credit

Taxpayers were eligible for this new credit if they received a pension or annuity payment in 2009 for service performed for the federal, state, or local government and the service was not covered by social security. The credit was $\$ 250$ ( $\$ 500$ if married filing jointly and both the taxpayer and spouse received qualifying pensions or annuities). A taxpayer could not take the credit if they already received a $\$ 250$ economic recovery payment (or in the case of joint returns where both received $\$ 250$ payments) in 2009. The credit reduced the making work pay credit.

## Health Savings Account Deduction

The deduction was limited to the annual deductible on the qualifying high deductible health plan, but not more than $\$ 3,000$ ( $\$ 5,950$ if family coverage), an increase from $\$ 2,900$ ( $\$ 5,800$ if family coverage) in 2008. These limits were $\$ 1,000$ higher if the taxpayer was age 55 or older ( $\$ 2,000$ if both spouses were 55 or older). For 2008, these limits were $\$ 900$ and $\$ 1,800$ respectively.

## Individual Retirement Arrangement Deduction

For 2009, a taxpayer (both taxpayers for taxpayers filing jointly), may have been able to take an IRA deduction up to $\$ 5,000$ ( $\$ 6,000$ if age 50 or older). Taxpayers not covered by a retirement plan may have been able to deduct all contributions. For taxpayers covered by a retirement plan, the IRA deduction phased out between $\$ 55,000$ and $\$ 65,000$ of modified AGI for single filers ( $\$ 85,000$ and $\$ 105,000$ for married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)). This was up from $\$ 53,000$ and $\$ 63,000$ for single filers ( $\$ 83,000$ and $\$ 103,000$ for married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)) in 2008. If one spouse was an active participant in an employer plan but the other was not, the deduction for the IRA contribution of the spouse not covered by an employer plan phased out between modified AGI of $\$ 166,000$ and $\$ 176,000$, up from $\$ 159,000$ and \$169,000 in 2008.

## Itemized Deductions

If a taxpayer's AGI was greater than $\$ 166,800$ ( $\$ 83,400$ if married filing separately), his or her itemized deductions may have been limited; the threshold was increased from $\$ 159,950$ ( $\$ 79,975$ if married filing separately) for 2008 , as a result of inflation indexing. The limitation did not apply to deductions for medical and dental expenses, investment interest expenses, casualty or theft losses, and gambling losses; all other deductions were subject to the limitation. To arrive at allowable itemized deductions, total itemized deductions were reduced by the smaller of: (a) 80 percent of the non-exempt deductions, or (b) 3 percent of the amount of AGI in excess of the limitation threshold. For tax years 2008 and 2009, the amount by which the deduction was reduced was only $1 / 3$ of the amount of the reduction that would have otherwise applied (for 2005 and previous years). For tax years 2007 and 2006, the amounts by which the deduction was reduced was only $2 / 3$ of the amount of the reduction that would have otherwise applied.

## Making Work Pay Credit

Taxpayers were able to take a credit equal to $6.2 \%$ of their earned income up to $\$ 400$ ( $\$ 800$ if married filing jointly) if they had earned income from work and were not a dependent on another tax return. A taxpayer could not take the credit if their modified AGI was greater than or equal to $\$ 95,000$ ( $\$ 190,000$ if married filing jointly). The credit phased out between $\$ 75,000$ and $\$ 95,000$ ( $\$ 150,000$ and $\$ 190,000$ if married filing jointly). The credit was reduced if the taxpayer received a $\$ 250$ economic recovery payment in 2009 or took the government retiree credit.

## Motor Vehicles Tax Deduction

New for 2009, a taxpayer could have deducted any state or local sales or excise taxes on the purchase of a new motor vehicle. In states without a sales tax, the taxpayer may have been able to deduct other taxes or fees. The motor vehicle must have been purchased after February 16, 2009 and the amount the taxpayer could include for state or local sales and excise taxes was limited to the taxes imposed on the first $\$ 49,500$ of the purchase price. Taxpayers were allowed to take this deduction if their AGI was less than $\$ 135,000$ ( $\$ 260,000$ if married filing jointly). The deduction of the taxes was taken on Schedule A if the taxpayer itemized. If the taxpayer did not itemize, the taxes increased the taxpayer's standard deduction using Schedule L, Standard Deduction for Certain Filers.

## Residential Energy Credit

For 2009, the nonbusiness energy property credit was reinstated for qualified property placed in service after 2008. A taxpayer was able to take a credit of $30 \%$ of the costs paid or incurred in 2009 for qualified energy efficient improvements and residential energy property. The credit was limited to a total of $\$ 1,500$. The credit was not available for nonbusiness property in 2008. There was also a credit for residential energy efficient property in 2009. For 2009, the annual maximum credit limits were eliminated for qualified solar, small wind energy, and geothermal heat pump property costs. A taxpayer could have taken
a credit of $30 \%$ of their costs of qualified solar electric property, solar water heating property, small wind energy property, and geothermal heat pump property.

## Self-employment Tax

The ceiling on taxable "self-employment income" was raised, for 2009 , to $\$ 106,800$ for the social security portion ( 12.4 percent) of the self-employment tax. The limit was $\$ 102,000$ for 2008.

## Standard Deduction

For married persons filing jointly or surviving spouses, the standard deduction was increased in 2008, from $\$ 10,900$ to $\$ 11,400$.

For single filers and married persons filing separately, the standard deduction rose from $\$ 5,450$ to $\$ 5,700$; and for heads of household, from $\$ 8,000$ to $\$ 8,350$. The amount of the standard deduction for a dependent was the greater of $\$ 950$ or the dependent's earned income plus $\$ 300$ (but not more than the regular standard deduction amount). Taxpayers who were age 65 or over or blind could claim an additional standard deduction amount of \$1,100 or \$1,400 depending on marital status.

## The 1979 Income Concept: A Retrospective Income Definition

In order to analyze changes in income and taxes over a period of years, a consistent definition of income must be used. The income concept available from Federal income tax returns, AGI, was designed to facilitate tax administration, and its definition has changed over time to reflect modifications to the Internal Revenue Code. Tax laws of the 1980's (the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, the Tax Reform Act of 1984, and the Tax Reform Act of 1986) made significant changes to the components of AGI, which made it more difficult to use AGI for accurate comparisons of income from year to year. For this reason, it was decided to develop an income definition that would be consistent over several years, and would

## Figure 3.-Calculation of the 1979 Income Concept for 2009

## 1979 Total Income Concept=

Income or Loss:

- Salaries and wages [1]
- Interest [1]
- Dividends [1]
- Taxable refunds [1]
- Alimony received [1]
- Sales of capital assets, net gain or loss [1]
- Other gains and losses (Form 4797) [1]
- Business net income or loss [1]
- Farm net income or loss [1]
- Rent net income or loss [1]
- Royalty net income or loss [1]
- Partnership net income or loss [1]
- S Corporation net income or loss [1]
- Farm rental net income or loss [1]
- Estate or trust net income or loss [1]
- Unemployment compensation [1]
- Depreciation in excess of straight-line depreciation [2]
- Total pension income $[3,5]$
- Other net income or loss [4]
- Net operating loss [1]


## Deductions:

- Disallowed passive losses (Form 8582) [6]
- Moving expenses [1]
- Alimony paid [1]
- Unreimbursed business expenses [6]
[1] Included in adjusted gross income (less deficit) (AGI) for Tax Year 2009. [2] Adjustment to add back excess depreciation (accelerated over straight-line depreciation) deducted in the course of a trade or business and included in net income (loss) amounts shown above.
[3] Includes taxable and tax-exempt pension and retirement distributions, including IRA distributions.
[4] Includes an adjustment to add back amounts reported for the foreign-earned income exclusion. [5] Not fully included in AGI for Tax Year 2009. [6] Not included in AGI for Tax Year 2009.
allow comparisons both before and after the major tax legislation of the 1980's.

The result was a retrospective income definition known as the 1979 Income Concept, reflecting a base period from 1979 through 1986. It was calculated using only data available from Individual income tax returns. By using the same income items in the calculation each year, its definition was consistent throughout the base years. In addition, this retrospective income definition could be used in future years to compare income by continuing to include the same components that were common to all years. The calculation of the 1979 Income Concept is shown in Figure 3. Several items partially excluded from AGI for the base years were fully included in this new income measure, the largest of which was capital gains. The full amount of all capital gains, as well as all dividends and unemployment compensation, was included in the income calculation. Total pensions, annuities, IRA distributions, and roll-overs were added, including the non-taxable portions that were excluded from AGI. Social security benefits were omitted because they were not reported on tax returns until 1984. Also, any depreciation in excess of straight-line depreciation, which was subtracted in computing AGI, was added back.

Deductions that could be subtracted in the calculation of the 1979 Income Concept were limited to employee business expenses, alimony paid, and moving expenses. These same items were also subtracted in computing AGI until 1987 when unreimbursed business expenses and moving expenses were changed from adjustments to itemized deductions. Starting in 1994, moving expenses were once more made an adjustment to income. The amounts reported for employee business expenses by taxpayers who itemized deductions were subtracted in the calculation of the 1979 Income Concept. Taxpayers who did not itemize deductions, however, could not claim this expense (as well as moving expenses prior to 1994). For this reason, the deduction for these two expenses beginning in 1987 is not completely comparable to that for previous years.

Table B. All Returns: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income and by 1979 Income Concept, 2009
[All figures are estimates based on samples-money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Size of income | Income |  |  |  | Salaries and wages |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| All returns, total | 140,494,127 | 7,626,431 | 140,494,127 | 7,790,522 | 116,668,680 | 5,707,088 | 116,668,680 | 5,707,088 |
| Under \$10,000 | 25,179,895 | -79,333 | 24,252,575 | -95,575 | 17,230,265 | 116,213 | 16,870,450 | 109,340 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 23,844,740 | 354,483 | 24,310,987 | 362,355 | 18,471,382 | 256,073 | 18,739,826 | 261,533 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 18,696,279 | 463,162 | 19,714,013 | 488,484 | 15,987,776 | 370,133 | 16,475,775 | 381,781 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 14,371,647 | 499,880 | 15,098,192 | 524,722 | 12,687,288 | 409,417 | 12,970,556 | 420,149 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 10,796,412 | 483,089 | 10,933,896 | 489,082 | 9,537,106 | 389,508 | 9,593,633 | 394,663 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 8,665,961 | 475,241 | 8,325,973 | 456,237 | 7,574,464 | 374,161 | 7,434,972 | 373,778 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 6,923,525 | 448,847 | 6,678,865 | 432,722 | 6,149,611 | 355,187 | 6,027,998 | 355,548 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 5,872,604 | 439,220 | 5,515,978 | 412,686 | 5,256,737 | 345,770 | 5,023,100 | 339,433 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 4,850,428 | 411,262 | 4,483,968 | 380,306 | 4,351,390 | 323,224 | 4,118,694 | 312,950 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 3,846,101 | 364,836 | 3,575,446 | 339,050 | 3,494,262 | 287,651 | 3,293,088 | 276,911 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 6,469,286 | 719,483 | 6,149,442 | 684,744 | 5,928,909 | 575,931 | 5,727,927 | 560,996 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 3,599,052 | 490,736 | 3,549,563 | 484,191 | 3,304,903 | 387,257 | 3,286,590 | 384,371 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 2,113,212 | 341,142 | 2,121,916 | 342,780 | 1,936,833 | 265,493 | 1,949,114 | 262,978 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 1,340,497 | 250,085 | 1,342,347 | 250,544 | 1,241,717 | 191,996 | 1,233,985 | 184,495 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 2,156,376 | 515,415 | 2,323,139 | 557,555 | 1,967,794 | 374,623 | 2,096,836 | 374,679 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 706,306 | 241,997 | 822,674 | 282,183 | 633,065 | 163,992 | 721,403 | 168,422 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 332,357 | 147,935 | 410,174 | 182,665 | 293,596 | 94,613 | 356,031 | 99,655 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 492,567 | 332,037 | 606,543 | 408,009 | 423,951 | 186,865 | 519,018 | 198,700 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 108,096 | 130,149 | 133,491 | 160,643 | 90,830 | 60,037 | 110,185 | 63,915 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 44,273 | 76,148 | 52,109 | 89,532 | 36,422 | 31,315 | 42,725 | 33,157 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 61,918 | 182,986 | 69,264 | 203,289 | 51,629 | 69,138 | 57,330 | 70,740 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 14,322 | 97,493 | 15,072 | 102,381 | 11,975 | 32,597 | 12,519 | 33,194 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 8,274 | 240,134 | 8,501 | 251,936 | 6,775 | 45,898 | 6,926 | 45,703 |
| Size of income | Taxable interest received |  |  |  | Ordinary dividends received |  |  |  |
|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
| All returns, total | 57,811,427 | 168,001 | 57,811,427 | 168,001 | 29,287,816 | 163,459 | 29,287,816 | 163,459 |
| Under \$10,000 | 6,588,197 | 14,941 | 6,186,770 | 16,015 | 3,480,882 | 8,088 | 3,281,246 | 8,910 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 5,467,637 | 8,574 | 5,505,057 | 8,851 | 2,446,684 | 5,104 | 2,460,353 | 5,309 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 4,914,217 | 7,535 | 5,478,996 | 9,302 | 2,086,737 | 4,434 | 2,389,196 | 5,667 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 4,747,810 | 7,073 | 5,361,051 | 9,479 | 1,915,395 | 4,327 | 2,307,450 | 6,373 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 4,539,755 | 6,946 | 4,699,955 | 8,622 | 1,942,609 | 4,888 | 2,061,247 | 5,368 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 4,361,648 | 7,703 | 4,112,354 | 6,352 | 1,958,397 | 5,310 | 1,782,461 | 5,097 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 3,787,975 | 6,556 | 3,658,181 | 6,323 | 1,821,809 | 4,668 | 1,733,250 | 4,696 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 3,559,663 | 6,297 | 3,303,104 | 5,534 | 1,664,262 | 5,190 | 1,550,636 | 4,538 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 3,078,657 | 5,493 | 2,811,003 | 4,911 | 1,552,113 | 4,597 | 1,389,404 | 4,273 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 2,647,521 | 5,111 | 2,413,833 | 4,398 | 1,347,753 | 4,120 | 1,212,780 | 3,495 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 4,758,721 | 10,333 | 4,509,824 | 8,516 | 2,616,951 | 9,096 | 2,407,527 | 8,681 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 2,876,054 | 7,042 | 2,814,188 | 6,555 | 1,687,659 | 7,649 | 1,638,609 | 6,232 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 1,728,039 | 5,900 | 1,736,899 | 5,183 | 1,115,757 | 5,527 | 1,104,537 | 5,234 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 1,147,919 | 4,109 | 1,154,371 | 3,885 | 801,520 | 4,389 | 794,513 | 4,163 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 1,926,078 | 10,518 | 2,067,014 | 10,302 | 1,431,790 | 12,182 | 1,518,017 | 11,544 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 656,958 | 5,541 | 756,532 | 5,559 | 529,695 | 7,054 | 598,486 | 7,025 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 316,856 | 3,762 | 386,949 | 4,073 | 262,748 | 4,804 | 313,438 | 4,755 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 473,829 | 10,082 | 581,742 | 10,104 | 411,194 | 12,498 | 495,068 | 12,532 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 106,458 | 4,667 | 130,676 | 4,748 | 94,985 | 6,519 | 116,456 | 6,734 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 43,688 | 2,851 | 51,280 | 2,889 | 40,185 | 3,802 | 47,158 | 3,862 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 61,320 | 7,793 | 68,359 | 7,640 | 57,114 | 10,254 | 63,720 | 10,190 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 14,194 | 4,503 | 14,873 | 4,331 | 13,577 | 6,437 | 14,140 | 6,430 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 8,235 | 14,671 | 8,416 | 14,429 | 8,001 | 22,524 | 8,123 | 22,352 |

[^4]Table B. All Returns: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income and by 1979 Income Concept, 2009-Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples-money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Size of income | Business or profession net income less loss |  |  |  | Sales of capital assets |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (17) | (18) | (19) | (20) | (21) | (22) | (23) | (24) |
| All returns, total | 22,111,784 | 244,983 | 22,111,784 | 244,983 | 20,290,505 | 231,548 | 20,290,505 | 231,548 |
| Under \$10,000 | 4,492,382 | -4,328 | 4,060,108 | -8,516 | 2,781,954 | 8,121 | 2,625,555 | 9,097 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 3,796,887 | 30,563 | 3,884,627 | 28,566 | 1,462,959 | -677 | 1,505,434 | -772 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 2,188,518 | 17,045 | 2,297,633 | 16,314 | 1,330,361 | -357 | 1,493,945 | -564 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 1,726,376 | 12,309 | 1,871,647 | 12,237 | 1,205,863 | -134 | 1,523,421 | 65 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 1,458,947 | 11,275 | 1,474,245 | 10,817 | 1,307,344 | 25 | 1,338,351 | 942 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 1,258,368 | 10,167 | 1,264,706 | 9,333 | 1,251,881 | 1,012 | 1,124,969 | 1,144 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 1,114,876 | 9,577 | 1,110,806 | 9,893 | 1,132,742 | 1,131 | 1,066,817 | 1,408 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 984,474 | 9,263 | 985,762 | 10,275 | 1,051,803 | 1,156 | 994,495 | 1,098 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 829,396 | 8,921 | 799,957 | 8,207 | 1,039,589 | 1,731 | 919,285 | 2,183 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 629,231 | 7,573 | 617,826 | 7,434 | 870,602 | 2,247 | 785,350 | 2,562 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 1,239,982 | 18,156 | 1,151,860 | 15,829 | 1,762,791 | 4,826 | 1,635,335 | 4,120 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 686,751 | 14,156 | 717,976 | 14,118 | 1,153,349 | 4,494 | 1,115,151 | 3,730 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 425,688 | 11,277 | 442,783 | 12,282 | 826,728 | 5,015 | 812,193 | 4,531 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 301,773 | 10,020 | 301,119 | 9,880 | 610,869 | 3,067 | 597,205 | 3,151 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 523,258 | 27,506 | 576,571 | 29,063 | 1,189,612 | 12,334 | 1,247,600 | 11,524 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 183,591 | 13,010 | 222,842 | 14,967 | 473,636 | 8,502 | 525,781 | 8,362 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 87,371 | 7,932 | 107,542 | 9,537 | 236,873 | 6,151 | 278,170 | 6,300 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 126,761 | 15,338 | 155,961 | 18,214 | 389,394 | 22,819 | 458,219 | 22,470 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 25,841 | 4,818 | 32,211 | 5,502 | 94,010 | 12,603 | 112,229 | 12,593 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 10,244 | 2,086 | 12,429 | 2,251 | 39,708 | 9,150 | 45,825 | 9,259 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 15,250 | 4,154 | 17,216 | 4,523 | 56,880 | 27,080 | 62,968 | 27,167 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 3,590 | 1,540 | 3,726 | 1,615 | 13,546 | 20,142 | 14,093 | 20,277 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 2,227 | 2,623 | 2,232 | 2,641 | 8,011 | 81,111 | 8,115 | 80,901 |
| Size of income | Rents, royalties, and farm rental net income less loss |  |  |  | Partnership and S corporation net income less loss |  |  |  |
|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (25) | (26) | (27) | (28) | (29) | (30) | (31) | (32) |
| All returns, total | 10,636,089 | 22,473 | 10,636,089 | 22,473 | 8,012,581 | 345,097 | 8,012,581 | 345,097 |
| Under \$10,000 | 1,230,244 | -7,767 | 1,171,560 | -7,580 | 896,276 | -87,362 | 882,309 | -88,464 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 951,191 | -346 | 945,605 | -242 | 456,416 | 110 | 443,623 | -427 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 912,373 | -559 | 1,033,358 | -4 | 460,690 | 690 | 455,176 | 876 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 853,145 | -706 | 977,104 | -127 | 426,063 | 1,430 | 486,368 | 1,447 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 794,360 | -777 | 805,081 | -370 | 419,320 | 1,521 | 452,347 | 1,853 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 768,366 | -607 | 735,861 | -618 | 432,147 | 2,464 | 392,101 | 2,314 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 704,880 | -669 | 683,447 | -701 | 419,821 | 3,361 | 411,484 | 2,633 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 668,985 | -346 | 627,521 | -161 | 390,871 | 3,284 | 390,997 | 3,304 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 559,267 | -187 | 517,146 | -603 | 367,449 | 3,968 | 349,888 | 3,835 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 482,205 | 345 | 458,973 | 28 | 336,555 | 4,250 | 331,475 | 3,748 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 936,789 | 870 | 857,857 | 1,217 | 692,831 | 10,554 | 645,860 | 9,731 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 569,282 | 2,449 | 526,275 | 2,360 | 469,402 | 10,715 | 469,019 | 10,193 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 257,847 | 2,631 | 256,733 | 2,113 | 368,060 | 10,558 | 356,023 | 10,320 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 171,689 | 2,268 | 177,296 | 1,737 | 287,883 | 10,834 | 275,900 | 10,065 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 327,918 | 5,361 | 359,878 | 5,154 | 634,603 | 36,297 | 639,267 | 33,856 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 136,956 | 3,232 | 156,294 | 3,500 | 302,462 | 30,864 | 318,682 | 30,382 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 77,690 | 2,264 | 87,179 | 2,006 | 168,727 | 23,644 | 178,584 | 22,822 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 139,547 | 5,454 | 157,102 | 5,528 | 301,237 | 71,528 | 334,229 | 74,179 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 36,965 | 2,546 | 41,950 | 2,216 | 78,777 | 36,096 | 88,660 | 38,442 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 17,086 | 1,245 | 18,586 | 1,268 | 33,919 | 23,788 | 37,110 | 24,105 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 26,989 | 2,547 | 28,798 | 2,534 | 49,493 | 56,794 | 53,457 | 58,869 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 7,380 | 1,167 | 7,550 | 1,147 | 12,138 | 28,401 | 12,528 | 29,039 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 4,937 | 2,060 | 4,934 | 2,071 | 7,441 | 61,310 | 7,492 | 61,977 |

[^5]Table B. All Returns: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income and by 1979 Income Concept, 2009-Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples-money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Size of income | Nondeductible passive losses |  |  |  | Estate and trust net income less loss |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (33) | (34) | (35) | (36) | (37) | (38) | (39) | (40) |
| All returns, total | 2,434,767 | 54,513 | 2,434,767 | 54,513 | 652,035 | 17,382 | 652,035 | 17,382 |
| Under \$10,000 | 239,591 | 10,394 | 319,628 | 22,055 | 58,219 | -1,267 | 60,003 | -1,257 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 85,307 | 921 | 83,745 | 956 | 28,653 | 115 | 31,021 | 82 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 87,026 | 1,312 | 100,390 | 851 | 42,122 | 201 | 48,395 | 309 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 90,028 | 1,026 | 106,357 | 884 | 43,823 | 253 | 50,494 | 329 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 95,752 | 1,182 | 93,058 | 738 | 38,530 | 335 | 42,463 | 512 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 82,225 | 882 | 63,991 | 621 | 34,500 | 222 | 36,611 | 335 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 83,552 | 1,129 | 75,670 | 717 | 46,621 | 544 | 37,218 | 350 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 81,726 | 962 | 76,757 | 732 | 35,461 | 386 | 32,090 | 401 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 70,999 | 638 | 66,403 | 743 | 27,255 | 274 | 29,716 | 368 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 55,602 | 1,133 | 73,147 | 853 | 30,483 | 437 | 27,149 | 293 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 206,318 | 2,940 | 192,228 | 2,227 | 67,762 | 1,167 | 59,093 | 892 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 197,099 | 2,598 | 212,609 | 2,703 | 42,189 | 724 | 43,611 | 1,025 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 215,456 | 3,176 | 180,968 | 2,117 | 33,177 | 859 | 28,049 | 525 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 167,898 | 2,833 | 134,622 | 1,624 | 20,641 | 479 | 18,781 | 369 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 306,340 | 5,953 | 270,183 | 3,603 | 39,982 | 1,332 | 41,756 | 1,460 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 127,730 | 2,555 | 130,047 | 1,958 | 16,133 | 705 | 17,008 | 707 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 67,578 | 1,685 | 69,628 | 1,432 | 11,025 | 584 | 10,736 | 500 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 107,451 | 3,849 | 113,855 | 2,909 | 19,331 | 1,470 | 20,448 | 1,523 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 27,115 | 1,732 | 29,705 | 1,147 | 5,557 | 919 | 6,179 | 958 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 12,452 | 904 | 13,602 | 667 | 3,028 | 646 | 3,096 | 651 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 19,101 | 2,305 | 19,777 | 1,462 | 4,628 | 1,875 | 5,179 | 1,923 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 4,990 | 1,307 | 5,044 | 885 | 1,587 | 1,127 | 1,603 | 1,085 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 3,431 | 3,097 | 3,355 | 2,628 | 1,330 | 3,993 | 1,335 | 4,043 |
| Size of income | Pensions and annuities in AGI [1] |  | Pensions and annuities [1] |  | Total statutory adjustments |  |  |  |
|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
| All returns, total | (41) | (42) | (43) | (44) | (45) | (46) | (47) | (48) |
|  | 30,361,943 | 658,499 | 32,876,776 | 1,001,874 | 34,764,363 | 112,967 | 16,081,343 | 87,551 |
| Under \$10,000 | 2,914,055 | 17,571 | 2,759,388 | 18,890 | 4,758,781 | 7,257 | 300,629 | 3,239 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 4,259,493 | 42,296 | 4,461,897 | 45,526 | 4,528,847 | 6,480 | 689,813 | 5,035 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 3,530,000 | 47,349 | 4,345,504 | 64,589 | 3,360,658 | 5,927 | 1,171,012 | 7,523 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 2,942,159 | 49,074 | 3,649,680 | 70,778 | 3,105,936 | 5,928 | 1,404,564 | 7,884 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 2,625,769 | 49,733 | 2,922,298 | 64,549 | 2,747,677 | 5,823 | 1,451,086 | 7,339 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 2,414,037 | 53,286 | 2,314,102 | 58,111 | 2,510,723 | 5,877 | 1,465,915 | 7,223 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 1,950,402 | 48,000 | 1,931,476 | 51,757 | 2,196,930 | 5,263 | 1,414,357 | 6,273 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 1,799,699 | 48,057 | 1,641,413 | 47,925 | 1,853,347 | 4,606 | 1,238,128 | 5,736 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 1,555,877 | 45,288 | 1,408,773 | 43,735 | 1,582,413 | 4,303 | 1,130,298 | 4,943 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 1,219,821 | 39,059 | 1,145,134 | 39,969 | 1,307,539 | 3,704 | 969,204 | 4,257 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 2,018,928 | 69,463 | 2,035,142 | 76,082 | 2,549,347 | 9,361 | 1,816,547 | 8,047 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 1,123,874 | 45,555 | 1,234,499 | 57,351 | 1,479,277 | 6,434 | 1,125,880 | 5,512 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 639,969 | 27,712 | 771,925 | 40,156 | 677,577 | 4,202 | 615,667 | 3,253 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 411,762 | 19,350 | 522,296 | 33,107 | 438,679 | 3,680 | 369,845 | 2,107 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 586,259 | 31,278 | 909,486 | 78,944 | 800,732 | 9,886 | 556,910 | 3,808 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 161,873 | 9,797 | 322,512 | 42,878 | 308,491 | 5,511 | 159,861 | 1,480 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 70,021 | 4,876 | 168,512 | 33,019 | 155,705 | 3,421 | 75,810 | 813 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 95,084 | 6,801 | 234,234 | 63,979 | 261,454 | 7,072 | 93,982 | 1,591 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 19,630 | 1,476 | 51,230 | 24,386 | 61,184 | 2,409 | 16,564 | 480 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 8,114 | 689 | 18,449 | 11,182 | 26,516 | 1,222 | 5,840 | 211 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 10,987 | 1,051 | 22,273 | 17,149 | 37,934 | 2,242 | 7,189 | 424 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 2,538 | 341 | 4,192 | 4,181 | 9,044 | 860 | 1,524 | 193 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 1,592 | 397 | 2,361 | 13,629 | 5,573 | 1,500 | 717 | 180 |

[^6]Table B. All Returns: Selected Income and Tax Items, by Size of Adjusted Gross Income and by 1979 Income Concept, 2009-Continued
[All figures are estimates based on samples-money amounts are in millions of dollars]

| Size of income | Total itemized deductions |  |  |  | Taxable income |  |  |  |
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|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (49) | (50) | (51) | (52) | (53) | (54) | (55) | (56) |
| All returns, total | 45,695,736 | 1,203,808 | 45,674,644 | 1,147,500 | 104,160,741 | 5,088,388 | 104,160,741 | 5,088,388 |
| Under \$10,000 | 1,069,131 | 17,953 | 1,129,970 | 19,789 | 2,832,285 | 4,351 | 2,901,695 | 6,599 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 2,091,596 | 32,829 | 2,320,772 | 32,685 | 13,516,962 | 67,830 | 13,615,526 | 69,824 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 2,852,846 | 45,499 | 3,282,234 | 48,822 | 15,986,961 | 169,241 | 16,801,185 | 184,868 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 3,619,951 | 57,101 | 3,988,562 | 60,898 | 13,830,842 | 249,325 | 14,449,162 | 278,493 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 3,994,552 | 68,331 | 3,989,162 | 63,744 | 10,615,868 | 275,260 | 10,689,733 | 297,519 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 3,911,359 | 71,692 | 3,700,695 | 62,975 | 8,575,526 | 288,796 | 8,205,358 | 293,477 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 3,619,924 | 69,582 | 3,514,885 | 64,863 | 6,884,022 | 284,813 | 6,603,704 | 283,475 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 3,414,154 | 70,792 | 3,219,777 | 63,406 | 5,846,772 | 288,759 | 5,459,515 | 277,495 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 3,175,718 | 69,776 | 2,931,469 | 60,989 | 4,830,063 | 276,676 | 4,431,990 | 258,278 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 2,734,371 | 63,208 | 2,541,337 | 57,080 | 3,836,141 | 251,379 | 3,540,129 | 233,100 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 5,137,672 | 129,557 | 4,799,637 | 115,759 | 6,455,480 | 509,545 | 6,102,143 | 480,280 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 3,131,384 | 91,820 | 3,026,317 | 84,770 | 3,589,967 | 355,959 | 3,518,781 | 341,928 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 1,931,982 | 63,767 | 1,905,644 | 60,291 | 2,109,984 | 252,982 | 2,110,054 | 244,266 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 1,252,990 | 47,017 | 1,209,677 | 42,967 | 1,336,957 | 187,848 | 1,330,202 | 178,259 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 2,047,448 | 92,313 | 2,128,992 | 90,014 | 2,151,841 | 400,316 | 2,304,588 | 395,307 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 683,007 | 40,565 | 765,536 | 41,895 | 703,843 | 195,836 | 816,191 | 201,432 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 321,481 | 23,149 | 382,691 | 24,021 | 331,240 | 122,469 | 404,041 | 128,235 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 475,847 | 48,305 | 569,978 | 50,958 | 490,338 | 280,538 | 601,398 | 295,011 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 104,559 | 18,101 | 126,962 | 19,014 | 107,527 | 111,653 | 131,511 | 117,914 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 43,015 | 10,230 | 50,156 | 10,677 | 44,052 | 65,750 | 51,646 | 68,143 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 60,522 | 24,297 | 67,196 | 24,395 | 61,598 | 158,702 | 68,789 | 162,609 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 14,079 | 12,805 | 14,720 | 12,791 | 14,247 | 84,806 | 14,971 | 86,067 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 8,148 | 35,120 | 8,275 | 34,695 | 8,225 | 205,554 | 8,429 | 205,807 |
| Size of income | Total tax credits |  |  |  | Total income tax |  |  |  |
|  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  | 2009 Adjusted Gross Income |  | 1979 Income Concept |  |
|  | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount | Number of returns | Amount |
|  | (57) | (58) | (59) | (60) | (61) | (62) | (63) | (64) |
| All returns, total | 87,501,186 | 110,076 | 87,501,186 | 110,076 | 81,890,189 | 865,949 | 81,890,189 | 865,949 |
| Under \$ 10,000 | 528,621 | 42 | 587,750 | 111 | 2,209,738 | 506 | 2,268,235 | 888 |
| \$10,000 under \$20,000 | 10,429,026 | 3,491 | 10,463,581 | 3,519 | 7,751,956 | 3,364 | 7,840,151 | 3,578 |
| \$20,000 under \$30,000 | 14,010,280 | 7,999 | 14,446,763 | 8,267 | 9,242,848 | 11,497 | 10,012,218 | 13,012 |
| \$30,000 under \$40,000 | 12,441,678 | 10,283 | 12,814,650 | 10,536 | 9,589,845 | 20,152 | 10,260,850 | 23,653 |
| \$40,000 under \$50,000 | 9,610,264 | 9,975 | 9,680,895 | 10,030 | 8,381,017 | 25,404 | 8,523,237 | 28,844 |
| \$50,000 under \$60,000 | 7,737,526 | 9,907 | 7,554,199 | 9,805 | 7,351,218 | 29,981 | 6,994,207 | 31,096 |
| \$60,000 under \$70,000 | 6,289,690 | 9,695 | 6,112,096 | 9,537 | 6,199,457 | 31,096 | 5,912,119 | 31,188 |
| \$70,000 under \$80,000 | 5,413,252 | 9,174 | 5,104,563 | 8,776 | 5,483,259 | 33,137 | 5,128,334 | 32,396 |
| \$80,000 under \$90,000 | 4,428,209 | 7,819 | 4,168,670 | 7,584 | 4,646,803 | 32,944 | 4,244,332 | 30,964 |
| \$90,000 under \$100,000 | 3,358,211 | 6,430 | 3,111,669 | 6,098 | 3,755,757 | 31,298 | 3,438,350 | 29,260 |
| \$100,000 under \$125,000 | 5,354,118 | 11,260 | 5,172,284 | 10,890 | 6,371,285 | 71,588 | 6,001,904 | 67,632 |
| \$125,000 under \$150,000 | 3,104,279 | 5,544 | 3,047,065 | 5,470 | 3,569,441 | 57,643 | 3,475,507 | 55,473 |
| \$150,000 under \$175,000 | 1,816,098 | 2,651 | 1,803,734 | 2,615 | 2,099,102 | 45,697 | 2,092,963 | 43,914 |
| \$175,000 under \$200,000 | 944,308 | 793 | 954,613 | 945 | 1,334,725 | 37,362 | 1,321,216 | 34,983 |
| \$200,000 under \$300,000 | 990,828 | 1,871 | 1,196,019 | 2,150 | 2,145,256 | 90,454 | 2,288,799 | 87,692 |
| \$300,000 under \$400,000 | 377,839 | 1,299 | 466,265 | 1,371 | 702,505 | 51,512 | 812,042 | 51,643 |
| \$400,000 under \$500,000 | 187,462 | 1,031 | 235,948 | 1,093 | 330,659 | 34,356 | 401,868 | 34,989 |
| \$500,000 under \$1,000,000 | 307,526 | 2,640 | 380,828 | 2,880 | 489,904 | 80,458 | 599,568 | 83,503 |
| \$1,000,000 under \$1,500,000 | 75,879 | 1,214 | 92,189 | 1,325 | 107,416 | 32,756 | 130,993 | 34,313 |
| \$1,500,000 under \$2,000,000 | 31,886 | 841 | 37,249 | 878 | 44,015 | 19,393 | 51,419 | 20,026 |
| \$2,000,000 under \$5,000,000 | 46,017 | 2,025 | 51,276 | 2,094 | 61,535 | 46,944 | 68,529 | 48,024 |
| \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 | 11,266 | 1,063 | 11,836 | 1,082 | 14,236 | 24,617 | 14,949 | 24,990 |
| \$10,000,000 and over | 6,923 | 3,029 | 7,045 | 3,020 | 8,211 | 53,790 | 8,397 | 53,887 |

[^7]NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

## Comparison of AGI with 1979 Income Concept

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 (TRA 86) made extensive changes to the calculation of AGI beginning with 1987. These changes made necessary a revision of the calculation of the 1979 Income Concept, in order to make tax years beginning with 1987 comparable to the base years, 1979 through 1986. The law changes limited the deduction of passive losses and eliminated unreimbursed employee business expenses and moving expenses as "adjustments" (moving expenses changed back for 1994) in figuring AGI beginning with Tax Year 1987. Since passive losses had been fully deductible for both income measures prior to 1987 , the disallowed passive losses had to be deducted in the 1979 Income Concept calculation for tax years after 1986.

Some income items, such as capital gains, that had been partially excluded from AGI under prior law were fully included. The new law also eliminated or restricted some deductions. Therefore, if AGI is used to measure income, comparisons between 1986 income and tax data with that for years after 1986 are misleading. A more accurate comparison can be made using the 1979 Income Concept because it measures income in the same way for all years. Table B shows total income and selected tax items for 2009 using AGI and the 1979 Income Concept, classified by size of 2009 income.

Before TRA 86 became effective, a comparison of income measured by AGI with that measured
by the 1979 Income Concept showed significant differences at income levels of $\$ 200,000$ or more. But, with the elimination of preferential treatment of various income items by TRA 86, such as the exclusion of a portion of capital gains, much of the difference disappeared. Under tax law prior to 1987, the capital gains exclusion accounted for the largest difference at the higher income levels between the two income measures. For 2009, 1979 Concept income was 2.2 percent higher than income as calculated using AGI. This difference was primarily attributed to the inclusion of more than $\$ 343.4$ billion in nontaxable pensions and annuities (including IRA distributions) in the 1979 Income Concept.

Income for all returns, using the 1979 Income Concept, decreased 8.2 percent for 2009; income for the $\$ 200,000$ and above group decreased 20.0 percent. Total income tax for all returns decreased 16.1 percent in 2009 after an decrease of 7.5 percent in 2008; and total income tax reported for the $\$ 200,000$ and above income group decreased 19.3 percent for 2009 , down from the 12.0 percent decrease for 2008. The average tax rates (income tax as a percentage of total income) for each income class and both income concepts for years 1986 through 2009 are shown in Figure 4.

For the population as a whole, average tax rates for 2009 (based on the 1979 Income Concept) were 1.1 percentage points lower than those for 2008. Between 1986 and 2009, the average tax rates declined in all income categories except the $\$ 1$ million or more category.

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