

# CHARACTERISTICS OF EITC-ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS, 2007

METRO AREA:

## Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH

The Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings

### EITC-ELIGIBLE POPULATION

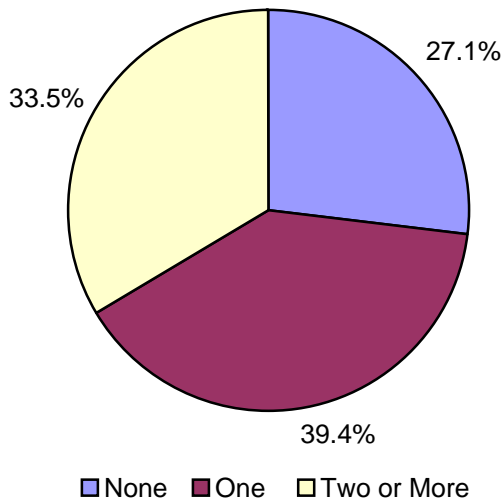
<b>Total EITC-Eligible Tax Units</b>	246,848	<b>Total Population in EITC-Eligible Units</b>	666,264
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### EITC-ELIGIBLE FILING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS

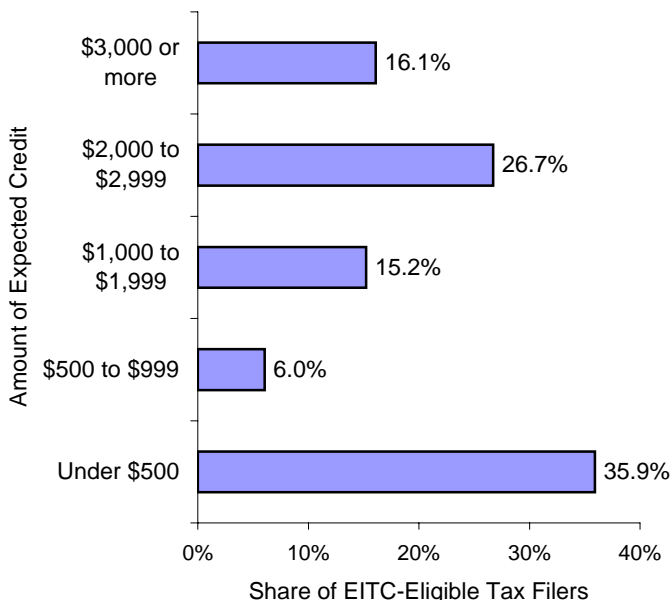
#### Filing Status

Married, Filing Jointly	18.3%
Head of Household	57.3%
Single	24.4%

#### Number of Qualifying Children



#### Size of Expected Earned Income Tax Credit

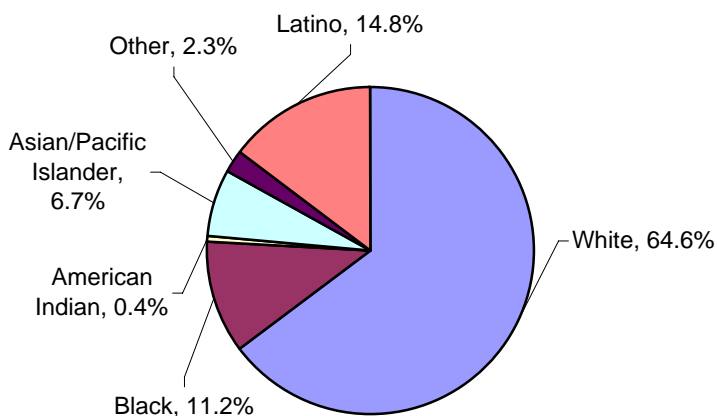


#### Adjusted Gross Income

\$1 to \$4,999	19.2%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18.7%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	16.8%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	10.9%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10.5%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	9.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	14.2%

### EITC-ELIGIBLE TAX FILER CHARACTERISTICS

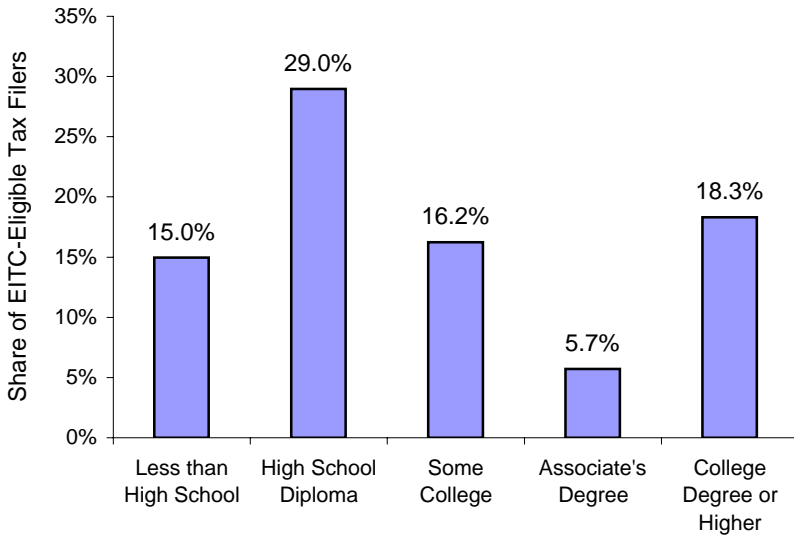
#### Race and Ethnicity of Taxpayer



#### Age of Taxpayer

Under 25 years	15.8%
25 to 34 years	25.0%
35 to 44 years	24.4%
45 to 54 years	20.0%
55 years and over	14.9%

**Highest Level of Education Attained by Taxpayer**



**Home Ownership**

Owner-occupied, with mortgage	36.4%
Owner-occupied, no mortgage	9.7%
Renter-occupied	50.3%

**Receipt of Food Stamps**

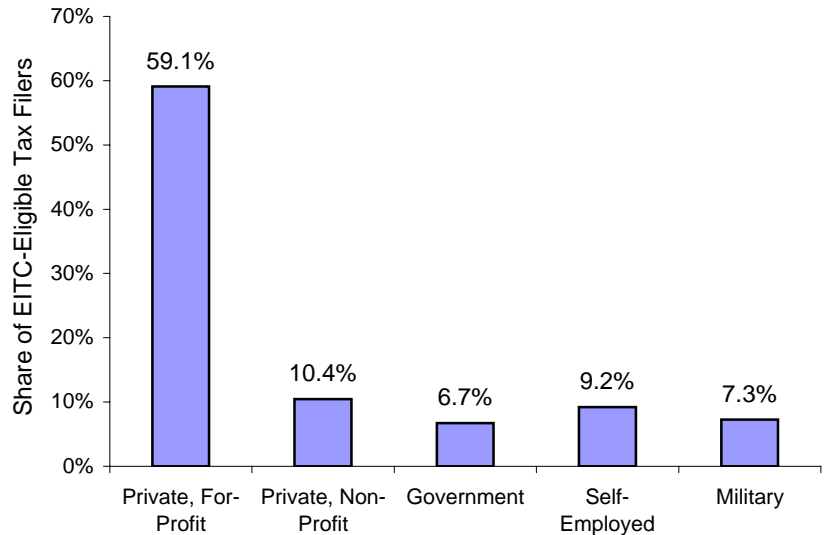
Share of tax filers in households that receive food stamps	17.8%
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**Language Spoken at Home**

English	70.7%
Spanish	13.2%
Portuguese	2.3%
Vietnamese	1.9%
Chinese	1.6%
French Creole	1.6%
French	1.4%
Other	7.3%

\* "Other" includes any language that is spoken by (a) less than 1% of taxpayers, or (b) less than 2,000 taxpayers in total.

**Sector of Work for Taxpayers**



\* Categories may not add to 100%. Remainder represents taxpayers who identified themselves as unemployed.

**Top Five Occupations**

Office Administration	14.2%
Sales	11.0%
Food Preparation	7.2%
Transportation	6.7%
Education/Training	6.6%

**Top Five Industries**

Healthcare	14.9%
Retail Trade	12.2%
Accommodation/Food Services	8.4%
Manufacturing	7.5%
Construction	7.3%