

# CHARACTERISTICS OF EITC-ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS, 2007

METRO AREA:

## Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH

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### EITC-ELIGIBLE POPULATION

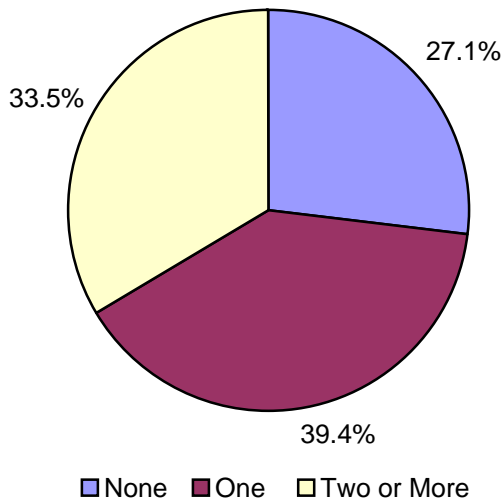
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| <b>Total EITC-Eligible Tax Units</b> | 246,848 | <b>Total Population in EITC-Eligible Units</b> | 666,264 |
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### EITC-ELIGIBLE FILING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS

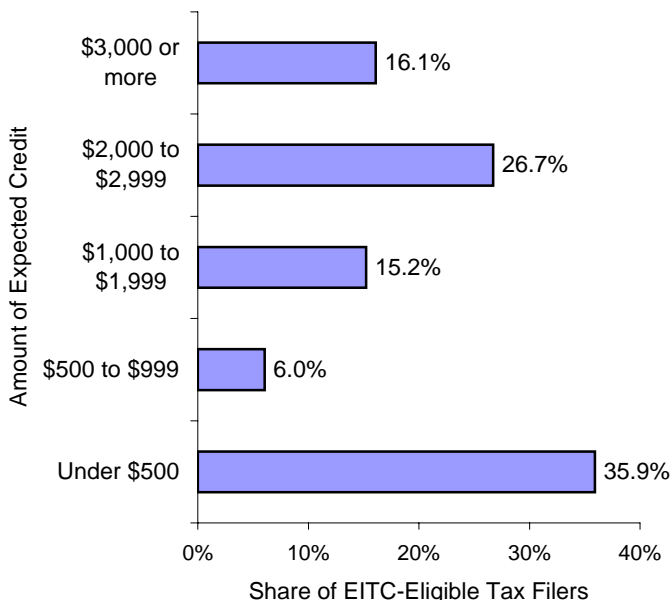
#### Filing Status

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

#### Number of Qualifying Children



#### Size of Expected Earned Income Tax Credit

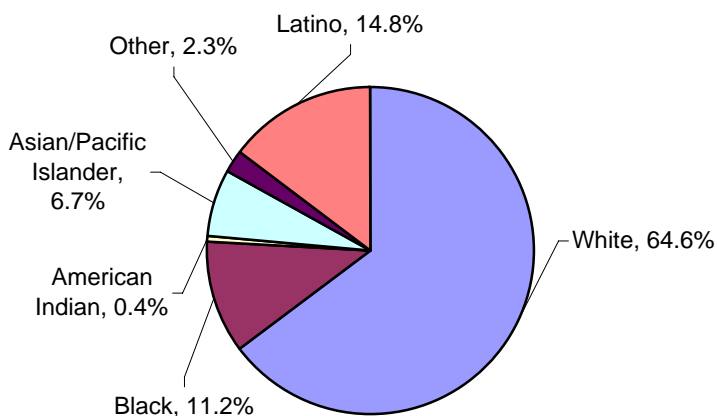


#### Adjusted Gross Income

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|----------------------|-------|
| \$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

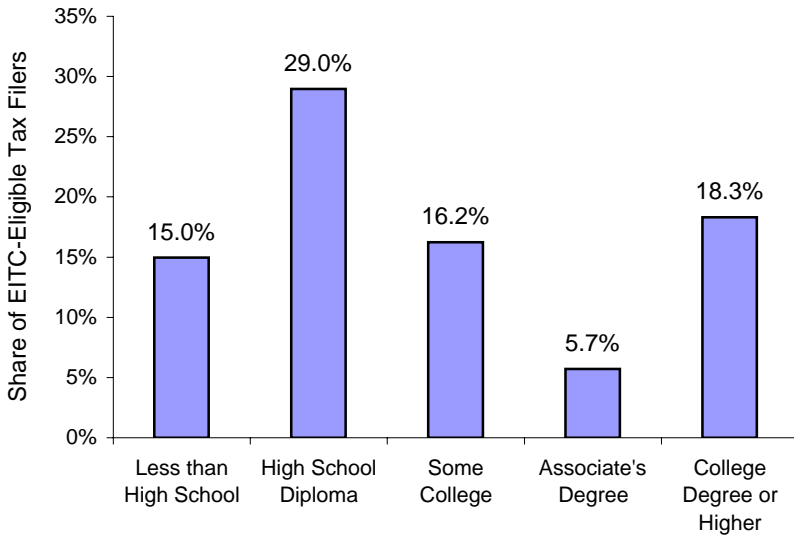
#### Race and Ethnicity of Taxpayer



#### 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**

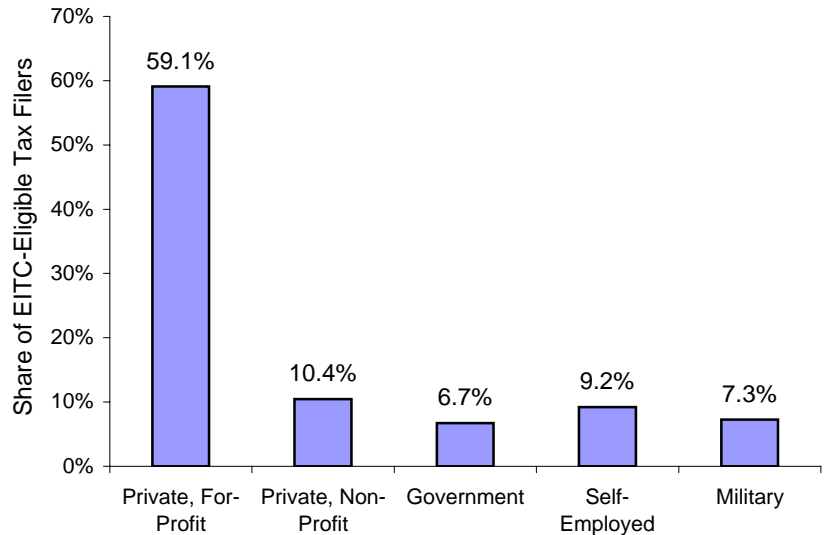
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| Share of tax filers in households that receive food stamps | 17.8% |
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**Language Spoken at Home**

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| 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**

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 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%  |