

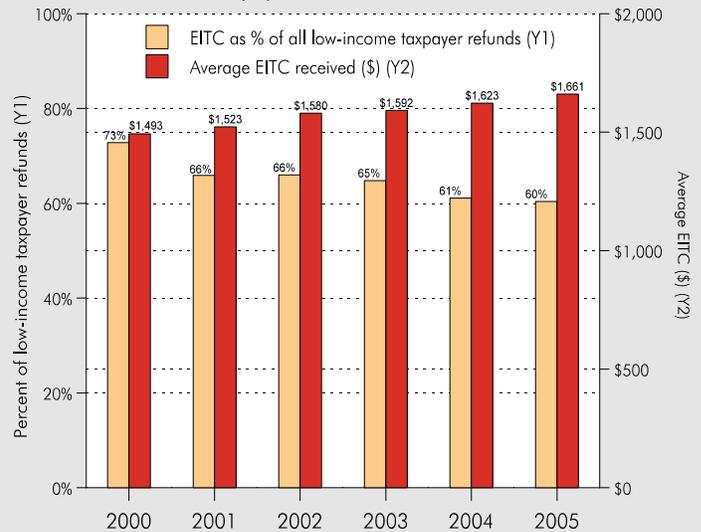
## North Dakota Tax Filers Receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): 2000 to 2005

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Figure 1. Average Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the EITC as a % of Low Income Taxpayer\* Refunds in ND: 2000 to 2005

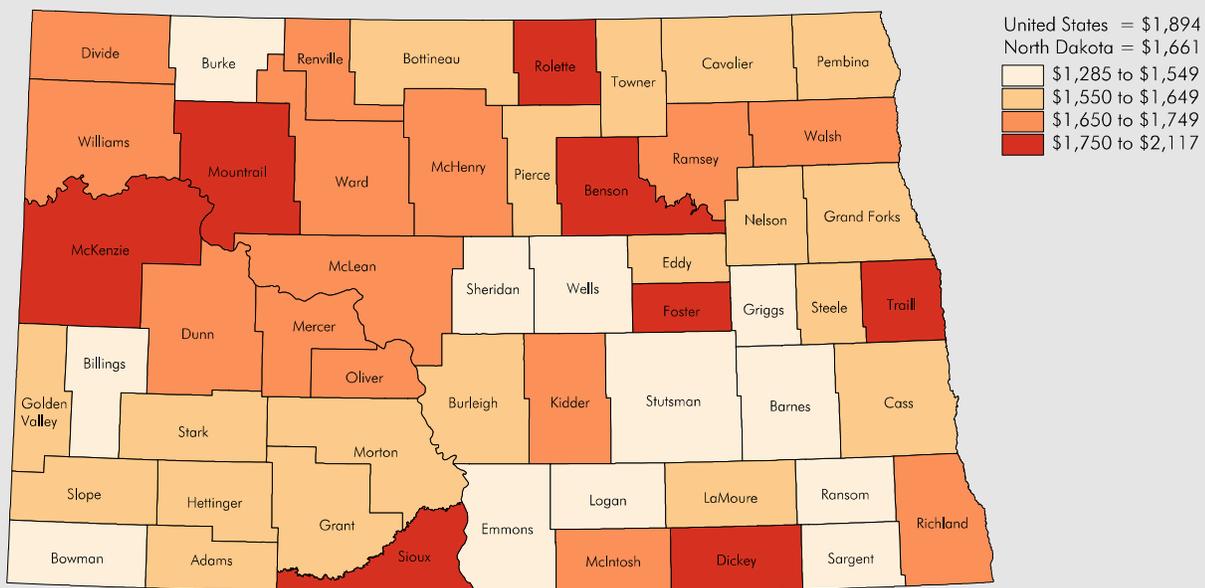


Note: \*In this figure, Low-Income Taxpayer designates those claiming the EITC on their tax return. Source: The Brookings Institution, Metropolitan Policy Program, Earned Income Tax Credit Series, [www.brookings.edu/metro/EITC/EITC-Homepage.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/metro/EITC/EITC-Homepage.aspx)

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Figure 2. Average Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Received by North Dakota Tax Filers by County: 2005

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**Table 1. North Dakota Tax Filers Receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as a Percent of All Tax Filers: 2000 to 2005**

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United States and North Dakota Counties	Tax Filers Receiving the EITC as Percent of All Tax Filers						2005 Tax Filers Receiving the EITC
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
United States	14.7%	15.0%	16.5%	16.8%	16.8%	16.9%	22,747,631
North Dakota	11.5%	11.6%	13.1%	13.1%	13.0%	13.0%	39,233
Adams	13.5%	12.2%	15.0%	14.8%	16.4%	14.2%	162
Barnes	11.4%	11.7%	13.1%	12.6%	12.7%	12.9%	667
Benson	32.9%	34.0%	36.0%	36.7%	36.9%	37.9%	992
Billings	8.8%	6.3%	9.9%	11.4%	10.6%	10.8%	35
Bottineau	11.5%	11.0%	13.3%	12.9%	12.9%	12.1%	381
Bowman	10.3%	9.3%	12.5%	11.6%	10.1%	9.7%	160
Burke	10.8%	10.0%	11.5%	12.7%	10.7%	8.7%	92
Burleigh	9.4%	9.4%	10.1%	10.4%	10.4%	10.6%	3,912
Cass	8.8%	9.2%	10.1%	10.2%	10.2%	10.5%	6,864
Cavalier	7.8%	8.5%	10.1%	9.3%	9.9%	11.1%	235
Dickey	10.3%	11.4%	13.0%	12.7%	12.4%	11.9%	292
Divide	12.7%	12.9%	14.2%	14.9%	11.6%	12.6%	125
Dunn	13.8%	15.2%	18.3%	17.0%	16.4%	15.6%	218
Eddy	12.6%	14.2%	16.4%	15.6%	15.9%	16.5%	184
Emmons	14.8%	14.3%	18.0%	17.3%	17.8%	16.2%	253
Foster	10.6%	10.7%	10.9%	10.1%	10.6%	11.7%	201
Golden Valley	12.8%	11.9%	12.7%	14.0%	13.9%	14.4%	118
Grand Forks	10.2%	10.0%	12.4%	12.2%	11.9%	12.2%	3,589
Grant	15.2%	14.6%	18.2%	17.1%	16.8%	15.9%	180
Griggs	9.5%	8.0%	10.4%	9.4%	10.4%	10.2%	124
Hettinger	11.1%	10.4%	13.6%	12.7%	12.5%	12.9%	163
Kidder	15.6%	14.9%	16.8%	15.8%	16.9%	15.9%	172
LaMoure	9.4%	10.3%	13.1%	11.4%	10.8%	10.1%	203
Logan	15.8%	14.2%	18.2%	17.7%	18.0%	16.1%	140
McHenry	14.1%	13.9%	16.2%	15.6%	15.7%	15.7%	406
McIntosh	12.3%	11.5%	15.1%	13.5%	13.8%	13.8%	195
McKenzie	14.7%	14.9%	17.2%	17.7%	16.3%	16.5%	342
McLean	12.3%	12.1%	13.7%	13.8%	14.3%	13.6%	571
Mercer	7.8%	7.6%	8.8%	9.0%	8.2%	7.9%	318
Morton	12.2%	12.0%	13.7%	13.8%	13.3%	13.0%	1,616
Mountrail	22.6%	21.3%	23.0%	23.0%	24.3%	22.8%	742
Nelson	10.9%	11.5%	13.1%	11.9%	12.8%	12.4%	213
Oliver	8.0%	7.0%	9.8%	9.6%	8.8%	8.6%	75
Pembina	8.6%	8.1%	10.6%	9.9%	10.2%	10.7%	421
Pierce	13.4%	14.1%	14.1%	13.6%	15.0%	15.7%	312
Ramsey	13.5%	13.8%	14.7%	14.3%	14.8%	15.0%	826
Ransom	8.5%	8.2%	9.6%	9.1%	9.6%	10.2%	273
Renville	10.5%	9.5%	13.2%	12.7%	12.1%	11.7%	123
Richland	9.6%	9.9%	11.3%	11.2%	11.3%	11.5%	888
Rolette	37.8%	38.3%	39.8%	40.0%	40.9%	40.5%	2,013
Sargent	7.1%	7.8%	8.8%	9.1%	8.7%	8.3%	168
Sheridan	15.2%	15.1%	17.4%	16.5%	14.9%	14.1%	100
Sioux	46.3%	44.6%	47.0%	47.2%	47.8%	49.4%	665
Slope	15.5%	14.3%	19.4%	15.3%	12.5%	15.1%	22
Stark	12.7%	12.3%	14.1%	14.4%	13.9%	13.1%	1,423
Steele	9.8%	9.5%	10.2%	9.6%	10.2%	10.6%	84
Stutsman	12.3%	12.7%	13.7%	13.8%	14.2%	14.0%	1,342
Towner	10.9%	11.4%	12.7%	13.3%	13.3%	12.7%	161
Traill	8.2%	8.1%	9.8%	9.7%	9.4%	8.4%	327
Walsh	11.3%	11.4%	13.3%	13.4%	13.4%	13.9%	759
Ward	11.5%	11.7%	13.9%	13.8%	13.7%	13.8%	3,788
Wells	10.7%	11.4%	14.1%	13.1%	13.1%	13.0%	276
Williams	14.1%	13.5%	15.4%	15.6%	14.7%	13.6%	1,322

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