

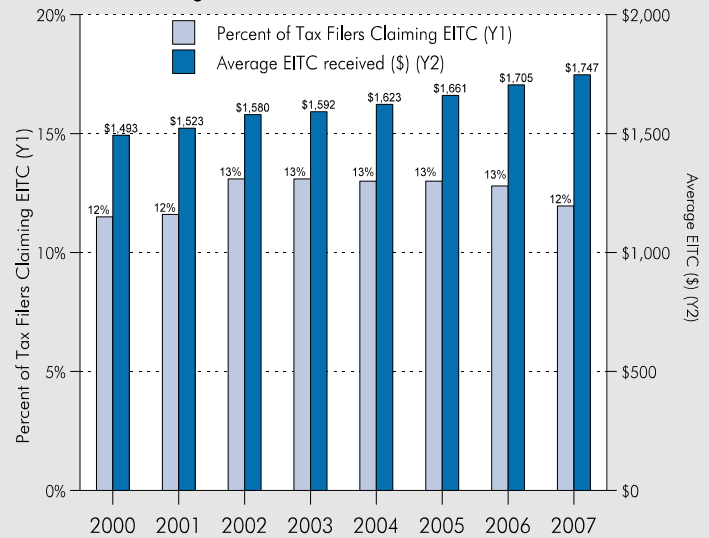
North Dakota Tax Filers Receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): 2000 to 2007

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is an antipoverty program for working individuals and families. The EITC reduces the amount of taxes owed and may also provide a refund. In 2007, 12.0 percent of all North Dakota tax filers claimed the EITC, which is down slightly from 12.8 percent in 2006 (Figure 1). Nationwide, 15.9 percent of tax filers claimed the EITC in 2007, which is down from 16.6 percent in 2006 (Table 1).

Depending on income and family structure, tax filers may claim an EITC, the value of which could range from \$1 to \$4,400. In 2007, the average EITC credit that North Dakota EITC filers received was \$1,747 (Figure 2), which is up 2.5 percent from \$1,705 in 2006. Nationwide, the average credit that EITC filers received in 2007 was \$1,979, which is up 2.4 percent from \$1,932 in 2006.

For most taxpayers who claim the EITC and receive a tax refund, the EITC comprises the largest portion of those refunds (taxpayers may claim other credits that add to their refunds). In 2007, 60.4 percent of refunds received by North Dakota taxpayers claiming the EITC were composed of EITC dollars. This proportion is down from 72.8 percent in 2000.

Figure 1. Average Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Percent of Tax Filers Claiming the EITC: 2000 to 2007



Source: The Brookings Institution, Metropolitan Policy Program, Earned Income Tax Credit Series, <http://www.brookings.edu/metro/EITC/EITC-Homepage.aspx>

Of North Dakota tax filers claiming the EITC in 2007, 27.0 percent also claimed the Child Tax Credit. Those North Dakota families receiving the Child Tax Credit received, on average, a child tax credit of \$627 in 2007.

Figure 2. Average Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Received by North Dakota Tax Filers by County: 2007

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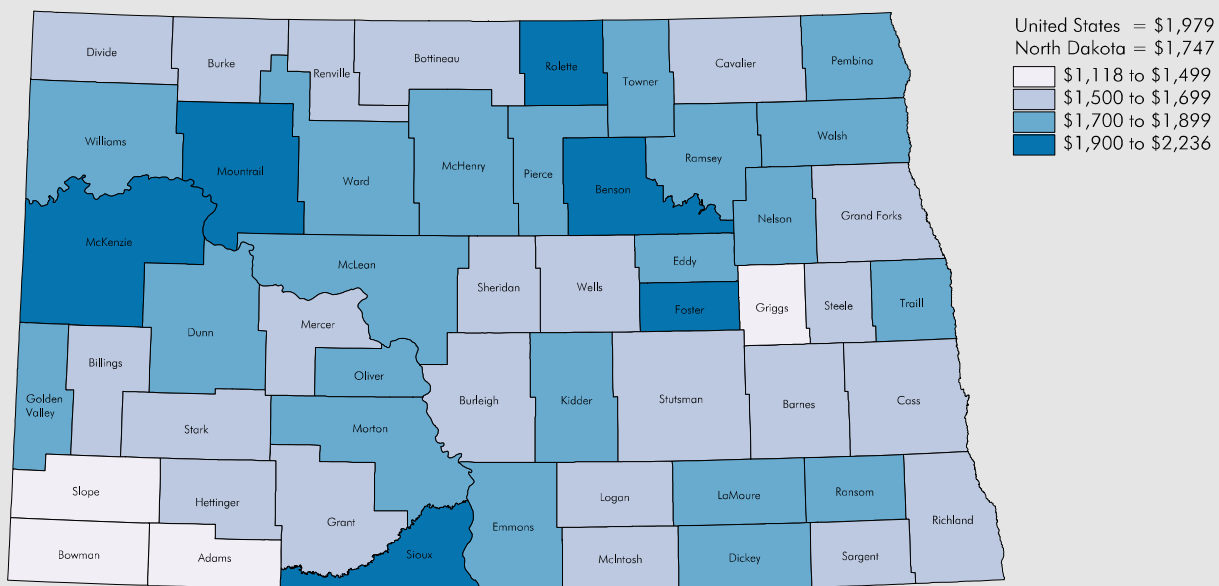


Table 1. North Dakota Tax Filers Receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as a Percent of All Tax Filers: 2000 to 2007

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United States and North Dakota Counties	Tax Filers Receiving the EITC as Percent of All Tax Filers								2007 Tax Filers Receiving the EITC
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
United States	14.7%	15.0%	16.5%	16.8%	16.8%	16.8%	16.6%	15.9%	24,616,107
North Dakota	11.5%	11.6%	13.1%	13.1%	13.0%	13.0%	12.8%	12.0%	40,499
Adams	13.5%	12.2%	15.0%	14.8%	16.4%	14.2%	11.7%	10.9%	137
Barnes	11.4%	11.7%	13.1%	12.6%	12.7%	12.9%	12.7%	10.8%	626
Benson	32.9%	34.0%	36.0%	36.7%	36.9%	37.9%	36.7%	33.2%	960
Billings	8.8%	6.3%	9.9%	11.4%	10.6%	10.8%	10.6%	9.5%	36
Bottineau	11.5%	11.0%	13.3%	12.9%	12.9%	12.1%	12.0%	10.4%	364
Bowman	10.3%	9.3%	12.5%	11.6%	10.1%	9.7%	9.4%	8.8%	164
Burke	10.8%	10.0%	11.5%	12.7%	10.7%	8.7%	9.4%	8.4%	95
Burleigh	9.4%	9.4%	10.1%	10.4%	10.4%	10.6%	10.4%	10.2%	4,212
Cass	8.8%	9.2%	10.1%	10.2%	10.2%	10.5%	10.7%	10.5%	7,731
Cavalier	7.8%	8.5%	10.1%	9.3%	9.9%	11.1%	9.7%	7.9%	177
Dickey	10.3%	11.4%	13.0%	12.7%	12.4%	11.9%	12.4%	9.6%	262
Divide	12.7%	12.9%	14.2%	14.9%	11.6%	12.6%	11.1%	9.7%	106
Dunn	13.8%	15.2%	18.3%	17.0%	16.4%	15.6%	13.2%	12.2%	191
Eddy	12.6%	14.2%	16.4%	15.6%	15.9%	16.5%	16.0%	13.2%	174
Emmons	14.8%	14.3%	18.0%	17.3%	17.8%	16.2%	15.6%	13.2%	242
Foster	10.6%	10.7%	10.9%	10.1%	10.6%	11.7%	11.3%	9.5%	177
Golden Valley	12.8%	11.9%	12.7%	14.0%	13.9%	14.4%	14.3%	11.8%	109
Grand Forks	10.2%	10.0%	12.4%	12.2%	11.9%	12.2%	12.4%	12.4%	3,990
Grant	15.2%	14.6%	18.2%	17.1%	16.8%	15.9%	15.5%	13.5%	172
Griggs	9.5%	8.0%	10.4%	9.4%	10.4%	10.2%	11.2%	9.6%	129
Hettinger	11.1%	10.4%	13.6%	12.7%	12.5%	12.9%	13.6%	10.4%	144
Kidder	15.6%	14.9%	16.8%	15.8%	16.9%	15.9%	15.5%	15.0%	181
LaMoure	9.4%	10.3%	13.1%	11.4%	10.8%	10.1%	9.8%	8.5%	187
Logan	15.8%	14.2%	18.2%	17.7%	18.0%	16.1%	14.9%	14.0%	143
McHenry	14.1%	13.9%	16.2%	15.6%	15.7%	15.7%	14.8%	13.6%	401
McIntosh	12.3%	11.5%	15.1%	13.5%	13.8%	13.8%	13.5%	11.9%	194
McKenzie	14.7%	14.9%	17.2%	17.7%	16.3%	16.5%	15.4%	13.3%	311
McLean	12.3%	12.1%	13.7%	13.8%	14.3%	13.6%	12.6%	11.0%	519
Mercer	7.8%	7.6%	8.8%	9.0%	8.2%	7.9%	7.8%	8.0%	357
Morton	12.2%	12.0%	13.7%	13.8%	13.3%	13.0%	12.7%	12.1%	1,731
Mountrail	22.6%	21.3%	23.0%	23.0%	24.3%	22.8%	23.1%	19.6%	726
Nelson	10.9%	11.5%	13.1%	11.9%	12.8%	12.4%	11.8%	9.1%	175
Oliver	8.0%	7.0%	9.8%	9.6%	8.8%	8.6%	8.1%	8.0%	75
Pembina	8.6%	8.1%	10.6%	9.9%	10.2%	10.7%	9.7%	8.3%	350
Pierce	13.4%	14.1%	14.1%	13.6%	15.0%	15.7%	15.3%	12.4%	279
Ramsey	13.5%	13.8%	14.7%	14.3%	14.8%	15.0%	14.8%	13.3%	816
Ransom	8.5%	8.2%	9.6%	9.1%	9.6%	10.2%	9.8%	9.3%	278
Renville	10.5%	9.5%	13.2%	12.7%	12.1%	11.7%	11.4%	9.4%	108
Richland	9.6%	9.9%	11.3%	11.2%	11.3%	11.5%	10.9%	10.6%	881
Rolette	37.8%	38.3%	39.8%	40.0%	40.9%	40.5%	40.6%	35.9%	2,114
Sargent	7.1%	7.8%	8.8%	9.1%	8.7%	8.3%	8.6%	7.9%	164
Sheridan	15.2%	15.1%	17.4%	16.5%	14.9%	14.1%	13.7%	12.9%	104
Sioux	46.3%	44.6%	47.0%	47.2%	47.8%	49.4%	48.8%	44.5%	674
Slope	15.5%	14.3%	19.4%	15.3%	12.5%	15.1%	15.9%	12.6%	20
Stark	12.7%	12.3%	14.1%	14.4%	13.9%	13.1%	12.0%	11.0%	1,372
Steele	9.8%	9.5%	10.2%	9.6%	10.2%	10.6%	10.4%	7.9%	65
Stutsman	12.3%	12.7%	13.7%	13.8%	14.2%	14.0%	13.6%	12.4%	1,368
Towner	10.9%	11.4%	12.7%	13.3%	13.3%	12.7%	13.4%	11.4%	152
Traill	8.2%	8.1%	9.8%	9.7%	9.4%	8.4%	9.0%	8.2%	349
Walsh	11.3%	11.4%	13.3%	13.4%	13.4%	13.9%	13.6%	11.7%	731
Ward	11.5%	11.7%	13.9%	13.8%	13.7%	13.8%	13.6%	13.0%	3,953
Wells	10.7%	11.4%	14.1%	13.1%	13.1%	13.0%	13.3%	11.1%	266
Williams	14.1%	13.5%	15.4%	15.6%	14.7%	13.6%	12.6%	11.1%	1,257

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"The EITC program is one that has demonstrated its value in assisting low-income workers while also providing a boost to local economies. We need to continue to increase awareness among those who are eligible for the program," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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