

**E**arned

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# What Is It?

- A Hand-Up, not a Hand-Out.
- Single largest help to lifting folks from poverty.
- A refundable credit.

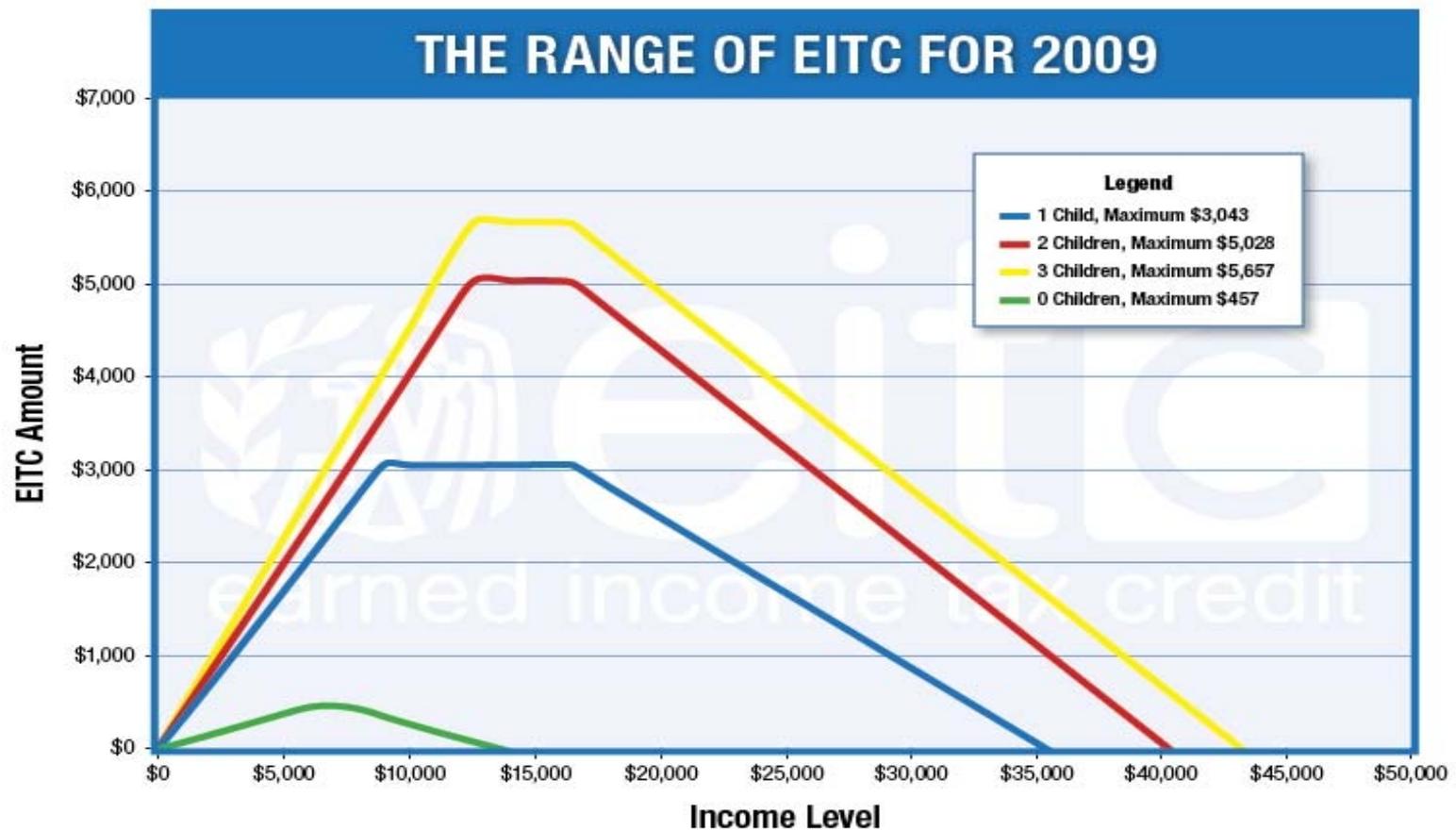
# How Many & How Much?

- Last year: 24,000,000 people received \$50,000,000,000.
- 5,000,000 people lifted out of poverty each year.
- Participation estimated at 78%-80%.

# Who Are We Missing?

- Living in rural areas
- Self-employed
- Disabled
- Childless
- Not proficient in English
- Older (Grandparents)
- Recently divorced, unemployed, or experienced other changes to their marital, financial or parental status

# The Range of EITC



# EITC States At A Glance

## 2008

State	# of People	Avg. Amt.
PA	835k	\$1,885
DC	47k	\$1,887
MD	358k	\$1,943
VA	534k	\$1,963
WV	151k	\$1,880
DE	64k	\$1,957

# Basic Qualifications

- Have a valid social security number.
- No "Married Filing Separate" status.
- No Form 2555 or 2555 EZ related to foreign income.
- Investment income less than \$3,100.
- Have earned income.
- Not be the qualifying child of another person.
- Generally be a US citizen or resident alien for the entire year.

# How Do You Get It?

**FILE A RETURN**

# How Can People File?

- *Paid Prep*
- *Self-Prep*
- *Volunteer Prep*

# Pennsylvania

## TY 2007 SPEC Returns

### Database

Market Segment	Total Returns	VITA	VITA, TCE & other electronic	VITA, TCE & other paper	Returns with EITC	IRS prep/ reviewed	Self - Prep	Paid Prep
<b>Low Income</b>	<b>3,985,773</b>	<b>57,385</b>	<b>100,389</b>	<b>32,796</b>	<b>835,224</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>1,973,143</b>	<b>1,873,327</b>

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