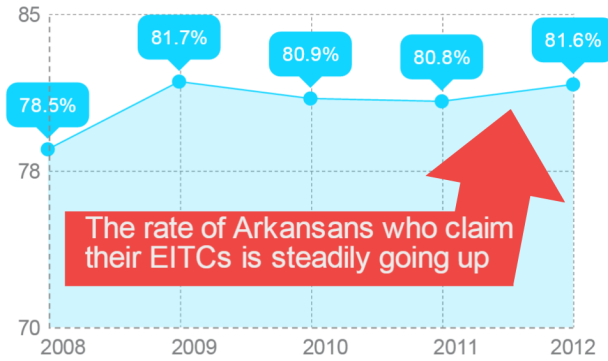


Who's getting credit?

EITC participation in Arkansas

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the similar Child Tax Credit (CTC) are the nation's strongest tools to promote work, help working families escape poverty, and pump money into local economies. But, not everyone who is eligible takes part.



... but about one in five people who are eligible for the EITC in Arkansas still don't claim it.



Low participation is costly

The EITC puts about \$771 million into the Arkansas's economy every year. With full participation, local economies would get even more.



Who qualifies?

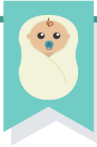
Eligibility depends on income, if you file as single or married, and family size. A single mom with two kids and an income less than \$43,000 would be eligible for a credit up to \$5,460. The average EITC claim is about \$2,500 a year



228,000 moms



147,000 dads



Tax credits lift 57,000 Arkansas kids out of poverty each year



173,000 young workers (18-34)



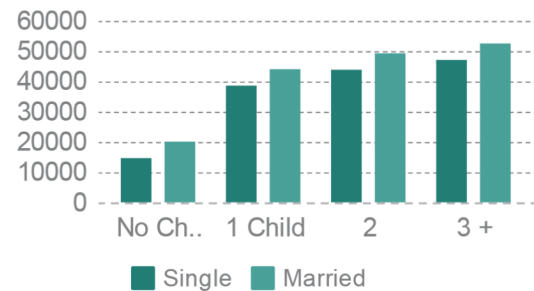
32,000 veteran and military families

Who currently
claims tax credits
in Arkansas?

Most Arkansans who qualify for the EITC are white



Maximum income eligibility



Arkansas needs a coordinated government effort to increase participation. An outreach campaign that increases participation by 5 percent would lead to \$19 million in potential economic benefit for working families who need it most.

