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The Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, and Latinos

Analysis of data from the Census Bureau, IRS, and the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis shows that:

- As many as 8 million Latino workers with 12 million children claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in tax year 2013.
- About 7 million Latino working families with children claimed refunds averaging over \$1,400 through the low-income (or refundable) portion of the Child Tax Credit.
- If key provisions of the EITC and Child Tax Credit are allowed to expire at the end of 2017, about 5 million Latino working families will lose an average of about \$1,000 each.
- These provisions are particularly important to Latino families. In 2013, Latinos made up 17 percent of the U.S. population but 28 percent of the working poor.

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Figures reflect Census-based estimates of the percentage distributions of affected persons by race and ethnicity (based on a CBPP analysis of data in the U.S. Census Bureau's March 2014 Current Population Survey) multiplied by total actual numbers of filers from preliminary IRS data for 2013, or (for the expiring 2009 provisions) multiplied by estimates of total filers affected by these provisions in 2015 as estimated in April 2015 by the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Tax Analysis. The Census-based percentages rely on the Census Bureau's tax model, which for technical reasons may somewhat overstate the Latino share of EITC participants.