

The Bankler Report

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INTRODUCTION

The Congressional Research Service recently released data analysis of Itemized Tax Deductions for Individuals for 2011.

Background.

On 2011 tax returns, 32% of Individual Taxpayers itemized their deductions while 88% chose to use the standard deduction. Of note, taxpayers in different income ranges tend to claim different itemized deductions. In 2011, the higher income taxpayers claimed deductions for charitable gifts, state and local taxes, and real estate property taxes at higher rates than those in the lower income ranges.

How It Breaks Down.

Average Amount Claimed by Tax Filers for Various Tax Deductions, 2011

(share of total tax filers in each income group claiming each itemized deduction)

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)	Home Mortgage Interest	Charitable Gifts	State & Local Taxes	Real Estate Taxes	Medical Expenses	Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses
\$0 to \$20k	\$7,569 (3%)	\$1,634 (4%)	\$770 (5%)	\$2,991 (5%)	\$8,494 (4%)	\$5,071 (1%)
\$20k to \$50k	\$7,314 (15%)	\$2,281 (15%)	\$1,500 (20%)	\$2,815 (17%)	\$7,247 (8%)	\$5,487 (7%)
\$50k to \$100k	\$8,645 (44%)	\$2,877 (45%)	\$3,208 (53%)	\$3,319 (48%)	\$7,532 (12%)	\$5,069 (20%)
\$100k to \$200k	\$11,370 (71%)	\$3,886 (75%)	\$6,304 (82%)	\$4,713 (78%)	\$10,526 (8%)	\$4,866 (29%)
\$200k to \$250k	\$15,444 (78%)	\$5,726 (87%)	\$11,526 (93%)	\$6,901 (88%)	\$18,884 (4%)	\$5,971 (24%)
\$250k to \$500k	\$18,790 (77%)	\$8,917 (89%)	\$18,168 (95%)	\$9,020 (90%)	\$30,133 (2%)	\$6,528 (18%)
\$500k to \$1million	\$23,568 (72%)	\$18,152 (92%)	\$40,502 (96%)	\$13,870 (91%)	\$65,714 (1%)	\$9,896 (12%)
+\$1 million	\$27,373 (62%)	\$134,390 (94%)	\$203,853 (97%)	\$26,329 (92%)	\$126,198 (<1%)	\$28,696 (7%)

Source: CRS analysis of the Internal Revenue Service's Statistics of Income 2011 Data, Tables 1.4 and 2.1, at <http://www.irs.gov/uac/SOI-Tax-Stats>—Individual-Statistical-Tables-by-Size-of-Adjusted-Gross-Income.

Note: Claim amounts are as reported before limits were applied.