

Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
Internal Revenue Service -
Earned Income Tax Credit

Reporting Period
Q1 2022

Change from Previous FY (\$M)

\$2,928M



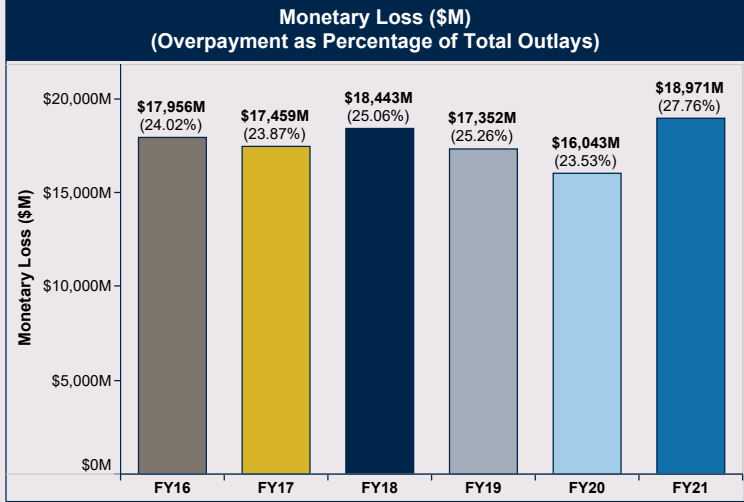
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Brief Program Description:

The EITC is a refundable tax credit for working families with low to moderate incomes. EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may give you a refund. To qualify, taxpayers must meet certain requirements and file a tax return.

Key Milestones	Status	ECD
1 Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	On-Track	Aug-22
2 Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	At Risk	Sep-22
3 Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	At Risk	Sep-22
4 Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Oct-22
5 Analyze results of implementing new strategies	On-Track	Sep-22
6 Achieved compliance with PIIA	On-Track	Sep-22
7 Identified any data needs for mitigation	On-Track	Sep-22



Goals towards Reducing Monetary Loss	Status	ECD
1 Q1 2022 Reject electronic returns with missing or inconsistent information via math error.	On-Track	Sep-22
2 Q1 2022 Conduct pre-refund audits.	On-Track	Sep-22

Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments
1 Recovery Activity	IRS conducts post refund audits selected by the Dependent Database (DDb) to recapture payments that were made to ineligible taxpayers or payments in the wrong amount that were made to eligible taxpayers.	Examination Closures
2 Recovery Activity	IRS matches payer information in the Information Returns Master file with taxpayer return information in the Individual Master File to verify the taxpayer reported all income as required. Post refund statutory adjustments occur.	Document Matching
3 Recovery Activity	IRS sends letters to alert taxpayers that a qualifying child for the EITC claimed on their returns had also been claimed by another person. Taxpayers are information to file amended return if the credit was claimed in error or in the incorrect amount.	Soft Notices

Accomplishments in Reducing Monetary Loss	Date
1 Refundable Credits Participation Working Group (RCPWG) - The first quarter RCPWG meeting was held to discuss the decline in EITC claims and paid preparer returns and discussed ways to leverage the data and partnerships to increase participation.	Nov-21
2 Refundable Credits Summit - The IRS hosted its annual summit attended by over 130 external stakeholders. The FY 2022 Summit primarily focused on the American Rescue Plan tax law changes related to refundable credits.	Nov-21
3 Software Developer Working Group (SDWG)- The first quarter SDWG meeting was held to discuss the American Rescue Plan tax law changes related to refundable credits, FY 22 Return Preparer Strategies, and the Qualified Sick and Family Leave Credit.	Nov-21

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Monetary Loss	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
\$17,833M	Overpayments outside the agency control that occurred because the Data/Information Needed Does Not Exist.	This root cause category, accounting for \$17.8 billion or 94% of EITC overclaims, includes errors with the inability to authenticate qualifying child eligibility requirements and taxpayer income misreporting.	Statutory Change - Proposed changes to statute that would change conditions giving rise to improper payments	The ability to verify EITC eligibility at time of filing would decrease improper payments and reduce taxpayer filing errors and educate taxpayers and paid preparers on the law and common filing errors.
\$1,138M	Overpayments outside the agency control that occurred because of an Inability to Access the Data/Information Needed.	Errors in this root category, accounting for \$1.1 billion or 6% of EITC overclaims, occur when information needed to confirm payment accuracy is not available at the time the return is processed.	Statutory Change - Proposed changes to statute that would change conditions giving rise to improper payments	If the ability to confirm payment accuracy is available at the time the return is processed it would reduce improper payments.

Monetary Loss - Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.