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In Virginia 48.0 Percent of Trump's Proposed Tax Cuts Go to People Making More than \$1 Million

A tiny fraction of the Virginia population (0.6 percent) earns more than \$1 million annually. But this elite group would receive 48.0 percent of the tax cuts that go to Virginia residents under the tax proposals from the Trump administration. A much larger group, 43.5 percent of the state, earns less than \$45,000, but would receive just 5.1 percent of the tax cuts.

The first group, the millionaires, would receive an average tax cut of \$168,360 in 2018, equal to 8.0 percent of their income. The second group, those making less than \$45,000, would receive an average tax cut of just \$250, equal to 1.0 percent of their income.

Income Groups' Share of Population vs. Share of Trump Tax Cuts in 2018 in Virginia



Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), August 2017



Figures rounded to the nearest ten dollars. Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), August 2017

The figures in this brief have been calculated by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP) based on broad principles for tax policy released by the Trump administration on April 26 as well as subsequent statements by administration officials. Because the principles and statements left many unanswered questions, the estimates required some assumptions. <u>ITEP's longer report</u> explains these assumptions and each tax proposal in detail. That report concludes that the Trump tax principles would reduce revenue by at least \$4.8 trillion over 10 years.



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The table below provides more detail about the effects of the administration's tax proposals on households at different income levels.

Impacts of the Trump Tax Proposals in 2018 in Virginia

State Taxpayers				Tax Changes		Average Changes	
Income	Average	Number of	Share of Total	Total Amount	Share of	In dollars	As a % of Pre-
Group	Income	Tax Filers	Tax Filers	(in thousands)	Tax Cuts		Tax Income
Less than \$45,000	\$24,100	1,793,800	43.5%	\$ -456,100	5.1%	\$ -250	-1.0%
\$45,000 to \$100,000	68,600	1,237,000	30.0%	-1,251,900	14.0%	-1,010	-1.5%
\$100,000 to \$200,000	139,000	749,500	18.2%	-1,015,900	11.4%	-1,360	-1.0%
\$200,000 to \$1 million	323,000	314,100	7.6%	-1,908,400	21.4%	-6,080	-1.9%
More than \$1 million	2,097,900	25,400	0.6%	-4,280,500	48.0%	-168,360	-8.0%
ALL	\$96,200	4,119,800	100.0%	\$ -8,912,800	100.0%	\$ -2,160	-2.2%

The Trump tax proposals included in these figures are the following, which are described in more detail in <u>ITEP's longer report</u>.

Repeal of the 3.8 percent tax on investment income for the rich.

Repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Repeal of personal exemptions and doubling of the standard deduction.

Replacement of current income tax brackets with three brackets, 10 percent, 25 percent, and 35 percent.

Elimination of all itemized deductions except those for charitable giving and home mortgage interest.

Special tax rate (15 percent) for businesses that do not pay the corporate income tax.

New deduction and tax credit for child care.

Repeal of special tax breaks for businesses and reduction in the corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 15 percent.

Repeal of the estate tax.