

Figure 2: Mississippi Counties with the Highest Number of Tax Returns Filed, Tax Year 2005

County	Number of Tax Returns	Number of EITC Tax Returns	% of EITC Returns Using Paid Preparers	% of EITC Returns That Received a RAL*	Dollars Lost to Tax Preparation, RALs and RACs**
Hinds	103,395	38,538	67.2%	41.6%	\$ 5,712,750
Harrison	71,648	18,943	74.2%	32.7%	\$ 2,845,170
Desoto	60,805	11,538	71.9%	37.9%	\$ 1,739,100
Rankin	54,583	10,258	69.8%	34.1%	\$ 1,472,010
Jackson	47,923	12,243	76.0%	32.9%	\$ 1,876,980
Forrest	38,342	10,965	76.8%	39.5%	\$ 1,760,640
Madison	37,053	8,534	57.7%	36.9%	\$ 1,112,640
Lee	36,300	10,457	79.6%	46.0%	\$ 1,760,790
Lauderdale	31,610	10,201	82.8%	47.1%	\$ 1,805,310
Jones	24,449	7,735	79.8%	45.2%	\$ 1,304,820
Lowndes	24,096	7,695	62.7%	46.2%	\$ 1,114,830
Washington	21,363	10,464	76.8%	51.9%	\$ 1,821,690
Warren	21,187	7,146	81.0%	42.0%	\$ 1,203,450
Pearl River	19,499	5,589	77.8%	30.6%	\$ 856,770
Pike	16,339	6,895	70.5%	42.0%	\$ 1,065,120
Marshall	16,206	5,953	85.5%	50.4%	\$ 1,088,100
Panola	14,912	6,131	77.0%	49.6%	\$ 1,039,650
Oktibbeha	14,829	4,249	71.9%	45.8%	\$ 675,840
Lafayette	14,296	3,254	75.9%	37.0%	\$ 502,860
Bolivar	13,959	6,443	81.3%	44.2%	\$ 1,104,360
Monroe	13,558	4,480	83.9%	50.1%	\$ 805,290
Alcorn	13,400	3,761	84.6%	44.7%	\$ 655,920
Neshoba	12,635	4,331	83.8%	48.5%	\$ 768,900
Adams	12,608	4,896	82.9%	36.7%	\$ 824,970
Copiah	12,337	4,755	71.6%	41.6%	\$ 735,810
Mississippi Totals	1,130,867	370,490	75.7%	42.6%	\$ 59,772,330
U.S. TOTALS	130,354,745	22,053,667	70.9%	26.8%	\$3,029,007,780

SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service SPEC Information Database, Tax Year 2005 (December 2007). Calculations by CDF.

Notes: *Of those who receive a refund. **Calculated based on a \$150 average tax preparation fee, a \$100 average RAL fee and a \$30 average RAC fee.