

Figure 3: CA Counties with the Highest Number of Total Returns Filed, Tax Year 2005

County	Number of Tax Returns	Number of EITC Tax Returns	% of EITC Returns Who Used Paid Preparers	% of EITC Returns with a RAL*	Dollars Lost to Tax Preparation RACs and RALs**
LOS ANGELES	3,914,636	791,533	81.6%	14.1%	\$ 111,173,160
SAN DIEGO	1,305,036	176,582	73.8%	17.4%	\$ 23,120,160
ORANGE	1,269,017	148,774	76.6%	11.8%	\$ 19,202,040
RIVERSIDE	751,826	140,945	78.7%	18.8%	\$ 19,950,450
SANTA CLARA	747,823	65,597	72.6%	11.6%	\$ 7,995,180
SAN BERNARDINO	731,802	157,656	79.1%	21.1%	\$ 22,797,900
ALAMEDA	634,434	69,996	69.3%	18.7%	\$ 8,738,040
SACRAMENTO	560,536	85,100	69.6%	22.6%	\$ 11,107,950
CONTRA COSTA	436,618	38,529	69.7%	17.4%	\$ 4,794,780
SAN FRANCISCO	394,918	39,680	64.8%	8.2%	\$ 4,206,570
VENTURA	346,285	42,375	79.1%	14.8%	\$ 5,787,120
FRESNO	319,333	85,724	71.3%	22.5%	\$ 11,528,430
SAN MATEO	318,569	21,565	68.8%	9.4%	\$ 2,456,010
KERN	265,294	70,623	78.8%	23.6%	\$ 10,429,140
SAN JOAQUIN	256,490	47,341	75.2%	24.5%	\$ 6,677,280
SONOMA	209,648	18,946	66.6%	12.3%	\$ 2,172,120
STANISLAUS	191,522	36,335	75.3%	22.2%	\$ 5,024,520
SOLANO	169,825	20,443	67.0%	21.3%	\$ 2,575,530
SANTA BARBARA	169,131	21,830	74.6%	12.7%	\$ 2,782,050
MONTEREY	153,957	26,261	82.8%	15.5%	\$ 3,796,320
PLACER	146,277	11,332	64.5%	13.8%	\$ 1,290,660
TULARE	139,844	43,598	75.5%	19.0%	\$ 5,992,020
MARIN	122,036	6,781	64.9%	5.7%	\$ 703,140
SANTA CRUZ	116,218	15,290	71.6%	8.3%	\$ 1,835,130
SAN LUIS OBISPO	111,912	11,891	66.9%	12.6%	\$ 1,373,610
CALIFORNIA TOTALS	14,801,518	2,376,158	76.3%	16.5%	\$ 319,651,470
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). CDF calculations.

* 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