

What is EITC?

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) was established in 1975 by Congress as a refundable Federal income tax credit for low-to-moderate income working individuals and families. EITC is an anti-poverty tool which encourages asset development and creates opportunities for families to permanently move out of poverty. Qualified families may receive up to \$4500 of Earned Income Credit when filing Federal tax returns.

What is VITA?

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a collaborative of Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside), the Internal Revenue Service, community volunteers, faith-based and community-based organizations to offer free tax preparation, asset building strategies and financial education to improve the well-being of the working poor in Riverside County.



Who benefits from VITA?

The following taxpayers who file forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ:

- *Low-to-moderate income families*
- *Persons with disabilities*
- *Limited English speaking taxpayers*
- *Older taxpayers*

How Do We Help the Community?

Information about free tax preparation services and the Earned Income Tax Credit is provided to the community by collaborative partners connecting eligible families with additional supportive services.

Local community partners:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bank of America ➤ Beaumont Adult School ➤ Blythe Community Center ➤ Casa Blanca Family Learning Center ➤ Center for Employment Training ➤ County of Riverside Dept of Public Social Services ➤ Desert Hot Springs Family Resource Center ➤ Eastside Library & Cybrary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Internal Revenue Service ➤ Lake Elsinore Senior Center ➤ Mecca Family & Farmworker Resource Center ➤ PFF Bank & Trust ➤ Perris Valley Family Resource Center ➤ Riverside County Workforce Development Centers ➤ Rubidoux Family Resource Center ➤ United Way of the Inland Valleys |
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Program Summary

Federal Refund total for Riverside County	\$ 1,674,171
Earned Income Credit total for Riverside County	\$ 982,482
Average Earned Income Tax Credit per return	\$ 1,591
Average Federal refund per return	\$ 1,291

