

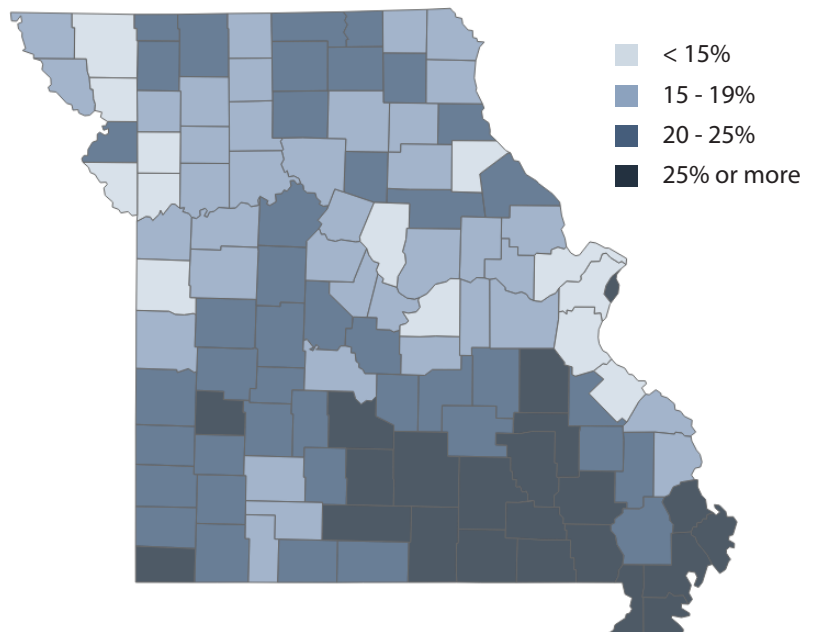
Bolster the Middle Class with an Earned Income Tax Credit

A state Earned Income Tax Credit would provide a much-needed boost for hardworking families. This bottom-up tax cut builds the middle class, spurs local economic growth, and provides long-term benefits to families and communities.

- The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has long provided hardworking families the ability to achieve a better future and a pathway to the middle class. The structure of the EITC encourages people to stay working and to work more hours.
- Though most families receive the EITC only temporarily, it has profound long-term benefits for families and communities.
- Building on the demonstrated success of the federal credit, 29 states and the District of Columbia have created state EITCs that offer a credit towards state and local taxes for low- and moderate-income workers struggling to get by.
- A Missouri EITC would benefit families in every community.

Federal EITC Helps Missourians Across the State Make Ends Meet

% of Households Receiving Federal EITC Payments, By County, Tax Year 2017



Source: IRS Statistics of Income Individual Income Tax Zip Code Data.

A Missouri EITC Would:

- ✓ Provide a bottom-up tax cut for working families.
- ✓ Help as many as 494,000 Missouri families from across the state pay for basic necessities like child care and car repairs, which are essential to success in work and life.
- ✓ Boost local economies by putting more money in the pockets of people most likely to spend it at local community businesses.
- ✓ Improve the lives of Missouri's children and our future workforce. Children whose families receive the federal EITC have higher test scores, are more likely to go to college, and enjoy greater earnings as adults, establishing a more productive and skilled workforce for Missouri's future.

A Missouri Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is one of the best ways our state can help working families – and the state of Missouri – achieve a more prosperous future.