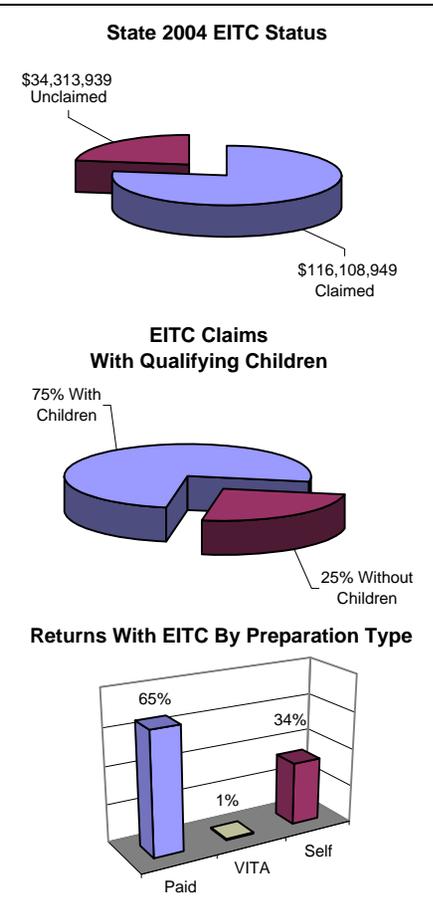




EITC Analysis
Welfare Peer Technical Assistance Network
Tax Year 2004 EITC Specific Data
MONTANA

	State	% of Nation	Nation
Returns receiving EITC after deduction of disallowed claims*	69,028	0%	21,111,590
Sum of EITC dollars for tax year 2004	\$ 116,108,949	0%	\$ 39,047,754,834
Average EITC per family	\$ 1,682		\$ 1,850
Returns with EITC claims from filers with one or more qualifying children*	51,734	0%	17,182,379
	75%		81%
Returns with EITC Claims with no qualifying children	17,294	0%	3,929,211
	25%		19%
Returns with EITC and Child Care Credits	3,328		1,322,776
	5%		6%
Returns with EITC and Child Tax Credit	17,388		6,285,293
	25%		30%
Returns prepared by Paid preparers*	44,355	0%	14,886,796
	65%		71%
Returns prepared by Self preparers*	22,689		5,783,217
	34%		28%
Returns prepared by VITA preparers*	522		206,636
	1%		1%
Estimated filers who met EITC income requirements who did not claim the credit in the prior year*£	20,400	0%	5,996,417
	30%		28%
Estimated unclaimed EITC dollars based on the average EITC per family	\$ 34,313,939	0%	\$ 11,090,904,138
Earned Income from \$1 - \$10,000	28,904	0%	7,756,388
	42%		37%
Earned Income from \$10,001 - \$20,000	21,745	0%	7,131,311
	32%		34%
Earned Income from \$20,001 - \$30,000	14,944	0%	5,194,645
	22%		25%
Earned Income Greater than \$30,000	3,435	0%	1,029,246
	5%		5%



* Data was compiled by zip code area. Total filers/returns was rounded to zero in all areas where the total was less than 10 for confidentiality purposes. Therefore, all amounts of filers/returns in this spreadsheet are approximate.

£ EITC criteria other than income limitations were not taken into account for this item. Individuals counted in this section may pass income test and be deemed ineligible for other reasons such as age, legal alien status or state residency requirements.

Information is based on returns filed from January 2005 thru June 2005 for tax year 2004.

Estimated unclaimed dollars should be treated and interpreted only as an indicator of the need to raise awareness.