Table 9.38-- SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS: TAX YEAR 2011 AND 2012

| | 2011 | | 2012 | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Subject | Number of returns | Amount (\$1,000) | Number of returns | Amount (\$1,000) |
| All returns and adj. gross income (AGI) 1/ | 661,948 | 34,372,459 | 665,320 | 36,814,360 |
| Salaries and wages | 538,133 | 24,758,469 | 541,880 | 25,693,038 |
| Taxable interest income | 272,326 | 385,752 | 248,710 | 353,437 |
| Ordinary dividends | 136,917 | 649,464 | 138,580 | 811,808 |
| Business or prof. net income (less loss) | 98,203 | 1,381,426 | 99,950 | 1,501,567 |
| Farm returns | 5,667 | (NA) | 5,580 | (NA) |
| Net capital gain (less loss) | 100,946 | 1,047,695 | 104,240 | 1,759,512 |
| Taxable indiv. retire. arrangements distrib. | 59,316 | 915,092 | 60,420 | 971,396 |
| Taxable pensions and annuities | 133,112 | 3,326,972 | 135,840 | 3,480,554 |
| Unemployment compensation | 47,993 | 407,812 | 44,340 | 340,156 |
| Taxable social security benefits | 84,081 | 1,081,972 | 88,210 | 1,187,486 |
| Self-employment (keogh) retirement plans | 4,912 | 94,214 | 4,920 | 100,165 |
| Exemptions | 1,270,737 | (NA) | 1,272,430 | (NA) |
| Itemized deductions | 206,481 | 5,247,455 | 203,620 | 5,258,810 |
| State and local income taxes | 173,974 | 1,179,609 | 172,300 | 1,292,801 |
| State and local general sales tax | 27,580 | 39,997 | 26,420 | 29,748 |
| Real estate taxes | 158,983 | 300,839 | 156,350 | 299,659 |
| Total taxes paid | 205,215 | 1,541,510 | 202,440 | 1,663,798 |
| Home mortgage interest paid | 149,684 | 2,159,886 | 146,560 | 2,015,173 |
| Contributions (Charitable contributions) | 167,891 | 579,539 | 165,280 | 625,856 |
| Taxable income | 509,224 | 22,711,391 | 517,470 | 24,815,336 |
| Total tax credits | 212,037 | 324,575 | 215,160 | 383,742 |
| Residential energy tax credit | 15,157 | 59,816 | 20,680 | 115,666 |
| Child tax credit | 104,523 | 130,589 | 103,770 | 128,975 |
| Child (and dependent) care credit | 28,770 | 14,177 | 28,750 | 14,247 |
| Earned income credit | 114,700 | 235,605 | 114,580 | 240,483 |
| Excess earned income credit (refundable) | 98,820 | 212,903 | 98,490 | 217,055 |
| Alternative minimum tax | 12,238 | 82,904 | 13,030 | 101,733 |
| Total tax payments | 622,686 | 5,007,081 | 627,120 | 5,351,568 |
| Income tax (before credits) | 506,184 | 3,979,657 | 514,380 | 4,397,814 |
| Tax liability | 485,624 | 3,874,035 | 492,520 | 4,245,984 |
| Tax due at time of filing | 114,189 | 378,322 | 117,870 | 444,101 |
| Overpayments (negative amount) | 498,575 | 1,309,135 | 500,410 | 1,326,937 |

NA Not available.

1/ Adjusted gross income (AGI) includes deficit.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Table 2.-- Individual Income and Tax Data, by State and Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 2011 http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-soi/11in12hi.xls> accessed June 12, 2013; and Ibid. Tax Year 2012 http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-soi/11in12hi.xls> accessed June 12, 2013;