

**Kansas Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)  
Benefits Workers in Every Johnson County Legislative District**

- **EITC encourages work:** 24,000 working families in Johnson County received the EITC in 2012.
- **EITC targets low-wage workers** who pay a larger share of their income for taxes than do many wealthier Kansans. More than half of filers had adjusted gross income of less \$20,000, and three in four were under \$30,000.
- **Budgets stretch further for low-income working families:** The credit returned more than \$8M to Johnson County families. The average refund was \$337, which makes a difference for a family on a tight budget.
- **EITC benefits local businesses:** The EITC helps low wage workers that businesses depend on afford things that make work possible, such as car repair or uniforms. And, most EITC refunds are spent to purchase basic needs at local business.
- **EITC keeps people out of poverty:** Statewide, the EITC kept 47,000 people, the majority children, out of poverty.
- **EITC has lifelong benefits:** The income boost from EITC results in better school performance, greater college enrollment, and increased work and earnings for the next generation.

Senator Name	District	Total Tax Returns Filed in District	Total EITC Recipients in District	% EITC Recipients in District	Total State EITC Awarded for District	Average EITC Per Household
Petty	6	28,169	7,561	27%	\$3,212,729	\$425
Wolf	7	35,680	3,048	9%	\$929,484	\$305
Denning	8	34,164	3,151	9%	\$1,007,609	\$320
Lynn	9	30,347	3,956	13%	\$1,439,453	\$364
Pilcher-Cook	10	32,393	3,578	11%	\$1,269,596	\$355
Melcher	11	29,968	1,450	5%	\$411,133	\$284
Smith	21	33,701	3,521	10%	\$1,184,037	\$336
Olson	23	30,280	3,286	11%	\$1,139,803	\$347
Baumgardner	37	29,253	3,041	10%	\$1,055,429	\$347

County-wide total		248,435	24,148	10%	\$8,138,381	\$337
State -wide total		1,227,890	211,524	17%	\$80,522,683	\$361

Several district include tax filers outside Johnson County. As a result the total of all the rows does not equal the county-wide total.

Source: Brookings analysis of 2012 IRS state-by-state data

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