

Presentation to the 2025 Joint Ways and  
Means Subcommittee on Human Services

# ODHS Tax Infrastructure Grant Program

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# Tax credits help reduce poverty in Oregon

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Federal Earned Income  
Tax Credit (EITC)

Lifts

**68,000** Oregonians

**34,000** of whom are children

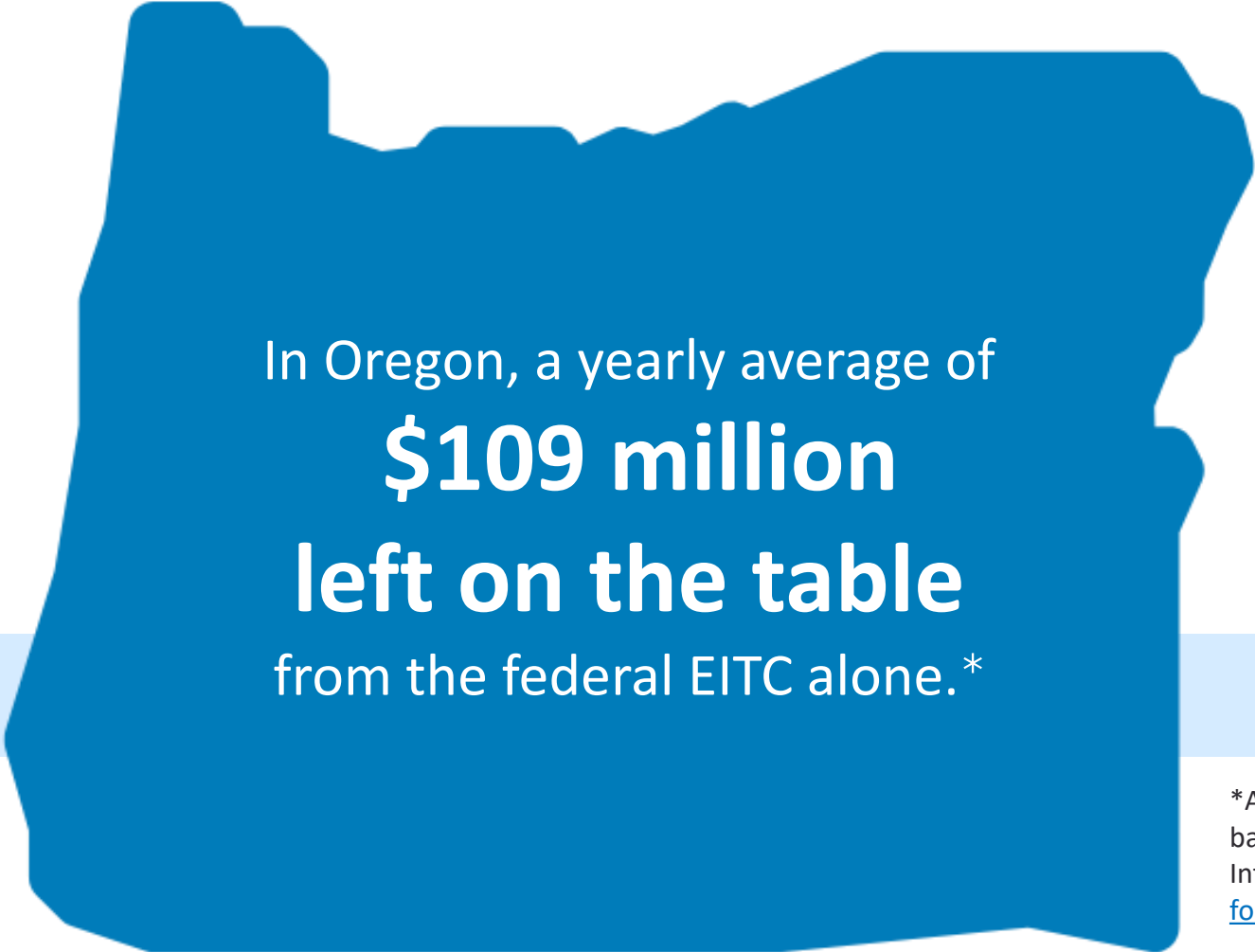
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Data source: [Oregon Center for Public Policy, 2025](#)

# Missed opportunities

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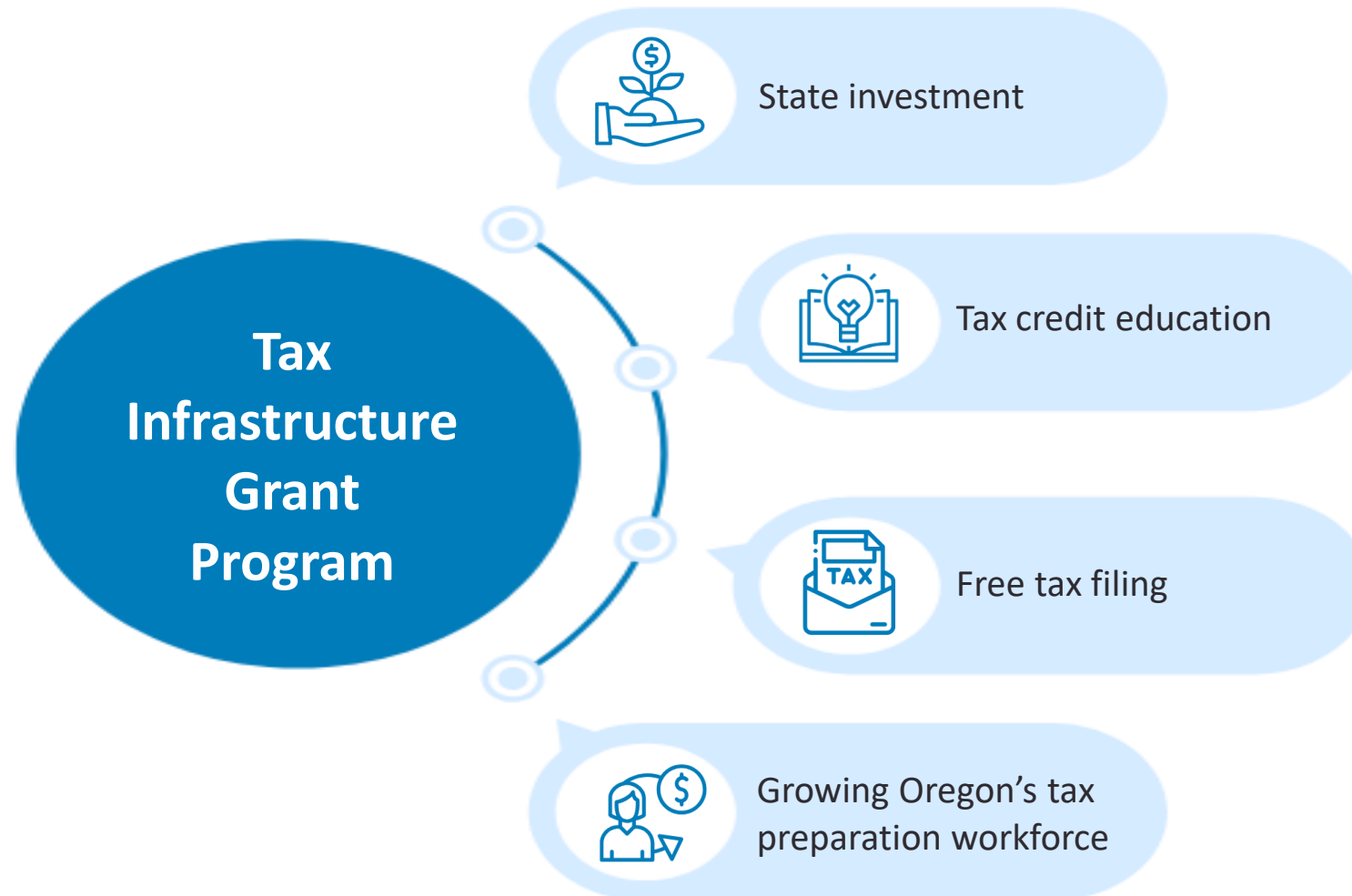


In Oregon, a yearly average of  
**\$109 million**  
**left on the table**  
from the federal EITC alone.\*

\*Assuming 90% participation rate and based on participation data from the Internal Revenue Service: [Statistics for Tax Returns with the EITC](#).

# House Bill 4117 (2022)

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# How the program works

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**\$7.9 million in grants**  
to culturally responsive and  
culturally specific  
organizations and Tribal  
governments



**Grantees provide free services to taxpayers through:**

- Tax filing clinics
- Virtual filing
- Contracting with a CPA



# Grantees and awards\*

Organizations	2025-27 Award
Burns Paiute Tribe	\$50,000
Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos	\$225,000
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	\$160,000
Immigrant and Refugee Community Org.	\$540,000
Latino Community Association	\$197,241
Legal Aid Services	\$600,000
Metropolitan Family Services (MFS CASH)	\$3,250,000
Moneywise Oregon	\$600,000
NW Family Services	\$300,000
Oregon State University	\$1,100,300
United Way Jackson County	\$230,000
Warm Springs Community Action Team	\$60,000
Western Oregon University	\$440,000
<b>Total Organizations</b>	<b>\$7,752,541</b>

K-12 Partners	2025-27 Award
Dallas SD	\$21,900
Centennial SD	\$21,900
Klamath Falls SD	\$23,700
Greater Albany SD	\$17,000
Oregon City SD	\$8,500
Portland Public Schools	\$15,200
Bend SD	\$15,200
Salem Keizer SD	\$30,400
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>\$153,800</b>
<b>Total Organizations + Schools</b>	<b>\$7,906,341*</b>

\*2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget

# Grantee activity highlights

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30+  
service  
locations

Offering  
**year-round**  
services

Offering  
services in **20**  
**languages**

Developed  
secure **virtual**  
**filing** system

Established  
**student intern**  
program

Established  
paid **student**  
**worker**  
program

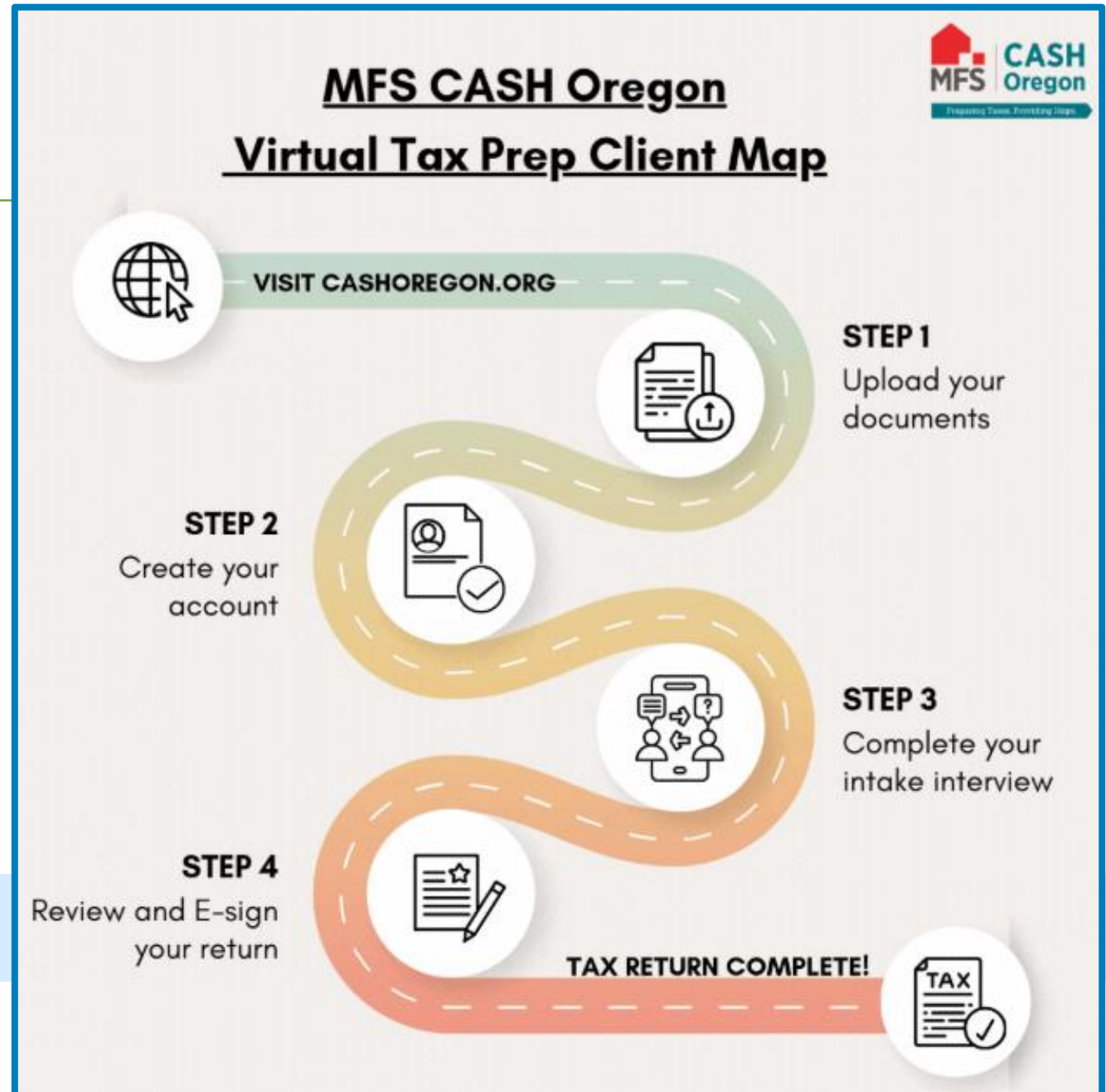
**8** school  
district  
partnerships

Offering  
free **tax clinics**  
to high school  
students



# Virtual help

- The [Virtual Tax Preparation](#) program is offered through Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH).



# Spreading the word

## Claim Your Cash!

You might get money by doing taxes – even if you don't have to file or don't have a Social Security number.

Get free, local tax help.

Scan the QR code. Free tax help is available until mid-October.





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- You work (federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits)
- You have children under 6 (Oregon Kids Credit)
- You paid more in taxes than you needed to (Get it back)



Scan the QR code or dial 2-1-1 to find free, local help with tax filing.

Tax help is available through mid-October.

请领取您的现金! 它正在等着您。

您可能通过报税获得钱。即使您不必报税或没有社会安全号码 (Social Security Number, 简称“SSN”), 您仍可能有资格领取现金。

如果符合以下情况, 您可以通过提交纳税申报表获得现金:

- 您有工作 (联邦和州劳动所得税抵免 <Earned Income Tax Credits>)
- 您有6周岁以下的孩子 (俄勒冈州儿童税收抵免 <Oregon Kids Credit>)
- 您支付的税款超过了应缴金额 (取回超出的部分)



请扫描二维码 (QR code) 或拨打电话号码 211 联系查找免费的本地报税帮助

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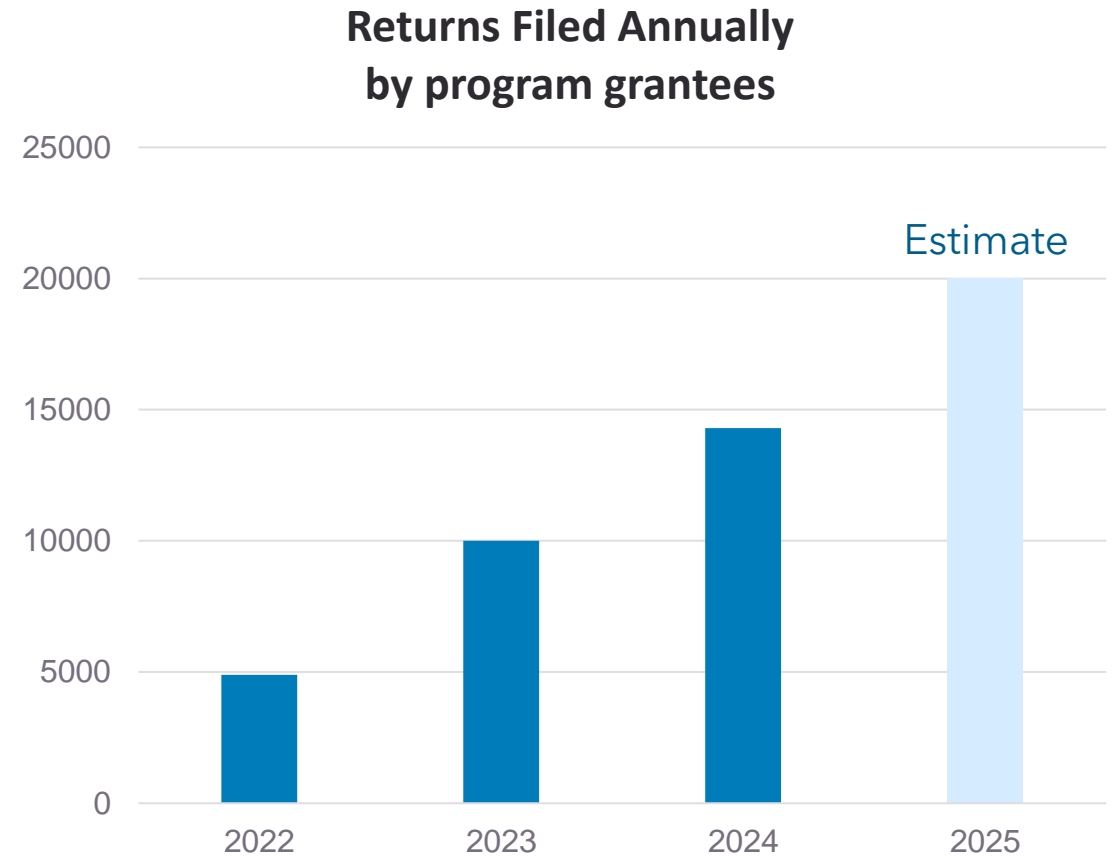
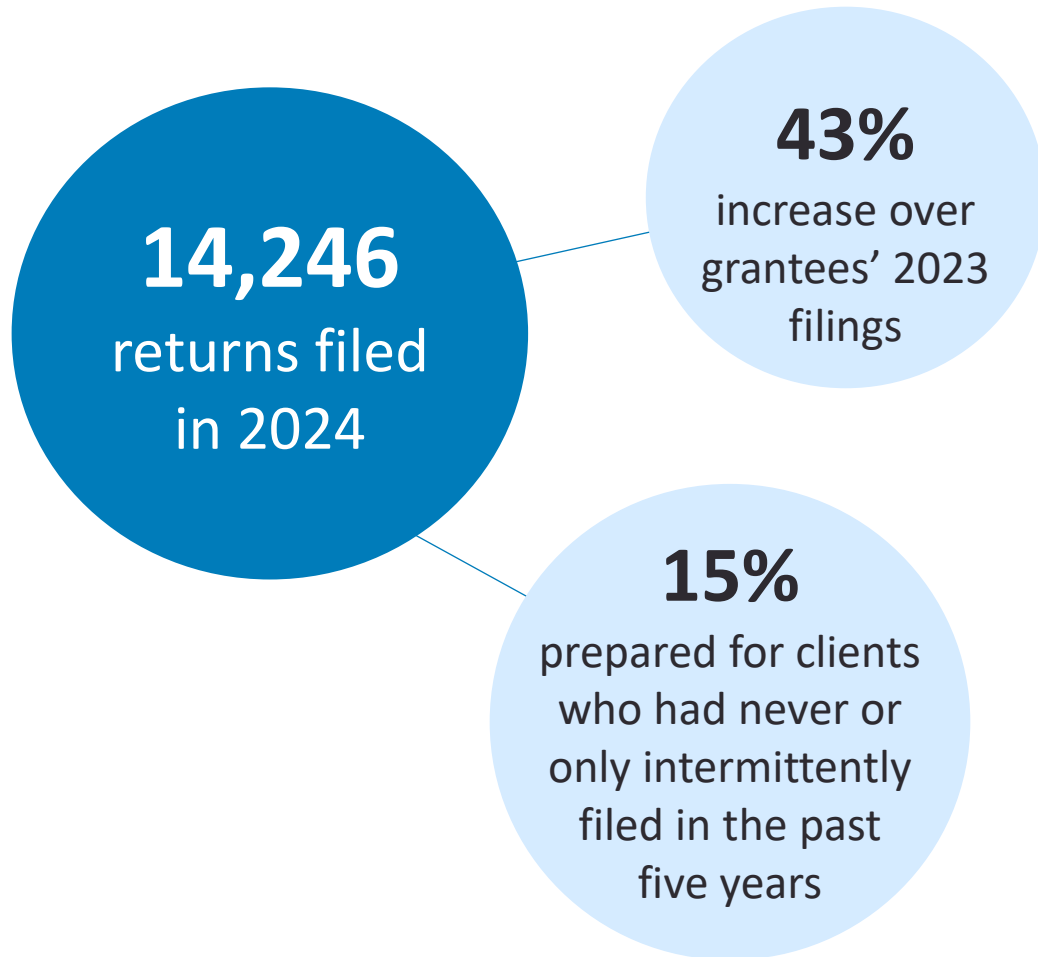
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# Data

# Returns filed



# Average 2024 income, credits and refunds

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**\$27,818**

adjusted gross income

**\$1,673**

federal EITC

**\$2,006**

federal Child Tax Credit



**\$1,531**

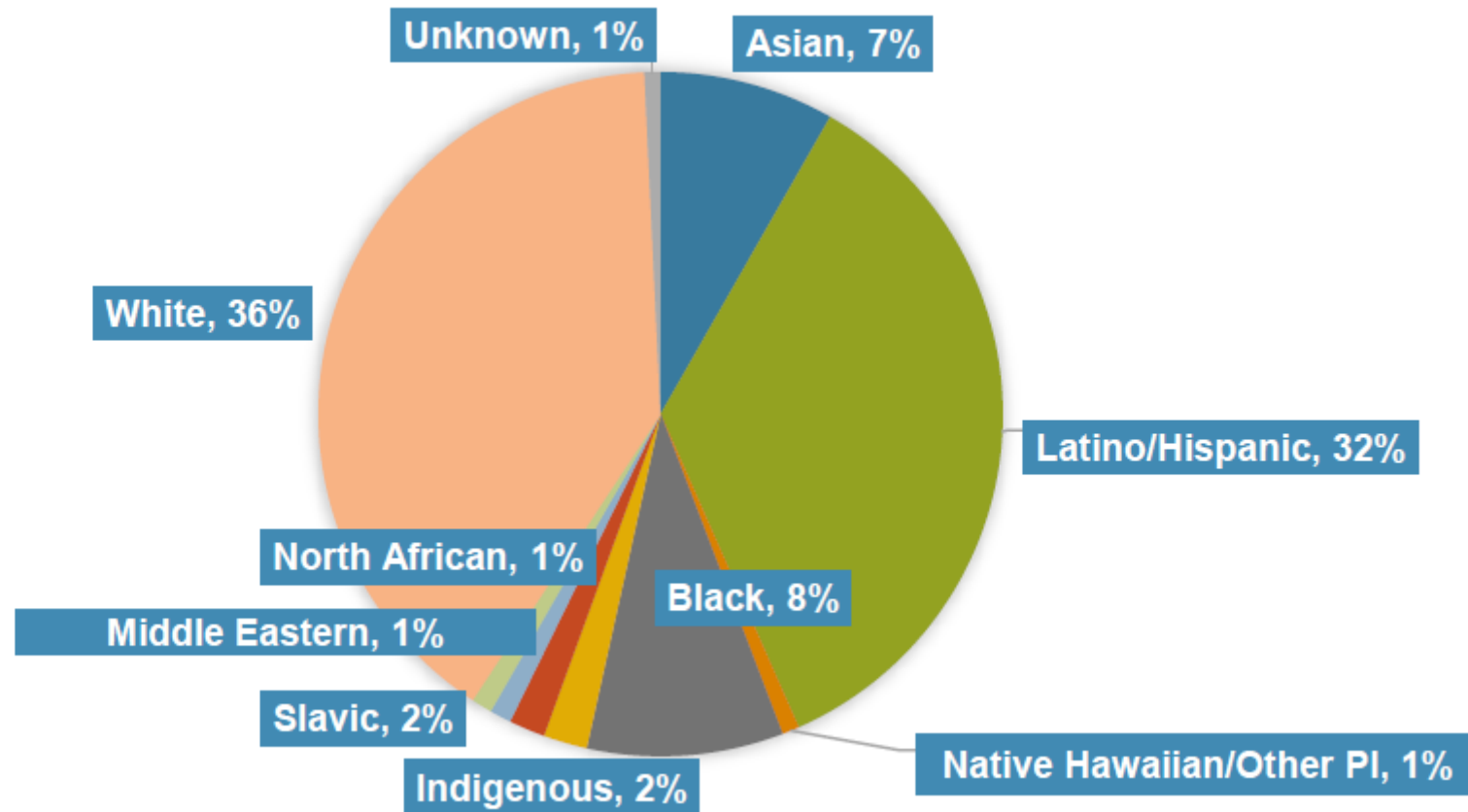
federal refund

**\$1,139**

Oregon refund

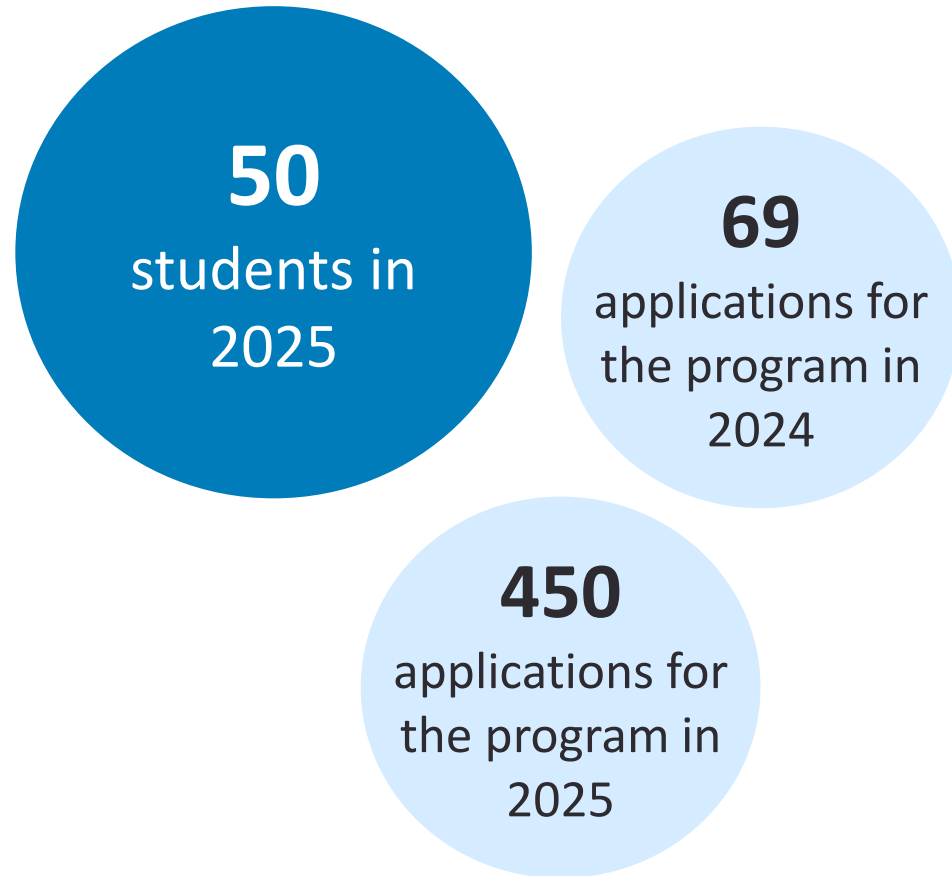
# Taxpayers' race/ethnicity

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# Student internships at MFS CASH Oregon

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## Participating colleges / universities

- Portland Community College
- Portland State University
- Reed College
- University of Portland
- Warner Pacific University

# Student worker program

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**110**  
students

**\$20**  
hourly pay

**12**  
credits for  
CPA-track  
students

## Participating universities

- Oregon State University
  - Bend
  - Corvallis
- Western Oregon University



“It’s really important work. People come in and get several thousand dollars back. For some this is life changing.”

– Emily Plant, business major at Oregon State University



# High school DIY clinics

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**11**  
high schools

**23**  
teachers

## Participating schools

- Caldera (Bend)
- Centennial (Gresham)
- Dallas (Dallas)
- Jefferson (Portland)
- Lost River (Klamath Falls)
- Mazama (Klamath Falls)
- McKay (Salem)
- North Salem (Salem)
- Oregon City (Oregon City)
- South Albany (Albany)
- West Albany (Albany)

# Serving youth experiencing homelessness

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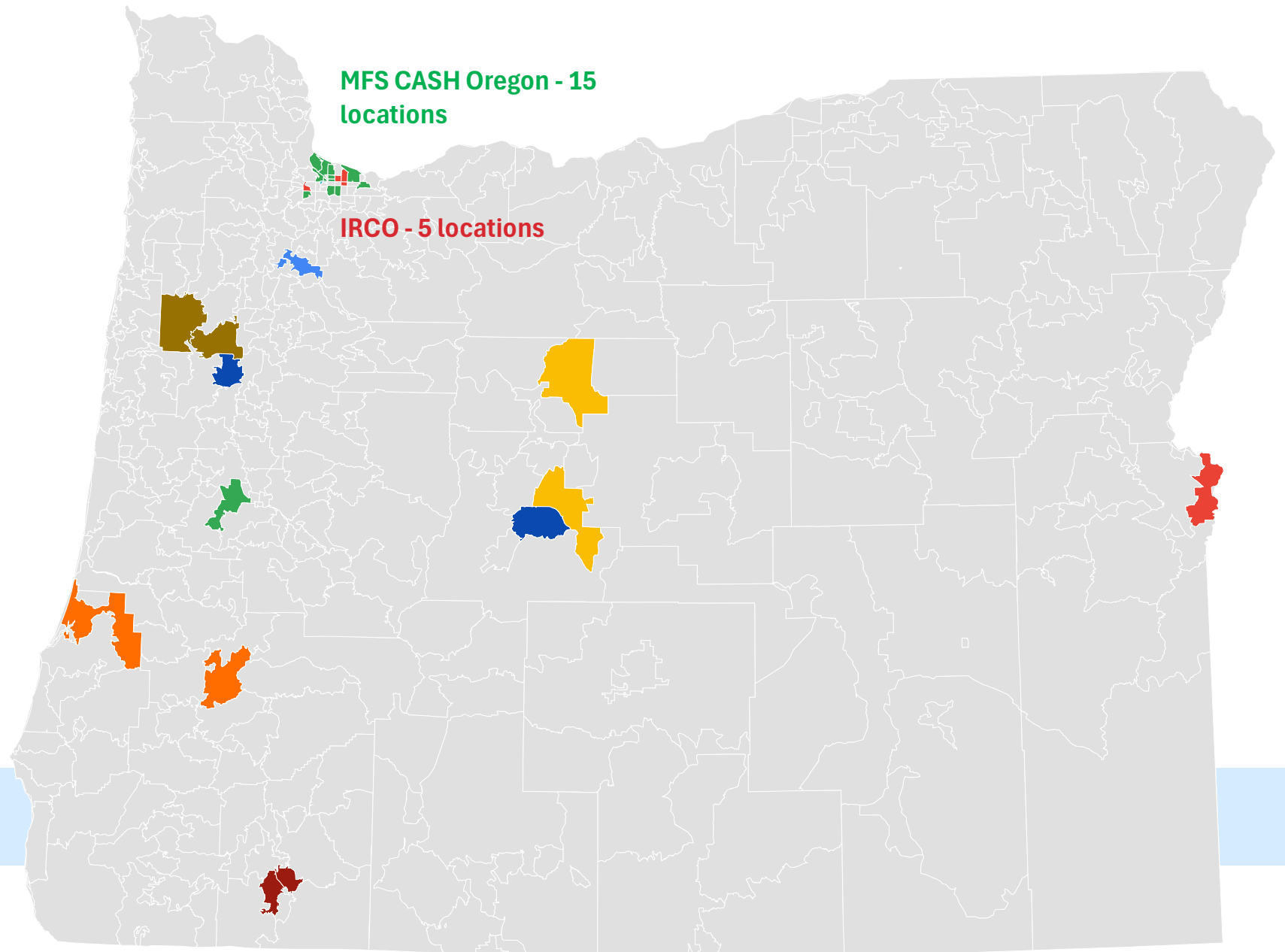
- Approximately **35 youths** served annually.
- Partnership with ODHS **Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (YEHP)**.
- ODHS grant program staff offer **direct services** to young people in small-group settings.

## Participating organizations

- Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)
- HomePlate Youth Services
- Jackson Street Youth Services
- Boys & Girls Aid

# Non-Tribal locations

- Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos
- IRCO
- Latino Community Association
- MFS CASH Oregon
- Moneywise
- Oregon Legal Aid Services
- Oregon State University
- United Way Jackson County
- Western Oregon University



# Bringing federal dollars into Oregon

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**\$4.2 million**  
in Earned Income  
Tax Credits

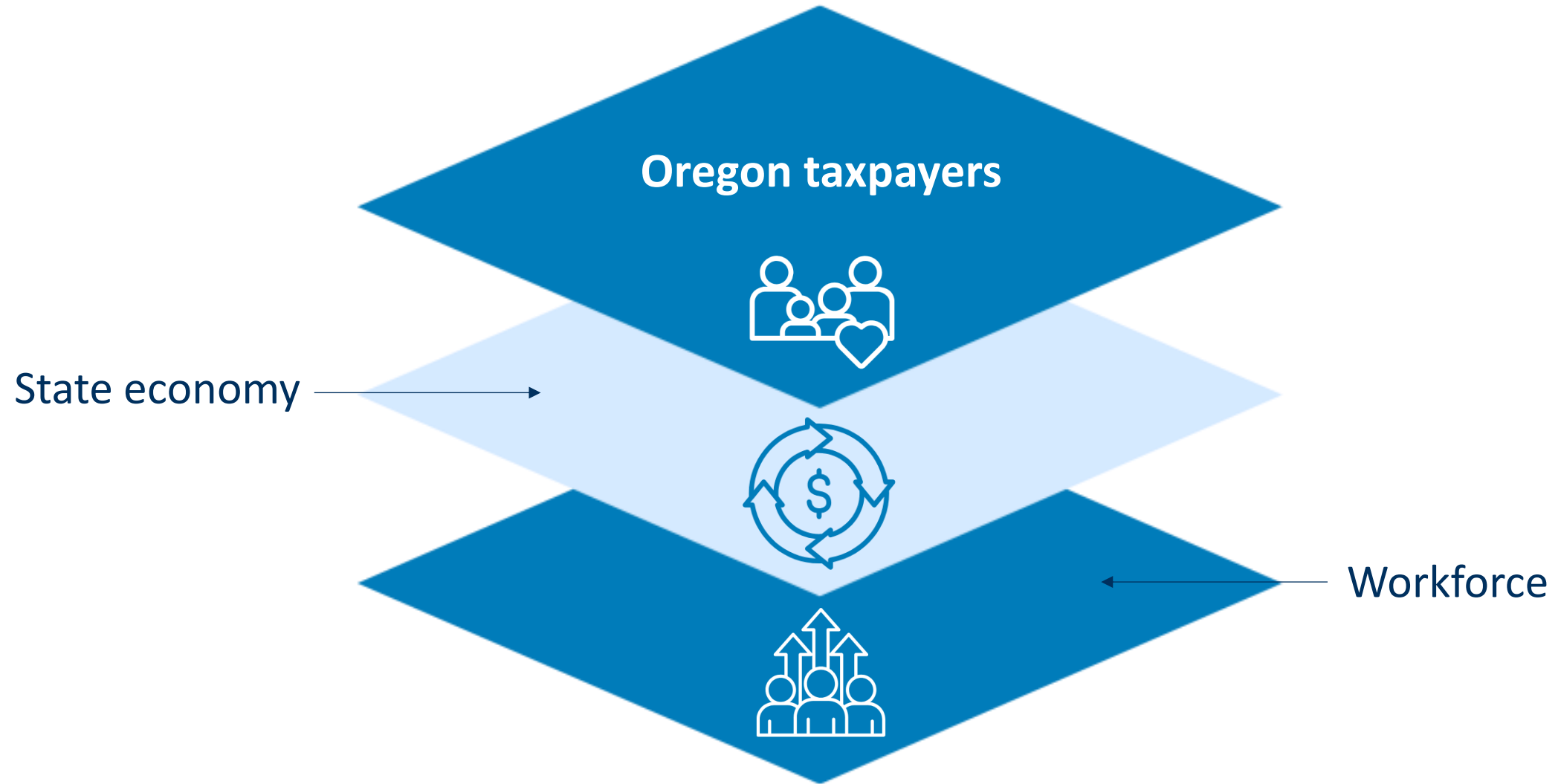
**\$4.4 million**  
in Child Tax  
Credits

**\$15.1 million**  
in federal refunds

All data from 2024 tax season.

# A program with layered benefits

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“When we get taxpayers in...you can see they are so anxious and so overwhelmed. They think it is going to be the worst scenario. We’re here to help them. We see people get refunds almost all the time. It helps them feel empowered.”

– Kellen Green, Master’s in Education student at Western Oregon University







Questions?

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# Tax Infrastructure Program advisory committee

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Oregon State University

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Thank you.

