Weekly Checkup

State-by-State Estimates of Individual Mandate Payments

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Using data on household income and health insurance coverage maintained by the Census Bureau and McKinsey estimates on previously uninsured households enrolled through the Health Insurance Marketplace, the American Action Forum was able to construct state-level estimates of individual mandate payments. After accounting for exemptions, AAF estimates that 5.2 million people will be subject to the individual mandate penalty for being uninsured in 2014 and will pay a total of $5.8 billion in additional taxes. The AAF estimates include the exemptions for unauthorized immigrants, households that do not file income taxes, households that earn less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level, and households that cannot purchase a Bronze plan with 8 percent of household income, but do not attempt to project how many households may apply for one of the many hardship exemptions.

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State	Population Required to Pay Penalty	Total Tax Payments (millions)
Alabama	58,000	60
Alaska	10,000	15
Arizona	160,000	155
Arkansas	34,000	36
California	561,000	717
Colorado	96,000	105
Connecticut	27,000	43
Delaware	8,000	10
District of Columbia	11,000	14
Florida	358,000	381

State	Population Required to Pay Penalty	Total Tax Payments (millions)
Georgia	124,000	144
Hawaii	28,000	33
Idaho	23,000	24
Illinois	288,000	284
Indiana	58,000	71
Iowa	45,000	40
Kansas	64,000	58
Kentucky	93,000	83
Louisiana	90,000	102
Maine	10,000	13
Maryland	123,000	154
Massachusetts	56,000	65
Michigan	144,000	141
Minnesota	126,000	114
Mississippi	17,000	23
Missouri	90,000	89
Montana	17,000	18
Nebraska	24,000	22
Nevada	67,000	76
New Hampshire	17,000	23
New Jersey	88,000	130
New Mexico	43,000	47

State	Population Required to Pay Penalty	Total Tax Payments (millions)
New York	193,000	274
North Carolina	94,000	107
North Dakota	*	*
Ohio	115,000	123
Oklahoma	129,000	113
Oregon	104,000	95
Pennsylvania	213,000	212
Rhode Island	14,000	16
South Carolina	64,000	70
South Dakota	6,000	6
Tennessee	171,000	147
Texas	816,000	860
Utah	94,000	92
Vermont	2,000	3
Virginia	135,000	163
Washington	109,000	123
West Virginia	22,000	24
Wisconsin	49,000	55
Wyoming	4,000	7
United States	**5,294,000**	**5,778**

Data Sources

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