

# BUILDING PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

FLORIDA

## A Working Floridians Tax Rebate for over 2 million Florida households



Although Florida is often called a “low tax” state, the truth is that the state’s tax system is among the most regressive in the country. Florida’s tax code favors those who earn the most, pressures those who make the least, and exacerbates income and race inequity.

Policymakers can help build more prosperous communities by ensuring more workers and their families make ends meet. **The Working Floridians Tax Rebate** - Florida’s state-level Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - is a chance to reform Florida’s tax code, increase economic stability and opportunity, boost local economic activity, and improve child and community well-being.

In 2022, 28 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico offered their own version of the EITC to further amplify the success of the policy. In **Florida**, a Working Floridians Tax Rebate, set at 20 percent of the federal EITC, would put over \$1.1 billion back in people’s pockets, with an estimated average rebate of nearly \$513 per household.

By enacting a Working Floridians Tax Rebate, policymakers can provide over **2 million Florida households**, including approximately 1.6 million households with children present, the following benefits:

### **A fairer tax code that strengthens economic and racial equity:**

Floridians with low-to moderate-income, who are disproportionately Black and Latina/o, shoulder more of the costs of roads, schools, and health care due to the state’s regressive tax code. The Working Floridians Tax Rebate would help fix Florida’s upside-down tax code by lowering their share of these costs, which currently make it harder for families to make ends meet. In 2020, approximately **2.2 million Floridians received over \$5.1 billion thanks to the federal EITC, with an average credit of nearly \$2,400 per household.** A WFTR would provide an additional boost to EITC recipients.

### **An economic boost to local businesses:**

A Working Floridians Tax Rebate would pump about **\$881 million into the state economy** by giving families and workers more disposable income to spend.

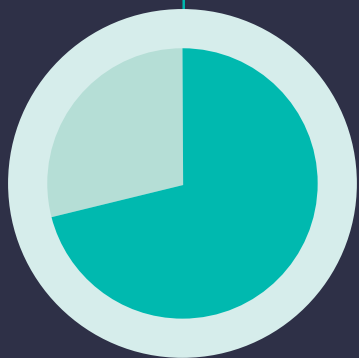
### **Firmer pathways to success for Florida’s children.**

Decades of research from other states show that children in families that receive the EITC have higher math and reading test scores and are more likely to finish high school, obtain college degrees, and have higher wages. **A Working Floridians Tax Rebate would help approximately 1.6 million households with children.** Many of the EITC’s educational benefits are more significant for boys and Black and Latina/o children. Therefore, the WFTR will help families afford basic needs now and provide a path to upward mobility for future generations.

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STATE: ON  
AVERAGE**

**71%**

of likely voters support the enactment of a state-level EITC



Support for a state-level EITC ranges from **68.7% – 72.2%**



FPI commissioned a survey of 1,892 likely voters, which was conducted by Data for Progress from May 21 - June 2, 2021, using SMS and web panel respondents.

COUNTY	AVERAGE SUPPORT
Alachua	71.6%
Baker	71.1%
Bay	70.9%
Bradford	71.6%
Brevard	69.4%
Broward	69.6%
Calhoun	71.7%
Charlotte	69.4%
Citrus	70.0%
Clay	70.7%
Collier	69.4%
Columbia	71.1%
DeSoto	70.0%
Dixie	70.7%
Duval	70.9%
Escambia	71.3%
Flagler	68.8%
Franklin	71.7%
Gadsden	71.8%
Gilchrist	70.7%
Glades	70.5%
Gulf	71.7%
Hamilton	71.6%
Hardee	70.0%
Hendry	69.3%
Hernando	69.9%
Highlands	70.5%
Hillsborough	70.7%
Holmes	71.2%
Indian River	69.5%
Jackson	71.2%
Jefferson	71.7%
Lafayette	71.2%
Lake	69.4%

COUNTY	AVERAGE SUPPORT
Lee	69.8%
Leon	71.5%
Levy	70.2%
Liberty	71.7%
Madison	71.7%
Manatee	69.8%
Marion	70.4%
Martin	69.3%
Miami-Dade	70.0%
Monroe	68.7%
Nassau	70.6%
Okaloosa	70.3%
Okeechobee	70.5%
Orange	70.3%
Osceola	69.6%
Palm Beach	70.5%
Pasco	69.7%
Pinellas	70.6%
Polk	69.9%
Putnam	72.2%
St. Johns	68.7%
St. Lucie	69.6%
Santa Rosa	71.1%
Sarasota	69.8%
Seminole	69.4%
Sumter	69.3%
Suwannee	71.1%
Taylor	71.7%
Union	71.6%
Volusia	69.4%
Wakulla	71.7%
Walton	71.2%
Washington	71.2%