

# EITC Works!

Lifting Working Families, Boosting Local Economies

EITC Profile:  
Illinois House District 21

In 2012, the state EITC put  
**\$2,595,678**  
back in the pockets of working families  
in District 21  
benefiting **12,987** children.

Children of EITC recipients have

Better birth  
outcomes



Higher  
Educational  
Attainment



More  
Earnings as  
Adults



# 9,914

Households receive state EITC

## Local Impact

Average boost to working  
families' incomes

Current  
(10% of federal EITC)

**\$ 340**

With Expansion  
(20% of federal EITC)

**\$ 680**

Annual boost to local economy

**\$ 4 M**

**\$ 8 M**

## Why EITC Works

- The EITC lets low- and moderate-income working families keep more of their earnings to help pay for things that help them keep working, such as child care and transportation.
- The EITC reduces the number of children living in poverty and improves kids' chances of success as adults.
- By helping low-wage workers keep more of their incomes, the EITC increases consumer spending which then boosts local economies across the state.

**Double the EITC: Invest in Working Families & Small Businesses!**

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