

## How the Republican Tax Giveaway to the Wealthy Would Hurt Oregon Families

- The Republican tax plan would actually raise taxes on about **330,000** Oregon households next year.
- In Oregon, **674,816** households deduct state and local taxes, with an average deduction of \$12,616. The Republican plan eliminates this deduction.
- **511,260** Oregon households deduct their mortgage interest payments. Under the Republican tax plan, this deduction would become useless for most families — unless their home was worth more than \$801,000, which is more than twice the median home value in Oregon of \$314,400.

### Tax hikes on the middle class:

- [The Republican tax plan](#) would *raise* taxes on about 330,000 Oregon households, or 17.6 percent of households in 2018. [IRS, [2015](#); ITEP, [2017](#)]
- The average tax increase on families nationwide earning up to \$86,100 would be \$794, a significant burden for middle-class families. Here's what Oregon households could do with that money:
  - Pay for 1.0 months of child care
  - Pay for 8.2 months of electric bills
  - Pay for 2.3 months of health care premiums [JEC, [2017](#)]

According to the IRS, 36 percent of tax filers, or 674,816 Oregon households, deduct their state and local taxes with an average deduction of \$12,616 in 2015. 511,260 Oregon tax filers deducted their mortgage interest payments from their taxes. By doubling the standard deduction and eliminating the State and Local Tax deduction, Trump's plan would make the mortgage interest deduction useless for most of those with homes valued under \$801,000, more than twice the \$314,400 value of the median Oregon home. [IRS, [2015](#); Zillow, [2017](#)]

- Middle-class families in Oregon making between \$41,600 and \$66,800 per year who do benefit see only 11.5 percent of the total benefits of the tax plan. [ITEP, [2017](#)]

### **Tax cuts for the wealthiest:**

- The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy finds that millionaires in Oregon (3,580 total, or 0.19 percent of filers in 2015) would receive 43.8 percent of the benefits from the tax plan. [ITEP, [2017](#)]
- In Oregon, only 20 total estates (0.1 percent of all estates) are subject to estate tax, which only affects people whose estates are worth more than \$5.5 million (\$10.98 million for couples). [CBPP [2015](#)]

### **Leaving working families behind:**

- The Republican plan *eliminates* the personal exemption, which deducts \$4,050 for each taxpayer and dependent on a return from taxable income. In Oregon, 1.1 million dependent exemptions were claimed in 2015. [IRS, [2015](#)]
- Republicans in Congress have already taken aim at the Earned Income Tax Credit, which encourages work for 294,750 low-income individuals in Oregon, helping them make ends meet with an average credit of \$2,092. [IRS, [2015](#); CBPP [2014](#)]
- The EITC and the Child Tax Credit lift, on average, 129,000 Oregonians (including 65,000 children) out of poverty each year. [CBPP, [2014](#)]

*\*Calculations based on 1,874,490 returns filed in 2015. [IRS, [2015](#)]*