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Cain's 9-9-9: the winners and losers

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A closer look at Cain's tax plan

A new independent analysis of Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain's 9-9-9 tax plan shows how it would impact different income groups:

Income group thousands of 2011 dollars	Average federal tax change under the 9-9-9 proposal, in dollars
Less than \$10,000	\$1,122
10,000-20,000	2,705
20,000-30,000	3,833
30,000-40,000	4,196
40,000-50,000	4,399
50,000-75,000	4,326
75,000-100,000	4,368
100,000-200,000	2,105
200,000-500,000	-11,155
500,000-1 million	-59,489
More than 1 million	-455,247

Source: Tax Policy Center
Graphic: Judy Treible, Robert Dorrell
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Those who would pay less

[Click here](#) for the Tax Foundation's take on 9-9-9.

Different analyses show different results, but there is a growing consensus that lower income groups would pay more. A [Washington Post story](#) reports questions about the plan have also been raised by conservative groups, including the tea party-aligned [FreedomWorks](#), the libertarian-leaning [Cato Institute](#), Grover Norquist's [Americans for Tax Reform](#) and the conservative Wall Street Journal editorial board.

Given the big reductions in investment taxes that the Cain plan promises, "it's got to raise taxes on the vast majority of households," said **William Gale**, a tax expert at the Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, [told the Wall Street Journal](#). "And if it doesn't raise taxes on the lower middle class, then it's got to lose a lot of revenue" for the government.