

LCQ9: Number of salaries taxpayers and respective tax rate

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Details are set out in the following tables.

Effective tax rate (amount of salaries tax divided by total assessable income)	No. of taxpayers (% of all salaries taxpayers)		
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>2002-03<sup>1</sup></u>
Below 5%	879,803 (72.4%)	915,537 (75.8%)	776,758 (70.8%)
5% - 9.99%	215,336 (17.7%)	188,073 (15.5%)	206,656 (18.8%)
10% - 14.99%	115,512 (9.5%)	104,726 (8.7%)	110,361 (10.1%)
15%	<u>4,480</u> (0.4%)	<u>0</u> (0.0%)	<u>3,261</u> (0.3%)
Total	1,215,131 (100%)	1,208,336 (100%)	1,097,036 (100%)

Amount of salaries tax over assessable income less deductions	No. of taxpayers (% of all salaries taxpayers)		
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>2002-03<sup>1</sup></u>
Below 5%	862,738 (71.0%)	899,123 (74.4%)	760,533 (69.3%)
5% - 9.99%	217,788 (17.9%)	190,464 (15.8%)	208,905 (19.1%)
10% - 14.99%	121,206 (10.0%)	118,749 (9.8%)	116,448 (10.6%)
15%	<u>13,399</u> (1.1%)	<u>0</u> (0.0%)	<u>11,150</u> (1.0%)
Total	1,215,131 (100%)	1,208,336 (100.0%)	1,097,036 (100.0%)

<sup>1</sup> Income earned in a year is principally assessed in the following year. As at 2 December 2003, the assessing program for the year of assessment 2002-03 has not been completed. It is expected that the number of taxpayers in 2002-03 will be higher than 1,097,036 and very much the same as in 2001-02.

<sup>2</sup> Due to the 50% salaries tax rebate (subject to a cap of \$3,000 per case) which formed part of the SARS relief package, a larger proportion of taxpayers pay at lower effective rates for 2001-02. Salaries tax charged is subject to a cap at the standard rate (15% for 2001-02) on the assessable income less deductions. As a result of the tax rebate pursuant to SARS relief package, taxpayers' effective tax rates all fell below the standard rate of 15% in 2001-02.