

# Analyze, visualize, and ... itemize: Tax policy analysis with Tax-Cruncher

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# Agenda

1. Policy Simulation Library (PSL)
2. What is Tax-Cruncher?
3. Web application demo
4. Python API overview
5. Getting started

# Policy Simulation Library

- Open source ecosystem
- Policy modeling community

The screenshot shows the main interface of the Policy Simulation Library. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Repositories 26', 'Packages', 'People 23', 'Teams 7', 'Projects', and 'Settings'. Below the navigation is a search bar with placeholder text 'Find a repository...' and filters for 'Type: All' and 'Language: All'. A 'New' button is also present. The main content area displays three repository cards:

- OG-USA**: Overlapping generations model for evaluating fiscal policy in the United States. Status: psi-catalogued. Metrics: Python 68, ★ 30, 18 issues, 2 updates, 5 minutes ago.
- PSL-infrastructure**: The Policy Simulation Library consists of models and modeling tools that share the transparency standards and interoperability criteria set by the PSL-infrastructure project. Status: psi-catalogued. Metrics: HTML 9, ★ 13, 0 issues, 0 updates, 26 minutes ago.
- Tax-Cruncher**: Calculates federal tax liabilities from individual data under a range of policy scenarios. Status: psi-catalogued. Metrics: Python, MIT, ★ 3, 3 issues, 1 update, 3 days ago.

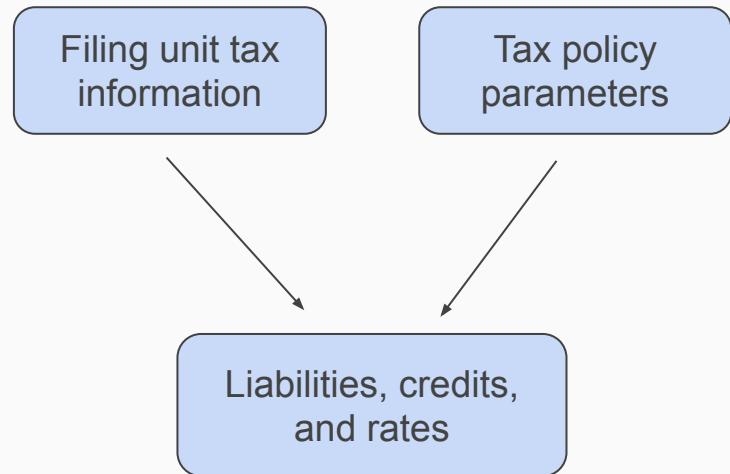
On the right side of the page, there are sections for 'Top languages' (Python, HTML, R, MATLAB, Stata) and 'Most used topics' (psi-incubating, psi-catalogued). There's also a 'People' section showing 23 profiles with small profile pictures.



Geena Kim, CBO economist, presenting HISIM2

# Tax-Cruncher

- Open source software for analyzing how tax policy affects household finances
- Calculates individual income and payroll tax liabilities for any year between 2013 and 2028
- Design your own tax reform using over two hundred parametrized features of the US tax code



# Tax-Cruncher Interfaces

- Web application
  - No programming knowledge necessary
  - Generate tables and interactive charts
- Python API
  - Broader capabilities
  - Greater flexibility

# Web application demo

<https://compute.studio/PSLmodels/Tax-Cruncher/>

# Python API Overview

- Analyze multiple households at a time
- Create custom output
- Compare two reforms

<https://github.com/PSLmodels/Tax-Cruncher>

In [1]:

```
import taxcrunch.multi_cruncher as mc
crunch = mc.Batch('../docs/example_input.csv')
crunch.create_table()
```

Out[1]:

ID	Individual Income Tax	Payroll Tax	Wages	AGI	UI in AGI	OASDI in AGI	Itemized Deductions	Taxable Inc	Regular Tax
0	1.0	23397.147200	21137.96192	160000.0	164500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	146096.8
1	2.0	-5385.396064	7267.50000	47500.0	47800.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23262.4
2	3.0	10049.408800	10710.00000	70000.0	80000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	67731.2
3	4.0	7538.817600	18819.80000	123000.0	124200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99624.4
4	5.0	40659.745600	23747.96192	250000.0	251200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	226662.4
5	6.0	-530.630000	1683.00000	11000.0	11000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0000
6	7.0	-3402.289388	5967.00000	39000.0	39250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20846.8

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2026 TCJA Extension Tax Cuts by Income and Demographics

Income	Single			Married		
	0 Kids	1 Kid	0 Kids	1 Kid	2 Kids	3 Kids
\$10k	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$125	-\$75	-\$75
\$20k	-\$167	-\$167	\$0	-\$600	-\$625	-\$75
\$40k	-\$685	-\$685	-\$334	-\$844	-\$1,354	-\$1,813
\$60k	-\$1,434	-\$1,434	-\$770	-\$1,035	-\$1,299	-\$1,686
\$100k	-\$2,656	-\$2,656	-\$1,970	-\$2,235	-\$2,499	-\$2,764
\$200k	-\$6,188	-\$6,188	-\$5,313	-\$6,088	-\$6,863	-\$7,638
\$500k	\$374	\$374	-\$20,825	-\$20,825	-\$20,825	-\$21,825

# Getting Started

## Open source ecosystem

- [Open Source Policy Center](#)
- [Policy Simulation Library](#)



## Tax-Cruncher

- [GitHub](#)
- [Compute Studio](#) (web application)

