Publication 6186-A

Calendar Year Projections for the United States and IRS Campuses: 2024–2031

Publication 6186 is updated annually to provide U.S.- and campus-level Calendar Year (CY) projections of individual and business income tax returns by the major return categories. Publication 6186 also includes projections for the examination classes. Publication 6186-A is a one-page summary of Publication 6186.

Significant Highlights From This Update of Publication 6186

- In CY 2023, the share of total returns (individual income tax, business income tax, and tax-exempt organization returns) filed electronically was 80.9%. This share is expected to reach 83.0% in CY 2024 and will steadily increase over the next 7 calendar years, reaching 90.2% in CY 2031.

- Individual returns currently make up approximately 60.5% of all tax return filings. This percentage is expected to continue in future CYs.

- Approximately 92.6% of individual returns were filed electronically in CY 2023. This trend is expected to reach 93.6% in CY 2024 and will grow to 97.0% by CY 2031.

- Of the seven campuses included in this publication, the Kansas City campus is estimated to process the most returns between CY 2024 and CY 2031, followed by the Ogden campus.

- The Cincinnati campus is projected to process the fewest number of returns between CY 2024 and CY 2031.
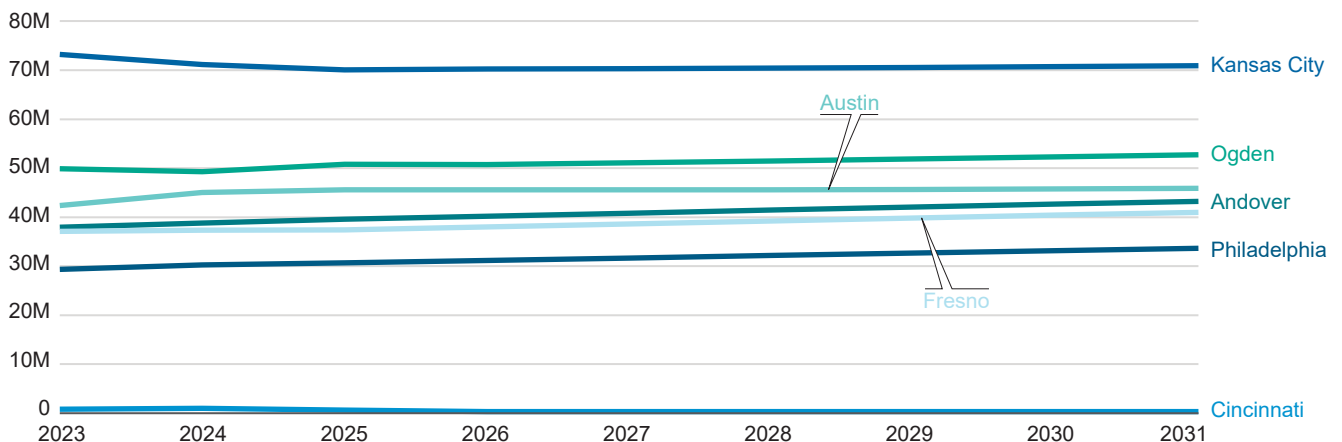
Projections of the Number of Tax Returns To Be Processed in the U.S., CYs 2024–2025

Type of Return	Actual	Estimated	Projected
	2023	2024	2025
Grand Total	**265,006,208**	**266,754,200**	**268,839,100**
Paper Grand Total	50,640,748	45,247,000	42,099,700
Electronic Grand Total	214,365,460	221,507,200	226,739,300
Total Primary Returns	**227,136,498**	**228,679,800**	**230,467,500**
Individual Returns	160,237,179	161,970,300	163,340,600
Corporation Returns	4,947,568	5,160,900	5,378,700
Partnership Returns	8,347,233	8,400,600	8,453,000
Employment Returns	33,681,397	33,010,100	33,224,900
Exempt Organization Returns	1,699,483	1,795,200	1,811,700
All Other Primary Returns	18,223,638	18,342,700	18,258,600
Total Supplemental Documents	**37,869,710**	**38,074,400**	**38,371,500**

NOTE: Detail may not add due to total rounding.
SOURCE: Statistics of Income, Publication 6186, Table 2, October 2024

Projections of the Number of Tax Returns To Be Processed by IRS Campuses, CYs 2024–2031
[Numbers are in millions]

NOTE: Includes individual income tax, business income tax, and tax-exempt form types; CY 2023 are actual returns.
SOURCE: Statistics of Income, Publication 6186, Tables 3–9, October 2024

Projections
of Federal Tax Return Filings