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Calendar Year Projections of Individual Returns by Major Processing Categories

IRS Publication 6187 contains multiyear projections of the number of individual income tax returns to be filed with the IRS by major processing categories important for IRS planning operations. This includes details by form type, medium of filing, and other characteristics. Selected portions of the forecasts are also shown by campus and state.

Significant Trends Found in This Update of Publication 6187

- Taxpayers filed 163.2 million individual income tax returns for Calendar Year (CY) 2022. This number is
 projected to increase by 1.2% to 165.2 million in CY 2023 and grow at an average annual rate of 1.1%
 to 170.3 million by CY 2026.
- The total number of individual income tax returns filed electronically was 148.7 million in CY 2022. This
 number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.2% to 162.4 million by CY 2026, representing 95.4% of the total number of individual returns filed.
- In CY 2022, taxpayers filed 64.7 million individual income tax returns online, representing 43.5% of the total number of individual tax returns filed electronically.
- The number of individual income tax returns filed electronically with the IRS by paid preparers was 84.1 million in CY 2022, this number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.0% to reach 87.5 million returns by CY 2026.
- The total number of individual income tax returns filed on paper was 14.5 million in CY 2022, representing 8.9% of the total number of individual income tax returns.







