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IRS Has \$1.1 Billion for People Who Have Not Filed a 2007 Income Tax Return

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WASHINGTON — Refunds totaling more than \$1.1 billion may be waiting for nearly 1.1 million people who did not file a federal income tax return for 2007, the Internal Revenue Service announced today. However, to collect the money, a return for 2007 must be filed with the IRS no later than Monday, April 18, 2011.

The IRS estimates that half of these potential 2007 refunds are \$640 or more.

Some people may not have filed because they had too little income to require filing a tax return even though they had taxes withheld from their wages or made quarterly estimated payments. In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If no return is filed to claim a refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury.

For 2007 returns, the window closes on April 18, 2011. The law requires that the return be properly addressed, mailed and postmarked by that date. There is no penalty for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2007 refund that their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2008 and 2009. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS, and may be used to offset unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

By failing to file a return, people stand to lose more than a refund of taxes withheld or paid during 2007. In addition, many low-and-moderate income workers may not have claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC helps individuals and families whose incomes are below certain thresholds, which in 2007 were \$39,783 for those with two or more children, \$35,241 for people with one child, and \$14,590 for those with no children. For more information, visit the [EITC Home Page](#).

Current and [prior year](#) tax forms and instructions are available on the Forms and Publications page of IRS.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Taxpayers who are missing Forms W-2, 1098, 1099 or 5498 for 2007, 2008 or 2009 should request copies from their employer, bank or other payer. If these efforts are unsuccessful, taxpayers can get a free transcript showing information from these year-end documents by calling 1-800-908-9946, or by filing [Form 4506-T](#), Request for Transcript of Tax Return, with the IRS.

Individuals Who Did Not File a 2007 Return with a Potential Refund

State	Individuals	Median Potential Refund*	Total Potential Refunds (\$000)*
Alabama	17,600	\$634	\$15,649
Alaska	5,200	\$688	\$6,545
Arizona	31,000	\$543	\$29,217
Arkansas	9,100	\$606	\$8,111
California	124,000	\$597	\$129,205
Colorado	20,900	\$588	\$21,591
Connecticut	11,900	\$714	\$14,769
Delaware	4,000	\$658	\$4,121
District of Columbia	4,400	\$629	\$4,751
Florida	74,500	\$665	\$87,293
Georgia	36,800	\$590	\$35,475
Hawaii	7,600	\$717	\$8,960
Idaho	4,600	\$540	\$4,340
Illinois	38,800	\$692	\$44,168
Indiana	20,200	\$679	\$19,864
Iowa	9,500	\$668	\$8,411
Kansas	10,400	\$621	\$9,601
Kentucky	11,200	\$660	\$10,449
Louisiana	19,500	\$663	\$20,327
Maine	3,600	\$606	\$3,398
Maryland	25,100	\$645	\$27,727
Massachusetts	23,000	\$701	\$26,881
Michigan	30,800	\$663	\$31,943
Minnesota	14,000	\$604	\$13,786
Mississippi	9,400	\$585	\$8,440
Missouri	20,300	\$604	\$18,588
Montana	3,400	\$607	\$3,185
Nebraska	4,700	\$620	\$4,509
Nevada	15,000	\$630	\$15,575
New Hampshire	3,900	\$741	\$4,960
New Jersey	31,000	\$705	\$36,504
New Mexico	7,900	\$594	\$7,510
New York	62,600	\$706	\$78,405
North Carolina	29,300	\$565	\$26,385
North Dakota	1,600	\$635	\$1,877
Ohio	33,200	\$620	\$30,240
Oklahoma	15,200	\$620	\$14,280
Oregon	17,600	\$521	\$15,309
Pennsylvania	34,600	\$686	\$35,317
Rhode Island	3,100	\$644	\$3,380
South Carolina	12,400	\$561	\$11,132
South Dakota	2,000	\$639	\$1,937
Tennessee	17,200	\$633	\$17,049
Texas	91,700	\$692	\$104,801
Utah	7,600	\$560	\$8,392
Vermont	1,700	\$672	\$1,694
Virginia	29,800	\$629	\$31,380

Washington	28,200	\$702	\$34,692
West Virginia	3,500	\$686	\$3,484
Wisconsin	12,900	\$593	\$11,609
Wyoming	2,700	\$788	\$3,350
Grand Total	1,060,200	\$640	\$1,120,566

* Excluding the Earned Income Tax Credit and other credits.