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## IRS Continues Smooth Start to Filing Season

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WASHINGTON — The IRS announced today that, three weeks into the filing season, it has received about one-third of the individual income tax returns that it expects to receive during 2014. The IRS has processed almost 98 percent of the 49.6 million returns received so far. Each week this filing season, the IRS has processed a greater percentage of the returns received than during comparable weeks last year.

More taxpayers are filing their returns electronically this year. Overall, 46.6 million returns have been e-filed this year, up one percent from the same time last year. As in prior years, the greatest increase is among individuals filing from their home computers. Almost 22 million returns have been e-filed from home computers this year, an increase of almost 7 percent compared to the same time last year.

The IRS has issued more than 40 million tax refunds this year, an increase of more than six percent compared to the same time last year. Almost 90 percent of these refunds were directly deposited into taxpayers' accounts.

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### 2014 FILING SEASON STATISTICS

Cumulative statistics comparing 2/22/13 and 2/21/14

<b>Individual Income Tax Returns:</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Total Receipts	49,448,000	49,558,000	0.2
Total Processed	42,837,000	48,335,000	12.8
<b>E-filing Receipts:</b>			
TOTAL	46,149,000	46,641,000	1.1
Tax Professionals	25,618,000	24,687,000	-3.6
Self-prepared	20,531,000	21,954,000	6.9

<b>Web Usage:</b>			
Visits to IRS.gov	155,167,572	145,881,766	-6.0
<b>Total Refunds:</b>			
Number	38,042,000	40,389,000	6.2
Amount	\$113.738 Billion	\$125.831 Billion	10.6
Average refund	\$2,990	\$3,116	4.2
<b>Direct Deposit Refunds:</b>			
Number	34,618,000	35,694,000	3.1
Amount	\$107.228 Billion	\$112.628 Billion	5.0
Average refund	\$3,097	\$3,155	1.9