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As e-file Grows, IRS Receives Fewer Tax Returns on Paper

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WASHINGTON — As of March 28, the Internal Revenue Service has received 82 million returns through e-file, about 91 percent of returns filed this year. Only about 9 percent, 8.3 million returns, were filed on paper.

The IRS expects to receive about 148 million individual income tax returns this year and projects that 23 million returns will be on paper, down 7 percent from last year's total of 25 million paper returns.

IRS e-file has accomplished many goals, including reducing the amount of paper the government must process. This reduction of paper processing allows the agency to be more efficient and use valuable resources to address other critical work.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that e-file is the safest, fastest and easiest way to submit their individual tax returns. Since 1990, taxpayers have e-filed more than 1 billion Form 1040 series tax returns safely and securely.

[The filing season statistics table follows.]

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2014 FILING SEASON STATISTICS

Cumulative statistics comparing 3/29/13 and 3/28/14

Individual Income Tax Returns:	2013	2014	% Change
Total Receipts	90,244,000	90,761,000	0.6
Total Processed	85,039,000	89,127,000	4.8
E-filing Receipts:			
TOTAL	80,991,000	82,440,000	1.8
Tax Professionals	49,214,000	48,787,000	-0.9
Self-prepared	31,777,000	33,654,000	5.9

Web Usage:			
Visits to IRS.gov	247,990,560	222,397,053	-10.3
Total Refunds:			
Number	72,231,000	73,035,000	1.1
Amount	\$201.502 billion	\$206.785 billion	2.6
Average refund	\$2,790	\$2,831	1.5
Direct Deposit Refunds:			
Number	61,133,000	61,223,000	0.1
Amount	\$180.868 billion	\$180.687 billion	-0.1
Average refund	\$2,959	\$2,951	-0.2