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## More Taxpayers Using IRS.gov in 2015

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service says more taxpayers are visiting its Web site this year to get tax help and information.

According to the IRS, the number of visitors to IRS.gov is up almost 20 percent compared with last year. The [IRS web site](http://www.irs.gov) has been visited more than 100 million times so far this year compared with 85 million for the same time last year.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that the site contains a wealth of information and options, including tools that allow taxpayers to [check the status of a refund](#), [access transcripts](#) of their tax returns, [request electronic filing personal identification numbers](#), [find answers to tax law questions](#), and check the status of [amended returns](#). Usage of the tool to check the status of a refund, “Where’s My Refund?” is up 91 percent, compared to the same time last year.

The IRS has issued 19.7 million refunds worth more than \$66 billion, up slightly from last year’s totals. The average refund as of Feb. 6 is \$3,366, slightly more than the average at this time last year. The vast majority of taxpayers are choosing to receive their refunds through direct deposit, which accounts for almost 95 percent of refunds so far this year.

In total, the IRS has received 27.5 million tax returns, slightly more than at the same time last year. Of those returns, more than 96 percent were e-filed.

## 2015 FILING SEASON STATISTICS

Cumulative statistics comparing 2/7/14 and 2/6/15

<b>Individual Income Tax Returns:</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Total Receipts	27,249,000	27,517,000	1.0
Total Processed	26,945,000	27,084,000	0.5
<b>E-filing Receipts:</b>			
TOTAL	26,081,000	26,472,000	1.5
Tax Professionals	12,699,000	12,135,000	-4.4
Self-prepared	13,382,000	14,337,000	7.1
<b>Web Usage:</b>			
Visits to IRS.gov	85,095,129	101,441,679	19.2
<b>Total Refunds:</b>			
Number	19,459,000	19,651,000	1.0
Amount	\$64.546 billion	\$66.139 billion	2.5
Average refund	\$3,317	\$3,366	1.5
<b>Direct Deposit Refunds:</b>			
Number	16,976,000	18,647,000	9.8
Amount	\$55.815 billion	\$63.980 billion	14.6
Average refund	\$3,288	\$3,431	4.4