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IRS Issues Revised Publications this Week, 3 out of 5 Still Need to File

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WASHINGTON — With almost 59 million tax returns filed so far, the Internal Revenue Service estimates that three out of five taxpayers have yet to file their tax returns, according to statistics released today.

For taxpayers still working on their taxes, the Internal Revenue Service added three revised publications to IRS.gov just this week. These publications will help businesses and individuals understand how to figure depreciation as well as pension options.

- [Publication 946, How to Depreciate Property](#) explains how you can recover the cost of business or income-producing property through deductions for depreciation. The publication was updated to reflect the extension of expiring tax provisions in legislation signed into law on Dec. 19.
- [Publication 4587, Payroll Deduction IRAs for Small Businesses](#) explains that individuals saving in a traditional IRA may be able to receive some tax advantages on the money they contribute, and the investments can grow tax-deferred.
- [Publication 4334, SIMPLE IRA Plans for Small Businesses](#) explains how a SIMPLE (Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees of Small Employers) IRA plan offers great advantages for businesses that have 100 or fewer employees (who earned \$5,000 or more during the preceding calendar year) and that do not have another retirement plan.

The IRS constantly adds revised tax forms, publications, instructions and tax information to IRS.gov. The IRS encourages taxpayers to frequently visit IRS.gov, including the [forms and pubs page](#) for all current forms and publications, [updates and changes](#), and [additional information](#).

2015 FILING SEASON STATISTICS

Cumulative statistics comparing 2/28/14 and 2/27/15

Individual Income Tax Returns:	2014	2015	% change
Total Receipts	58,883,000	58,528,000	-0.6
Total Processed	57,410,000	56,857,000	-1.0
E-filing Receipts:			
TOTAL	54,942,000	55,104,000	0.3
Tax Professionals	30,053,000	28,733,000	-4.4
Self-prepared	24,889,000	26,371,000	6.0
Web Usage:			
Visits to IRS.gov	163,397,540	179,918,451	10.1
Total Refunds:			
Number	48,429,000	47,547,000	-1.8
Amount	\$146.918 Billion	\$144.903 Billion	-1.4
Average refund	\$3,034	\$3,048	0.5
Direct Deposit Refunds:			
Number	42,380,000	43,228,000	2.0
Amount	\$131.203 Billion	\$136.571 Billion	4.1
Average refund	\$3,096	\$3,159	2.0