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2005 Data Book Details Rise in Audits

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced today that the 2005 IRS Data Book is available at IRS.gov. The publication contains tables detailing, among other subjects, the amount of revenue collected, the number of audits (examinations) conducted, and the number of refunds issued between October 1, 2004, and September 30, 2005 – Fiscal Year 2005.

The increase in enforcement by the IRS is documented in this year's Data Book. During Fiscal Year 2005 the IRS completed more than 1.215 million audits of individuals, up almost 21 percent from last year's figure of 1.008 million.

The Data Book provides state-by-state statistics on areas such as electronic filing, which accounted for more than half of all individual income tax returns last year.

Tables in the Data Book include information about returns filed, tax collections and refunds, examination coverage, appeals, criminal investigations, employee plans and exempt organizations, taxpayer assistance, information reporting, and administrative costs and personnel summaries.

The 2005 Data Book is available at IRS.gov, under statistics; the direct link is: <http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/article/0,,id=102174,00.html>

Published copies of the Fiscal Year 2005 IRS Data Book, Publication 55B, will be available by mid-April 2006 from the U.S. Government Printing Office. To obtain a copy, write to the Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or call (202) 512 1800 for voicemail or (202) 512-2250 to fax your request.