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Two Out of Three Individuals Now Using IRS e-File

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WASHINGTON — Individuals e-filed a record 95 million federal income tax returns during 2009, up almost 6 percent from last year's total of nearly 90 million. About two out of three taxpayers e-filed this year; out of the 141 million returns filed so far this year, over 67 percent were e-filed, compared to 59 percent last year.

Each year, more taxpayers chose to e-file their tax returns. While the total number of tax returns has increased 10 percent during the past decade, the number filed electronically has increased by 168 percent. Taxpayers who e-file from a home computer continue to be an increasingly significant segment of those who e-file.

Year Filed	Total Returns	e-Filed Returns	Percent e-filed
2000	128,430,000	35,412,000	27.57%
2001	130,965,000	40,244,000	30.73%
2002	131,728,000	46,892,000	35.60%
2003	131,557,000	52,944,000	40.24%
2004	132,200,000	61,507,000	46.53%
2005	133,933,000	68,476,000	51.13%
2006	136,071,000	73,255,000	53.84%
2007	140,188,000	79,979,000	57.05%
2008	153,650,000	89,853,000	58.48%
2009	141,376,000	94,980,000	67.18%

Home Computer e-Filers

This year, for the first time, more than a third of e-filers are filing their returns themselves from a home computer. More than 32 million returns were e-filed from home computers, up almost 20 percent from last year's record of 27 million. People filing from their home computers account for about 34 percent of all e-filed returns from individuals.

Direct Deposit Refunds

Almost 73 million refunds were electronically deposited into taxpayer's accounts, saving the government mailing costs and saving taxpayers a trip to the bank. More importantly, these taxpayers received their refunds at least a week sooner than those receiving a paper check.

These direct deposit refunds accounted for 66 percent of all refunds, up from 62 percent of refunds last year. Overall, the IRS issued 110 million refunds, averaging \$2,753 per refund; direct deposit refunds averaged \$2,997 per refund.

Free File

More than 3 million taxpayers filed their tax returns for free through the IRS Free File program. This year for the first time, taxpayers could also file directly to the IRS by completing a Form 1040 on IRS.gov; 273,000 taxpayers used this new way to file.

2009 FILING SEASON STATISTICS

Cumulative through the weeks ending 10/17/08 and 10/16/09

Individual Income Tax Returns	2008	2009	% Change
Total Receipts	153,650,000	141,376,000	-8.0%
Total Processed	152,759,000	140,718,000	-7.9%
E-filing Receipts:			
TOTAL	89,853,000	94,980,000	5.7%
Tax Professionals	62,932,000	62,786,000	-0.23%
Self-prepared	26,921,000	32,193,000	19.6%
Web Usage:			
Visits to IRS.gov	323,463,010	266,631,821	-17.57%
Total Refunds:			
Number	106,200,000	110,071,000	3.6%
Amount	\$251.827 Billion	\$303.069 Billion	20.3%
Average refund	\$2,371	\$2,753	16.1%
Direct Deposit Refunds:			
Number	66,240,000	72,717,000	9.8%
Amount	\$179.708 Billion	\$217.915 Billion	21.3%
Average refund	\$2,713	\$2,997	10.5%