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Nearly 70 Percent of Taxpayers Used IRS e-file in 2010

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WASHINGTON – Nearly 99 million individuals filed their federal income tax returns electronically during 2010, a 3 percent increase in the IRS e-file rate. Of the 141.5 million returns filed so far this year, almost 70 percent were filed electronically.

Each year, more taxpayers chose to e-file their tax returns. Last year, nearly 95 million taxpayers or 67 percent used e-file. In the past decade, the number of individual tax returns e-filed has increased by 145 percent. The overall number of individual tax returns increased only by 8 percent. IRS e-file is no longer the exception; now it is the norm.

Year Filed	Total Returns	e-Filed Returns	Percent e-filed
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%
2010	141,536,000	98,740,000	69.76%

Home Computer e-Filers

Taxpayers who prepare their own tax returns using home computers continued to set the pace for e-file. This year, more than 35 percent of e-filers prepared and filed their returns themselves. Almost 35 million returns were e-filed from home computers, up 8 percent from last year.

Direct Deposit Refunds

More than 74 million refunds were electronically deposited into taxpayers' accounts, saving taxpayers a trip to the bank. More importantly, these taxpayers received their refunds at least a week faster than those receiving paper checks.

These direct deposit refunds accounted for almost 69 percent of all refunds, up from 66 percent of refunds last year. Overall, the IRS issued 109 million refunds, averaging \$2,994 per refund; direct deposit refunds averaged \$3,189 per refund.

2010 FILING SEASON STATISTICS

Cumulative through the weeks ending 11/06/09 and 11/05/10

Individual Income Tax Returns	2009	2010	% Change
Total Receipts	143,529,000	141,536,000	-1.4%
Total Processed	143,079,000	141,536,000	-1.4%
E-filing Receipts:			
TOTAL	95,478,000	98,740,000	3.4%
Tax Professionals	63,285,000	63,893,000	1.0%
Self-prepared	32,193,000	34,847,000	8.2%
Web Usage:			
Visits to IRS.gov	275,308,302	281,765,152	2.3%
Total Refunds:			
Number	111,163,000	108,923,000	-2.0%
Amount	\$315.290 Billion	\$326.125 Billion	3.4%
Average refund	\$2,836	\$2,994	5.6%
Direct Deposit Refunds:			
Number	72,982,000	74,460,000	2.0%
Amount	\$220.250 Billion	\$237.444 Billion	7.8%
Average refund	\$3,018	\$3,189	5.7%