

Publication 6186-A

Calendar Year Projections for the United States and IRS Campuses: 2024–2031

Publication 6186 is updated annually to provide U.S.- and campus-level Calendar Year (CY) projections of individual and business income tax returns by the major return categories. Publication 6186 also includes projections for the examination classes. Publication 6186-A is a one-page summary of Publication 6186.

Significant Highlights From This Update of Publication 6186

- In CY 2023, the share of total returns (individual income tax, business income tax, and tax-exempt organization returns) filed electronically was 80.9%. This share is expected to reach 83.0% in CY 2024 and will steadily increase over the next 7 calendar years, reaching 90.2% in CY 2031.
- Individual returns currently make up approximately 60.5% of all tax return filings. This percentage is expected to continue in future CYs.
- Approximately 92.6% of individual returns were filed electronically in CY 2023. This trend is expected to reach 93.6% in CY 2024 and will grow to 97.0% by CY 2031.
- Of the seven campuses included in this publication, the Kansas City campus is estimated to process the most returns between CY 2024 and CY 2031, followed by the Ogden campus.
- The Cincinnati campus is projected to process the fewest number of returns between CY 2024 and CY 2031.

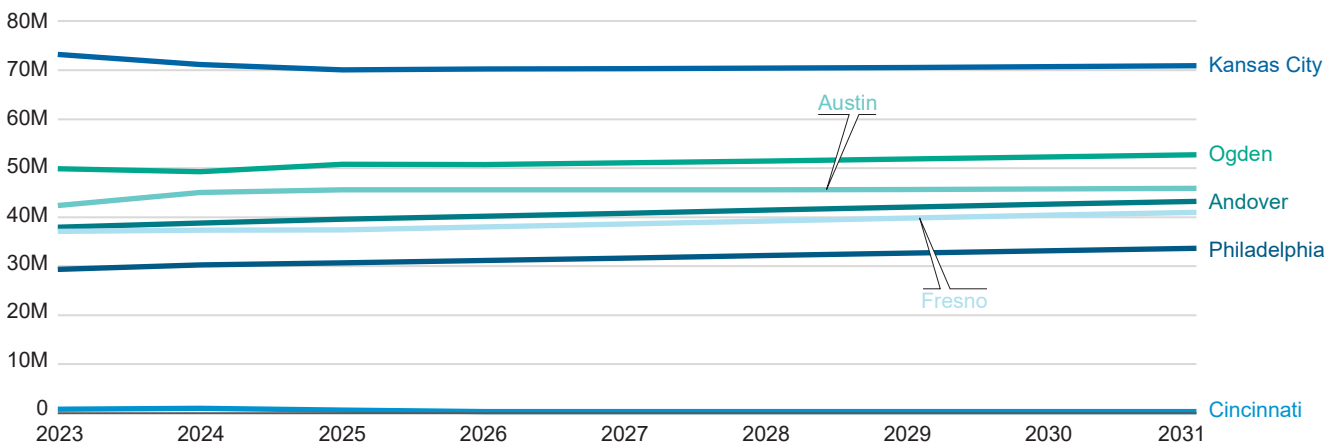
Projections of the Number of Tax Returns To Be Processed in the U.S., CYs 2024–2025

| Type of Return | Actual | Estimated | Projected |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| Grand Total | 265,006,208 | 266,754,200 | 268,839,100 |
| Paper Grand Total | 50,640,748 | 45,247,000 | 42,099,700 |
| Electronic Grand Total | 214,365,460 | 221,507,200 | 226,739,300 |
| Total Primary Returns | 227,136,498 | 228,679,800 | 230,467,500 |
| Individual Returns | 160,237,179 | 161,970,300 | 163,340,600 |
| Corporation Returns | 4,947,568 | 5,160,900 | 5,378,700 |
| Partnership Returns | 8,347,233 | 8,400,600 | 8,453,000 |
| Employment Returns | 33,681,397 | 33,010,100 | 33,224,900 |
| Exempt Organization Returns | 1,699,483 | 1,795,200 | 1,811,700 |
| All Other Primary Returns | 18,223,638 | 18,342,700 | 18,258,600 |
| Total Supplemental Documents | 37,869,710 | 38,074,400 | 38,371,500 |

NOTE: Detail may not add due to total rounding.
SOURCE: Statistics of Income, Publication 6186, Table 2, October 2024

Projections of the Number of Tax Returns To Be Processed by IRS Campuses, CYs 2024–2031

[Numbers are in millions]



NOTE: Includes individual income tax, business income tax, and tax-exempt form types; CY 2023 are actual returns.
SOURCE: Statistics of Income, Publication 6186, Tables 3–9, October 2024



Projections
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