The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 6292 includes U.S.-level Fiscal Year (FY) projections of individual and business income tax returns to be filed by the major return categories, including selected detail by the IRS business operating divisions. Publication 6292 also includes breakouts by filing methods and is updated semiannually.

**Significant Trends Found in This Update of Publication 6292**

- The grand total income tax return filings were 255.3 million in FY 2019. After FY 2019, grand total income tax return filings are projected to grow at an average annual rate of 1.1 percent, reaching 277.7 million by FY 2027.

- The paper grand total income tax return filings were 69.5 million in FY 2019 and projected to decrease to 51.1 million returns by FY 2027.

- The electronic grand total income tax return filings were 185.8 million in FY 2019. After FY 2019, electronic grand total income tax return filings are projected to grow at an average annual rate of 2.5 percent, reaching 226.6 million by FY 2027.

**Actual Income Tax Return Filings for FY 2019**

- 185.8 million electronic filings
- 69.5 million paper filings
- 255.3 million grand total filings

**Projections of the Number of Income Tax Returns To Be Filed, Fiscal Years 2020–2027**

![Graph showing projections of income tax return filings from FY 2019 to FY 2027.]

*NOTE: Number of income tax returns for FY 2019 are actual filings.*