

# Publication 6186-A

## Calendar Year Projections for the United States and IRS Campuses: 2022–2029

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 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.

### Overall Number of Tax Returns to be Processed in the U.S., CY 2022–2023

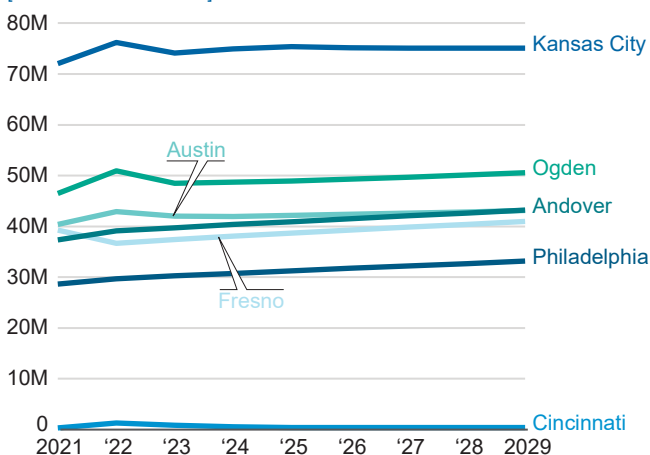
Type of Return	Actual	Estimated	Projected
	2021	2022	2023
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>264,620,157</b>	<b>276,960,900</b>	<b>272,999,200</b>
Paper Grand Total	58,834,943	59,987,900	50,923,200
Electronic Grand Total	205,785,214	216,972,900	222,075,900
<b>Total Primary Returns</b>	<b>232,328,872</b>	<b>237,985,700</b>	<b>234,634,200</b>
Individual Returns*	164,399,235	170,729,300	167,260,900
Corporation Returns	7,670,844	7,481,900	7,544,000
Partnership Returns	4,653,387	4,624,500	4,823,500
Employment Returns	34,071,801	33,286,900	32,399,300
Exempt Organization Returns	1,839,663	1,907,500	1,824,600
All Other Primary Returns	19,693,942	19,955,600	20,781,900
<b>Total Supplemental Documents</b>	<b>32,291,285</b>	<b>38,975,100</b>	<b>38,365,000</b>

NOTE: \* Individual Returns includes only Forms 1040, 1040-SR, and 1040-SP in the table above.

SOURCE: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Publication 6186, Table 2, November 2022

### Projections of the Number of Tax Returns to Be Processed by IRS Campuses for CY 2022–2029

[Numbers are in millions]



NOTE: Includes individual, business, and supplemental form types; CY 2021 are actual filings.

SOURCE: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Publication 6186, Tables 3–9, November 2022

### Significant Highlights from this Update of Publication 6186

- Individual income tax returns currently make up over 60.0 percent of all tax return filings; this trend is expected to continue in future calendar years.
- In CY 2021, the share of total returns (individual, business tax, and tax-exempt organization returns) filed electronically was 77.8 percent. This percentage is expected to steadily increase over the next several years, reaching 87.1 percent in CY 2029.
- For the past two calendar years, there were slightly over 5.0 million carryover returns for individual returns; carryover volumes were between 100,000 and 300,000 prior to CY 2020.
- SOI staff estimated the IRS will process approximately 170.8 million total individual returns (18.0 million paper and 152.7 million electronic) in CY 2022; the estimate for paper returns includes around 5.0 million carryover returns from CY 2021.
- For CY 2022, the projected share of electronic individual returns is 89.5 percent; current forecasts project that this ratio will reach 96.0 percent by CY 2029.
- Since the Austin campus is no longer closing in 2024, SOI staff included campus projections for CY 2022 to CY 2029.

