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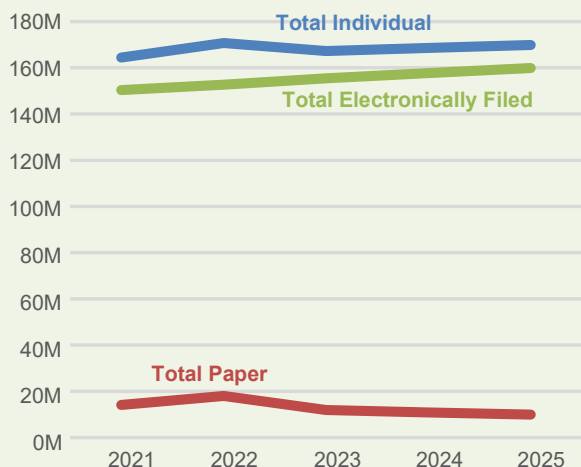
Calendar Year Projections of Individual Returns by Major Processing Categories

IRS *Publication 6187* contains multiyear projections of the number of individual income tax returns to be filed with the IRS by major processing categories important for IRS planning operations. This includes details by form type, medium of filing, and other characteristics. Selected portions of the forecasts are also shown by campus and State.

Significant Trends Found in This Update of *Publication 6187*

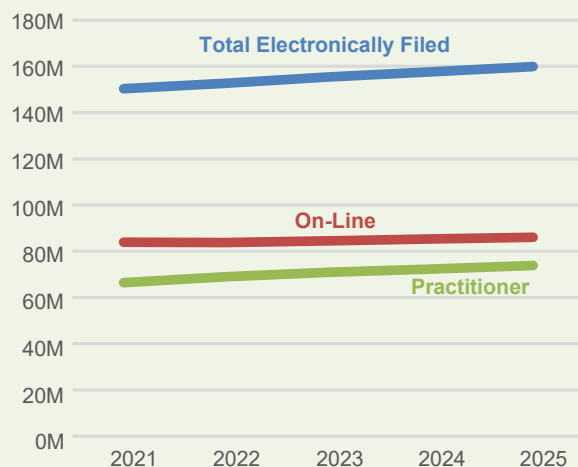
- Taxpayers filed 164.4 million individual income tax returns for Calendar Year (CY) 2021. This number is projected to increase by 3.9 percent to 170.7 million in CY 2022 and grow at an average annual rate of 0.8% percent to 169.9 million by CY 2025.
- The total number of individual income tax returns filed electronically was 150.4 million in CY 2021. This number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.5 percent to 159.9 million by CY 2025, representing 94.1 percent of the total number of individual returns filed.
- In CY 2021, taxpayers filed 66.4 million individual income tax returns online, representing 44.2 percent of the total number of individual tax returns filed electronically.
- The number of individual income tax returns filed electronically with the IRS by paid preparers was 84.0 million in CY 2021, this number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.5 percent to reach 86.1 million returns by CY 2025.
- The total number of individual income tax returns filed on paper was 14.0 million in CY 2021, representing 8.5 percent of the total number of individual income tax returns.

Projections of the Number of Individual Returns To Be Filed, Calendar Years 2022–2025



NOTES: Number of individual income tax returns for CY 2021 are actual filings.

Projections of the Number of Electronic Individual Returns To Be Filed, Calendar Years 2022–2025



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