Publication 6292-A
Fiscal Year Return Projections for the United States: 2019–2026

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 254.0 million in FY 2018. After FY 2018, grand total income tax return filings are projected to grow at an average annual rate of 0.7 percent, reaching 269.4 million by FY 2026.
- The paper grand total income tax return filings were 74.5 million in FY 2018 and projected to decrease to 52.2 million returns by FY 2026.
- The electronic grand total income tax return filings were 179.5 million in FY 2018. After FY 2018, electronic grand total income tax return filings are projected to grow at an average annual rate of 2.4 percent, reaching 217.2 million by FY 2026.

Actual Income Tax Return Filings for FY 2018

- 179.5 million electronic filings
- 74.5 million paper filings
- 254.0 million grand total filings

NOTE: Number of income tax returns for FY 2018 are actual filings.