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### Six reasons 90 percent of the people will e-file their tax returns

If you're one of the 10 percent of people still mailing your tax return, this is the year to make a change. The IRS expects about 90 percent of individual taxpayers to file electronically in 2018 — that's a record high. IRS e-file is a fast, safe and proven way to get your tax return to the IRS.

Here are the top six reasons why you should file electronically in 2018:

- **It's the fastest way to get a refund.** Combining IRS e-file and direct deposit is the fastest way to get your refund. **IRS issues** nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days.
- **It's secure.** E-file meets strict security guidelines. It uses modern encryption technology to protect tax returns. The IRS continues to work with states and tax industry leaders to protect tax returns from identity theft refund fraud. This [effort](#) has helped put strong safeguards in place to make tax filing a safe and secure option.
- **It's convenient.** You can buy [commercial tax software](#) to e-file right from your home computer. You can also ask your [tax preparer](#) to e-file your tax return. Most paid preparers must file their clients' returns electronically.
- **You get a fast acknowledgment.** When you use e-file, you get a fast confirmation, often within minutes, that your tax return has been accepted or rejected by the IRS. That will give you the peace of mind that the IRS received your return, or, if it was rejected, what you need to do to fix it.
- **It's often free.** Many people can use [IRS Free File](#) for free software to do their taxes and e-file for free. Free File is only available on IRS.gov. Some people may also qualify to have their taxes e-filed for free through [IRS volunteer programs](#). Volunteer Income Tax Assistance offers free tax preparation to people who generally earned \$54,000 or less. Tax Counseling for the Elderly generally helps people who are age 60 or older.
- **There are several options for making payments.** If you owe taxes, you can e-file early and set up an automatic payment on any day until the April deadline. You can pay electronically from your bank account with [IRS Direct Pay](#). Visit [IRS.gov/payments](#) for information about other payment options.

**NOTE TO EDITOR:** Below are links to help taxpayers find the information they need.

## IRS.gov

- [Filing for Individuals](#)
- [e-File Options for Individuals](#)

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- #IRSTaxTip: Six Reasons to E-file. <https://go.usa.gov/xnFZE>
- File your #IRS tax return electronically & use #IRSDirectDeposit to get your money back. It's easy, safe & fast: <https://go.usa.gov/xnFZU>