

# Publication 6187-A

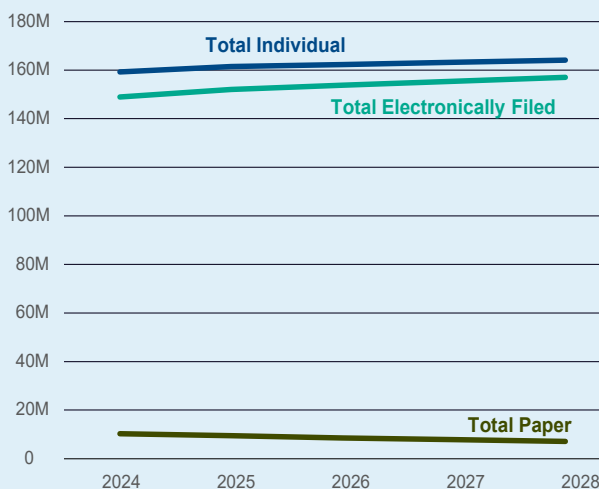
## Calendar Year Projections of Individual Returns by Major Processing Categories

IRS Publication 6187 contains multiyear projections of the number of individual income tax returns to be filed with the IRS by major processing categories that are 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. Publication 6187-A serves as a one-sheet companion to Publication 6187, presenting the main takeaways from the full publication.

### Significant Trends Found in the Current Update of Publication 6187

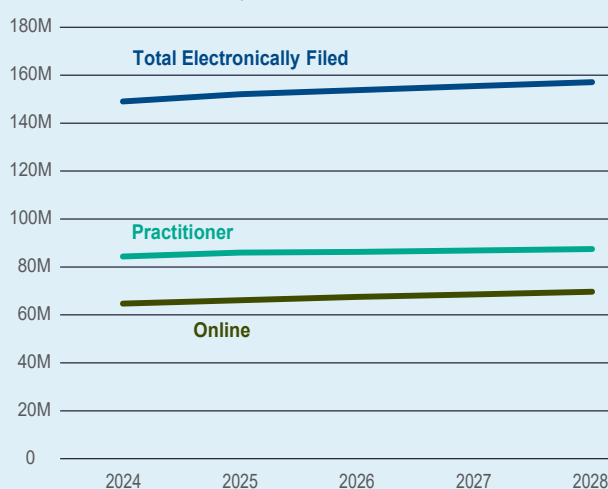
- Taxpayers filed 159.3 million individual income tax returns for Calendar Year (CY) 2024. This number is projected to increase by 1.4% to 161.5 million in CY 2025 and is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 0.8% to 164.1 million by CY 2028.
- The total number of individual income tax returns filed electronically was 149.0 million in CY 2024. This number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.3% to 157.0 million by CY 2028, which will represent 95.7% of the total number of individual returns filed that year.
- In CY 2024, taxpayers filed 64.7 million individual income tax returns online, representing 43.4% 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 84.3 million in CY 2024. This number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 0.9% to reach 87.4 million returns by CY 2028.
- The total number of individual income tax returns filed on paper was 10.3 million in CY 2024, representing 6.5% of the total number of individual income tax returns.

**Projections of the Number of Individual Returns to be Filed, Calendar Years 2025-2028**



NOTE: Number of individual income tax returns for CY 2024 is actual filings.

**Projections of the Number of Electronic Individual Returns to be Filed, Calendar Years 2025-2028**



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**Projections**  
of Federal Tax Return Filings