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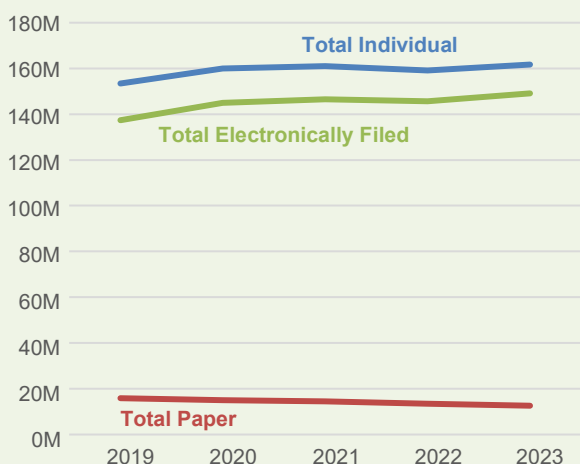
Calendar Year Projections of Individual Returns by Major Processing Categories

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 to IRS planning operations. This includes details by form type, medium of filing, and other characteristics. Selected portions of the forecasts are also shown by IRS processing campus and State.

Significant Trends Found in This Update of *Publication 6187*

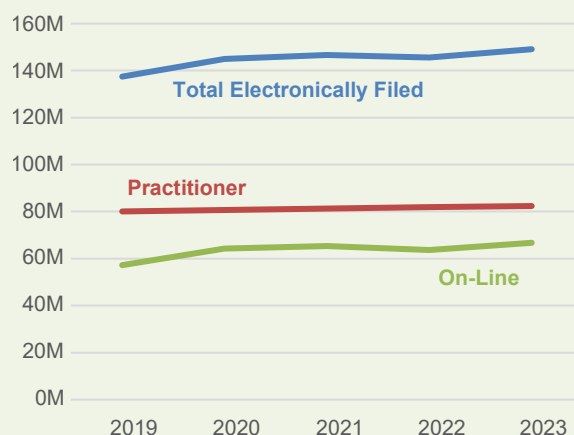
- Taxpayers filed 153.5 million individual income tax returns for Calendar Year (CY) 2019. This number is projected to increase by 4.3 percent to 160.0 million for CY 2020 and grow at an average annual rate of 1.4 percent to 161.8 million by CY 2023.
- The total number of individual income tax returns filed electronically was 137.5 million for CY 2019. This number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.0 percent to 149.2 million by CY 2023, representing 92.2 percent of the total number filed.
- Taxpayers filed 16.0 million individual income tax returns on paper for CY 2019. This number is projected to decline to about 15.1 million for CY 2020 and to about 12.7 million by CY 2023.
- Since the enactment of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, the total number of individual income tax returns filed electronically has increased from 24.6 million for CY 1998 to 137.5 million for CY 2019, representing 89.6 percent of the total.
- In CY 2019, taxpayers filed 57.4 million individual income tax returns online, representing 41.7 percent of the total number filed electronically. This number is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 3.9 percent, reaching 66.8 million by CY 2023.
- The number of individual income tax returns filed electronically with the IRS by paid preparers was 80.2 million for CY 2019; this number is projected to reach 82.4 million by CY 2023.

Projections of the Number of Individual Returns To Be Filed, Calendar Years 2020–2023



NOTES: Number of individual income tax returns for CY 2019 are actual filings. A new streamlined Form 1040 replaced Forms 1040, 1040-A, and 1040-EZ from Calendar Year 2019 onwards.

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