

E-filing your returns—safe, quick, and easy

Why do millions of Americans file their taxes electronically?

- *Security*—The IRS uses the latest encryption technology to safeguard your information.
- *Flexible Payments*—File early; pay by the due date of your return (not counting extensions)—April 15, 2026 (for most people).
- *Greater Accuracy*—Fewer errors mean faster processing.
- *Quick Receipt*—Get an acknowledgment that your return was received and accepted.
- *Go Green*—Reduce the amount of paper used.
- *Faster Refunds*—Join the eight in 10 taxpayers who get their refunds faster by using direct deposit and *e-file*.



**IRS e-file: It's Safe.
It's Easy. It's Time.**



Joining the more than 150 million Americans who are already using *e-file* is easy. Just ask your tax preparer or use commercial software. IRS *e-file* is the safest, most secure way to transmit your tax return to the IRS. Since 1990, the IRS has processed more than 2 billion *e-filed* tax returns safely and securely. There's no paper return to be lost or stolen.

Most tax return preparers are now required to use IRS *e-file*. If you are asked if you want to *e-file*, just give it a try. IRS *e-file* is now the norm, not the exception.

IRS.gov is the gateway to all electronic services offered by the IRS, as well as the spot to download forms at [IRS.gov/Forms](https://www.irs.gov/Forms).

Make your tax payments online—it's easy.

You can make payments online, by phone, or from a mobile device. Paying online is safe and secure; it puts you in control of paying your tax bill and gives you peace of mind. You determine the payment date, and you will receive an immediate confirmation from the IRS. Go to [IRS.gov/Payments](https://www.irs.gov/Payments) to see all your online payment options.