

READY, SET, FILE: HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT FILING TAXES IN ARIZONA IN 2025

Taxpayers have most of the year to get their records together and complete their returns without penalties, though most people finish the task by the normal April 15 deadline. If you expect to receive a refund, that's added incentive to get the job done early.

There aren't a whole lot of major changes in store for the upcoming filing season affecting individuals. Here are the basics and [information on a few key adjustments and updates](#).

WHEN CAN YOU FILE TAXES IN 2025?

As of the end of 2024, the Internal Revenue Service hadn't yet announced the date when it would start accepting returns. For the filing season that began in early 2024, Jan. 29 was the start date. For 2025, it's likely to be Jan. 27.

You may start to organize tax records before then, although employers aren't required to mail or deliver W-2 forms containing salary and withholding information until the end of January.

When are tax returns due in 2025?

April 15 is the normal filing deadline, although taxpayers may receive an automatic six-month extension, taking them until Oct. 15, by filing Form 4868.

The IRS processed about 267 million returns over the past year, and the total likely will rise a bit for the next one.

How much money does the IRS take in each year?

The agency said it collected \$5.1 trillion for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2024, yet Americans should have paid more.

The difference between what the government collects and what Americans owe but don't pay voluntarily or on time is known as the tax gap. The IRS estimated it at around \$700 billion for the most recent year.

DO MOST TAXPAYERS RECEIVE A REFUND?

Yes, roughly two in three taxpayers receive refunds. The average amount for individuals in the most recent year was \$3,143.

Can I prepare my return for free?

Yes. The IRS has been pushing its [Direct File program](#), which will be available in 24 states, including Arizona, for the upcoming filing season. Also worth considering is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, or VITA, program. [With this, available to most moderate-income taxpayers](#), you can receive in-person help from volunteers trained by the IRS. For the most recent filing season, the program was geared to taxpayers earning roughly \$64,000 or less in income. This service is available at libraries, schools and other public venues.

DOES THE IRS OPERATE OFFICES THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

Yes, and many allow taxpayer visits, although sometimes appointments are required. The IRS operates seven offices in Arizona, including three around metro Phoenix.

They are at 4041 N. Central Ave. in Phoenix, 1818 E. Southern Ave. in Mesa and 7350 W. Camino San Xavier in Glendale. [The agency offers an tax-office locator](#) on its website, <https://apps.irs.gov/app/office-locator/>.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE TAX CHANGES FOR THIS FILING SEASON?

One change is an increase in the mileage allowance for the business use of a vehicle to 70 cents a mile, up from 67 cents.

Many others are inflation adjustments. For example, the standard deduction amounts for 2024 have risen modestly to \$14,600 single taxpayers, \$21,900 for heads of household and \$29,200 for married couples filing jointly, with slightly higher amounts for people who are 65 or older or blind. The majority of taxpayers, who don't itemize, can take the standard deduction.

SOME TAXPAYERS COULD GET UP TO \$1,400 FROM THE IRS

While it is not tied to the upcoming tax-filing season, the IRS recently announced it would send [pandemic-related payments worth up to \\$1,400 per recipient](#) to people who qualified for this tax credit but didn't claim it on their 2021 returns. The payments will be sent automatically to about 1 million taxpayers and perhaps 20,000 or so in Arizona.

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