

Will April 15 Get Here Before Your Taxes Are Ready?

As of April 3, the IRS had received more than 900,000 individual tax returns, about 70 percent of the returns they expect to get from Kansas. With the April 15 deadline a few days away, the IRS wants you to know if you still need to file, you have time and options.

“If you do your own taxes or use a tax professional, you should e-file,” said IRS spokesman Michael Devine. “[IRS e-file](#)

is the best way to file an accurate tax return because the software helps you avoid mistakes.”

[IRS Free File](#)

is where people who made less than \$60,000 last year can use brand-name tax software to do their taxes and e-file for free. The IRS says you’re 20 times less likely to make a mistake when you e-file compared to filing a paper return because the software catches and corrects common paper filing errors.

The IRS.gov website also has tools like the [Interactive Tax Assistant](#), [Tax Trails](#) and [IRS Tax Map](#) that can help find answers to questions you need to complete your return.

The [Where’s My Refund?](#) tool is a fast and easy way to check on your tax refund. Use the IRS2Go mobile app to access the tool, or click on the ‘Refunds’ tab on IRS.gov.

If you owe taxes, you can use IRS Direct Pay. It’s a safe, easy and free way to pay from your checking or savings account. Go to [IRS.gov/directpay](https://irs.gov/directpay) to pay your federal tax bill.

Those not ready to file by April 15, can get a six-month extension using [Form 4868](#), Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. The form is available anytime at IRS.gov/forms or you can e-file an extension request for free using [IRS Free File](#).

“By filing a return or getting an extension, a taxpayer can avoid the late-filing penalty, which applies to returns with a balance due filed after the deadline,” said Devine. He added that the “extension does not give you more time to pay any tax due.”