

# **2013 TAX SEASON**

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Individual Income Tax Season**

Even with the season starting two weeks later this year due to federal legislation, Hoosier taxpayers are not waiting around to file.

As of March 12 the Indiana Department of Revenue filed more than 1.6 million returns out of the expected 3.1 million returns, which will represent 4.1 million Hoosier taxpayers. Of those who have filed, more than 1.4 million have been filed electronically.

### **INfreefile**

To file both your state and federal taxes online, the Indiana Department of Revenue offers Indiana freefile (INfreefile). The program offers free filing to around 1 million Hoosier taxpayers.

INfreefile is a sophisticated set of commercial applications supported by some of the biggest names in the tax filing business. In fact, this year we have seven different major tax vendors offering free, state and federal filing services to Indiana taxpayers who qualify.

In 2012, more than 118,000 taxpayers took advantage of INfreefile. In addition, 86 percent of those who used the free online program were satisfied and 95 percent would recommend the program to others.

This year, anyone whose adjusted gross income (your income minus all your deductions) is \$57,000 or less will qualify for at least one vendor. You can see which services you qualify for by visiting [www.freefile.dor.in.gov](http://www.freefile.dor.in.gov).

To view a video about INfreefile, visit [www.in.gov/dor/4811.htm](http://www.in.gov/dor/4811.htm).

### **Automatic Taxpayer Refund Credit**

More than 1.3 million taxpayers already have taken advantage of Indiana's Automatic Taxpayer Refund (ATR) credit as of March 10. About 76 percent of all taxpayers filing as of March 10 have qualified for the credit.

More than \$171 million has been awarded to Hoosier taxpayers so far this season. At this point, the state is on target in projecting the amount of money to be distributed. By the closing of the tax season, the department expects to award approximately \$361 million in ATR credits to Hoosier taxpayers.

For more information about the Automatic Taxpayer Refund please visit our website [www.in.gov/dor/4761.htm](http://www.in.gov/dor/4761.htm).

## **Fraud and Identity Theft**

Fraud and identity theft continue to be the number one concern of all tax agencies in 2013. Incidents are on the rise, and efforts to combat those illegal activities are also on the rise.

The Indiana Department of Revenue has been seeing impersonation scams during this tax season. They can take the form of email, phone calls, websites, letters and even tweets. Scammers might also use a phone or fax to reach their victims. If you receive a paper letter or notice via mail claiming to be the Indiana Department of Revenue but you suspect it is a scam, contact the department immediately.

To help taxpayers avoid fraud, and to help taxpayers report suspected fraud, the department has launched a new fraud section to its website. Hoosier taxpayers can learn more about tax fraud and identity theft, read examples of how they can be affected, and report suspected tax fraud anonymously. This information and the fraud reporting tools can be found at [www.in.gov/dor/4792.htm](http://www.in.gov/dor/4792.htm).

## **Tax Tips**

The Indiana Department of Revenue has been working to provide Hoosier taxpayers with helpful tips throughout this 2013 tax season. To keep up on the latest Tax Tips news, subscribe for our e-mail updates at [www.in.gov/dor/3329.htm](http://www.in.gov/dor/3329.htm).

- Tax Tips for Hoosiers Part 1: [www.in.gov/dor/4789.htm](http://www.in.gov/dor/4789.htm)
- Tax Tips for Hoosiers Part 2: [www.in.gov/dor/4815.htm](http://www.in.gov/dor/4815.htm).

## **About DOR**

The Indiana Department of Revenue was created by an Act of the Indiana General Assembly on Feb. 18, 1947. The department is led by [Commissioner Mike Alley](#). The department of Revenue is responsible for providing service to Indiana citizens regarding state tax matters. Additionally, the department administers state tax laws, develops regulations and makes decisions about tax policy.

To serve the public and properly administer the tax laws, the department employs approximately 650 full-time and part-time employees.

The department is headquartered at the Indiana Government Center located in downtown Indianapolis. Additionally, we provide service through 11 district offices located throughout Indiana.