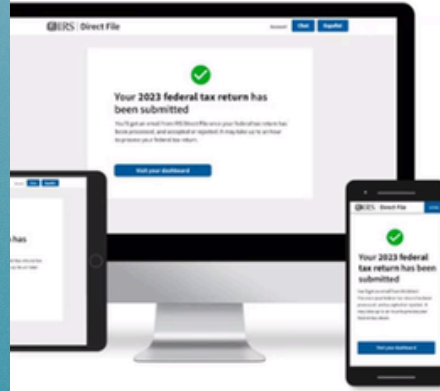


File Online For Free Options

There are several online filing options to meet the needs of each taxpayer, including virtual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs and guided self-filing services through the IRS. Doing your own taxes with guided tax software can be faster, simpler, and cheaper than using a preparer.

Visit www.irs.gov/filing/e-file-options for more information about your tax e-filing options



Making an account on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) is also a great way to access and keep up with your tax information online.

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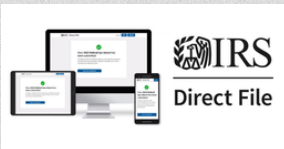
- Tax reports for every year you've filed
- The amount you owe, if you have filed a return for this year
- Your payment history and any scheduled or pending payments
- Digital copies of select notices from the IRS

You can also:

- Make a payment online, which also automatically files an extension for you!
- See payment plan options and request a plan via the "Online Payment Agreement"
- Apply for or access your Identity Protection PIN (IP-PIN) number

What is the difference between virtual VITA and guided tax software?

Programs such as GetYourRefund and MyFreeTaxes offer virtual VITA options for tax preparing. This means that they operate similarly to in-person volunteer tax preparation sites, where volunteers prepare and submit tax returns for taxpayers with their consent. However, this takes time and a lot of human effort. Guided tax software uses a different model. On these websites, taxpayers are asked a series of automatic plain-English questions to determine what documents are needed and what tax credits they are eligible for. These services are designed to ask taxpayers about every tax-relevant life situation they might be in so they don't make mistakes. Unless there is an issue with their return or the taxpayer has questions, there is no human involvement needed. This makes the process fast and efficient. Continue reading to learn about all of your e-filing options.



IRS DIRECT FILE

IRS Direct File is a digital service that allows taxpayers to file their federal taxes **directly with the IRS for free, avoiding all third-party organizations**. Following a successful pilot in 2024, the IRS made Direct File a permanent tax filing option. This year, Direct File is available to eligible taxpayers in 24 states, including Wisconsin. Direct File guides taxpayers through answering questions to prepare their tax return step-by-step, with IRS customer service representatives available as needed.

Use the Eligibility Checker at directfile.irs.gov to see if IRS Direct File is right for you.

- ✓ File online – for free – directly with the IRS
- ✓ File in English or Spanish
- ✓ Add your tax information with step-by-step guidance
- ✓ Get real-time online help in English or Spanish
- ✓ Access it from smartphones, laptops, tablets and desktop computers
- ✓ Direct deposit your refund or make a tax payment online

Learn more about IRS Direct File by scanning the QR code or clicking here: [IRS Direct File Helpful Tips](#)



VIRTUAL VITA SITES

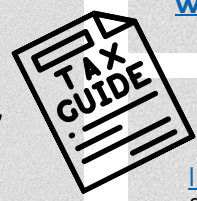
The online programs '[GetYourRefund](#)' and '[MyFreeTaxes](#)' work in partnership with the IRS's VITA program to help filers virtually prepare their tax returns on their own or have their returns prepared for them for free. IRS-certified VITA specialists are available to provide virtual support. Certain income and tax credit restrictions may apply.

getyourrefund.org

- Free current-year self-preparing software in English and Spanish for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$79,000
- Free online volunteer-preparing for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$66,000, for up to three years into the past.

myfreetaxes.com

- Free current-year self-preparing software in English and Spanish for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$79,000
- Free online volunteer-preparing for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$60,000, for up to three years into the past.
- Forwards you to Cash App Taxes if you are above their AGI restrictions, where you can file a tax return for free regardless of income.



**Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is defined as total income minus any "adjustments" that you are eligible to take; for example, self-employed health insurance premiums, contributions to certain retirement accounts, or student loan interest paid.

WI STATE RETURNS

Eligible Wisconsin residents can use WisTax to file state income tax returns online. If you file your federal return with Direct File, your federal data will transfer into WisTax. Nearly all Direct File users qualify for WisTax. If you use Direct File then WisTax, you will not need to attach W-2s, 1099s, nor your federal return in WisTax. If you don't qualify to use Direct File, you may still qualify to file your Wisconsin return with WisTax. Review WisTax Common Questions for more information.

www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/WisTax/home.aspx

IRS FREE FILE

[IRS Free File](#) lets qualified taxpayers prepare and file federal income tax returns for free if they have an Adjusted Gross Income under \$84,000. The returns are completed online using IRS trusted partner organizations' guided tax preparation software. Taxpayers that do not qualify for free tax returns can also file through IRS trusted partners for as low as \$25. Some trusted partners include a free state tax return, while others may charge a fee. Use the [find a trusted partner tool](#) to find a trusted partner that matches your income & tax credit requirements. Most partners have experts available live to quickly answer any questions you may have.

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/>