

THE TAX PICTURE

Receive Your Tax Refund—Fast

(NAPSA)—More than 70 percent of American taxpayers just like you receive a check from Uncle Sam each year for overpayment of their Federal income tax. Last year, the average federal tax refund topped \$2,200, so why would you wait to get your money any longer than you have to?

A growing number of Americans are electronically filing their tax return each year for just that reason—to get their refund back fast. If you're due a refund and you send your return in the old-fashioned way—by U.S. mail—it could take as long as eight weeks to get your money back. By electronically filing your return, you will receive your refund in as little as seven to 10 days with direct deposit.

Last year, more than 66 million taxpayers e-filed their return—that's half of all returns received by the IRS. In addition to receiving a faster refund, with e-file, you receive an official e-mail confirmation directly from the IRS when your return is received and accepted.

“E-filing and online tax preparation is a no-brainer—it is easy to follow and navigate,” said Chelsea Wong, an e-filer from San Francisco, Calif. “My relaxation time is very important to me, so any technology that makes my life easier is a plus. Thanks to e-file, I can do things with my time that really matter.”

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convenient, affordable options help you get all the deductions you deserve and do the math for you—even guaranteeing calculations. Using tax software or the Internet to do your taxes and e-filing has three distinct advantages:

- Saves you money. The average cost for filing online is just \$20.
- Say goodbye to late fees. Even if you owe the IRS, simply e-file now and schedule a payment to be automatically deducted from your bank account on or before April 15.
- Saves you time and eliminates errors. Compared to pencil and paper, online tax preparation slashes the time it takes to complete a standard 1040 from 13 hours to less than four hours. And according to the IRS, less than 1 percent of e-filed returns contain errors compared to 20 percent of returns prepared manually.

Visit www.turbotax.com to join the millions of taxpayers who get their refunds back—fast.