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## **E-filed returns on the rise for 2020**

### *Mailed returns to be significantly delayed for processing*

**APPLETON, Wis. (Feb. 4, 2020)** – In the past, e-filing was a rare practice. Of all the federal tax returns filed in 2001, only 31 percent were filed electronically, a number that jumped to 89 percent in 2018. Those who don't e-file are now the exception.

Why would almost 99 million taxpayers choose to e-file? There's no more waiting in line at the post office, no more worrying if a return reached its destination and no more writing out a check. Tax due can be paid by using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). Electronic payment options are convenient and secure. E-filing allows taxpayers to submit a return to the IRS in a quick, accurate and efficient way. Taxpayers don't need to worry about attaching specific documents to certain pages or if the person at the IRS correctly keyed in the return. In addition, e-filed returns are processed more quickly, which results in a quicker turnaround time.

E-filing is also beneficial for the IRS as it costs significantly less to process an e-filed return than a paper one. Computer processed e-filed federal returns consequently have fewer errors than the human processed paper returns.

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