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The IRS on May 17, updated its mission-critical website. The IRS reported that it is opening mail within normal timeframes but that it still has 12 million unprocessed original and amended individual income tax returns and 3.8 million unprocessed original and amended payroll tax returns.

Unprocessed individual returns. The IRS reported that, as of May 6, 2022, it still has 9.8 million unprocessed individual income tax returns. This backlog includes both current and prior year returns the majority of which, 7.2 million, are paper returns waiting to be reviewed and processed.

The other 2.6 million unprocessed individual returns require error correction or other special handling. According to the IRS, it is taking up to 120 days to correct and process these returns and to issue any refunds.

The IRS encourages taxpayers waiting for refunds to check [Where's My Refund?](#) for their refund's status and to review [Tax Season Refund Frequently Asked Questions](#) .

Unprocessed amended individual returns. As of May 7, 2022, the IRS reported it had 2.2 million unprocessed amended individual income tax returns. According to the IRS, it can take more than 20 weeks to process amended returns. Taxpayers waiting for a refund from an amended return should check [Where's My Amended Return?](#) for the most up to date processing status available.

Note. The IRS asks taxpayers not to file a second original or amended return or to contact the IRS about the status of a return. The Where's My Refund and Where's My Amended Return tools have the same information as an IRS assistor.

Unprocessed Forms 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return. According to the IRS, as of May 11, 2022, it had 3.4 million unprocessed Forms 941. Taxpayers who filed electronically and received an acknowledgement don't need to take any further action other than promptly responding to any IRS requests for information.

In addition, the IRS had 287,000 unprocessed Forms 941-X, Amended Employer Quarterly Federal Tax Return, some of which can't be processed until the IRS processes the related Form 941s. The IRS said that this inventory is being worked by specially trained staff at the Cincinnati and Ogden sites, but didn't give an estimated timeframe for processing these returns.