

# News Release

## Comptroller's Office Processes One Millionth Individual Tax Return

*Marylanders are reminded they have until April 18 to file their state and federal taxes*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 6, 2023) - Comptroller Brooke Lierman today announced that her office has processed more than one million individual income tax returns since the tax filing season began on January 23.

To date, the agency has processed more returns this year than at the same point in last year's tax season. In addition, since January 1, staff at the Comptroller's Offices' call centers, located throughout the state, have answered 94,440 calls from the state's taxpayers and responded to 29,078 emails.

As of today, the Comptroller's Office has processed 1,009,848 electronic and paper returns, with approximately \$900 million in refunds being issued to more than 667,000 taxpayers. Comptroller Lierman urges Marylanders to file electronically, as it is the most secure and efficient way to submit a tax return.

"I am excited Maryland hit this millionth tax return benchmark early this tax season, and I am thrilled to see the efforts of our agency employees in processing and getting these state tax refunds back into the pockets of Marylanders," Comptroller Lierman said. "I'm grateful to our Chief Deputy Comptroller Andy Schaufele, Division Director Rob Scheerer, and the entire team working to process these returns quickly and accurately. These men and women are the backbone of the revenue process in Maryland, and I am proud of the great work they do."

Last year, the Comptroller's Office processed more than 3.1 million individual state tax returns with refunds totaling nearly \$2.1 billion.

### What you need to know about filing taxes

- Taxpayers are encouraged to file their returns electronically and use direct deposit for the fastest possible processing to ensure they receive all possible refunds and to avoid postal service delays.

- A list of approved vendors for use in filing your electronic return can be found on the [Comptroller's website](#).
- Maryland taxpayers also can use the agency's free I-File system to file State tax returns.
- **Find out if you're eligible to claim the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)**. It is a refundable tax credit that supplements the wages of workers with low to moderate incomes.
- State legislation that passed in 2021 allows qualifying taxpayers who use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to claim the Maryland EITC by filing a Maryland tax return. An ITIN enables an individual who is not eligible for a Social Security number to pay taxes, regardless of their immigration status.
- Walk-ins are welcome at any of the [agency's 11 branch offices](#), but tax preparation visits must be scheduled online. [Virtual appointments](#) also are available.
- Taxpayers can call **1-800-MD-TAXES** or email [taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov](mailto:taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov).
- The agency's branch offices and call centers are both open 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Beginning February 1, the call centers will remain open until 6 p.m., only for personal income tax assistance.
- For questions related to Federal taxes, visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) or call **Taxpayer Advocate Service at 443-853-6000 or 877-777-4778** (outside the Baltimore area).

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