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Taxes



How much does the average taxpayer spend to file a return using tax software or a tax preparer?

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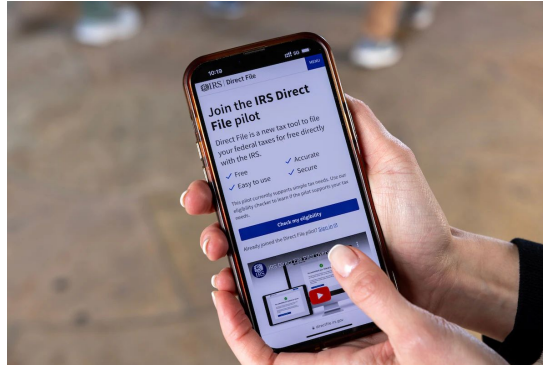


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More than \$200/year

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Source: Washington Post

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

- 1.** Why might some taxpayers choose to pay for tax preparation services even if free options are available?
- 2.** The IRS piloted a free tax filing program. What are some reasons the government would offer a service like this?
- 3.** If you had to decide whether to use a free service or a paid tax preparer, what factors would you consider in making your decision?