

# News Release

## Maryland Comptroller's Office Surpasses One Million Personal Income Tax Returns Processed

*Maryland taxpayers have received \$941 Million in refunds thus far; taxpayers are encouraged to file electronically ahead of April 15 deadline*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 13, 2024)** — The Maryland Office of the Comptroller has processed more than one million individual income tax returns since the start of tax filing season on January 29. To date, the Comptroller's Office has received 1,138,084 returns and processed 1,120,989 returns since the tax season opened on January 29. Additionally, the Office of the Comptroller has issued over \$941 million in tax refunds for more than 860,000 taxpayers.

**Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman** applauded the work of agency employees who worked to restore return processing time to 3 and 5 business days, after a planned system outage delayed processing until February 9. The outage began on January 30 at 5 p.m. to support the launch of Maryland Tax Connect, a portal allowing business filers to file and pay their taxes online using a cloud-based system.

“Our team has worked overtime to ensure tax returns and refunds are processed quickly and accurately for Marylanders, while also assisting individuals with filing their taxes and providing support for taxpayers whose filings may be flagged for errors or suspected fraud,” said Comptroller Lierman. “I commend our team’s dedication and professionalism throughout this tax season. Every one of us at Team Comptroller is deeply committed to supporting all Maryland taxpayers with their needs year-round.”

In 2023, the Comptroller's Office processed more than 3.3 million individual state tax returns with refunds totaling nearly \$2.9 billion. The agency's tax processing has kept pace with processing rates from last year, even with receiving 35,000 more returns than at this point last year.

The Office of the Comptroller also urges Marylanders to file their personal income tax return electronically to increase security, and to utilize direct deposit to avoid delays. The agency's [iFile system](#) is a free option for filing state returns.

For Marylanders needing assistance with tax filing can make an appointment to visit any of the agency's [11 branch offices](#) across the state. Virtual appointments also are available.

Taxpayers with questions about the status of their return can call 1-800-MD-TAXES or email [taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov](mailto:taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov). Emails should allow 72 hours for response.

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