

File for Free with IRS Direct File

Direct File is now a permanent IRS service that helps people **save time and money** by filing their taxes online, for free, directly with the IRS.

Direct File is safe and easy to use; no fees, no surprises.

Direct File works as well on a smartphone as it does on a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer, and you can file your taxes in English or Spanish in a little as 30 minutes.

Direct File will be available to eligible taxpayers in 25 states, starting on the first day of the 2025 tax filing season:

Alaska

Arizona

California

Connecticut

Florida

Idaho

Illinois

Kansas

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Nevada

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

Oregon

Pennsylvania

South Dakota

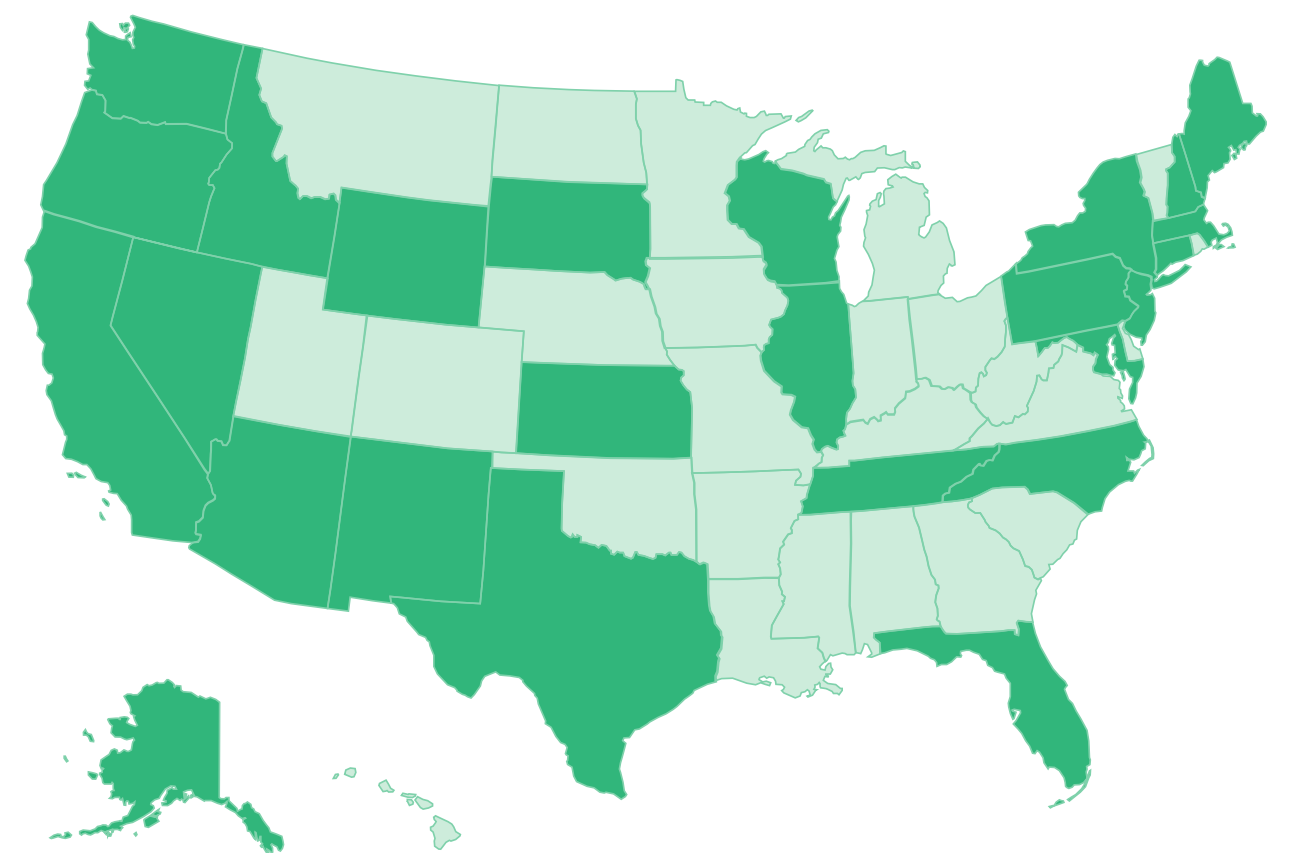
Tennessee

Texas

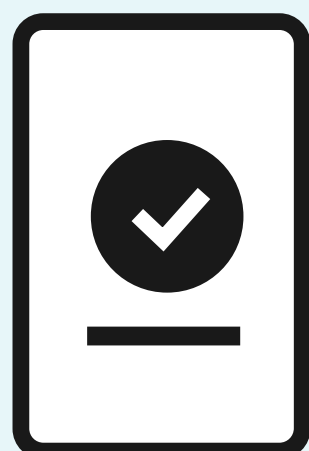
Washington

Wisconsin

Wyoming



Simple, secure, and always free.



Visit directfile.irs.gov to get started.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is Direct File right for me?

Yes

- You're a citizen or resident alien who lived in one of 25 states for all of 2024: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

AND

You have one or more of these types of income:

- [W-2 wage income](#)
- [SSA-1099 Social Security benefits](#)
- [1099-G unemployment compensation](#)
- [1099-INT interest income](#)
- [1099-R retirement income](#)
- 1099-MISC for Alaska residents reporting the [Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend](#)

You want to take any of these deductions:

- [Standard deduction](#)
- [Student loan interest](#)
- [Educator expenses](#)
- [Health Savings Account](#)

You want to take these tax credits:

- [Earned Income Tax Credit](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#)
- [Credit for Other Dependents](#)
- [Child and Dependent Care Credit](#)
- [Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled](#)
- [Premium Tax Credit](#)
- [Retirement Savings Contributions Credit](#)

No

- You're a non-resident alien or hold dual status.
- You're not a resident of one of the 25 states where Direct File is available, or you lived in more than one state in 2024.
- You're a non-custodial parent who claims qualifying children through Form 8332.
- If you pay taxes in a different state than where you live.

You have one or more of these types of income:

- 1099-K
- 1099-NEC
- Business Income
- Capital Gains
- Dividends
- Gig Economy

You want to take these deductions and credits

- Itemized Deductions
- American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit

Does Direct File include support?

Yes – Direct File users can get support through a live chat with dedicated IRS customer service representatives. Support is available in English and Spanish, and it will feature optional additional authentication and verification to allow assistors to provide more information. This year, Direct File users can also try a new chat bot to provide guided help on the eligibility checker.

Can I use Direct File to complete my state return?

Yes – Direct File users who need to file state income taxes will be connected to their state's free online tax tool to complete their filing.

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