



IRS tax refunds are delayed this year due to Manual Processing

If you have filed your tax return and you're wondering where your refund is, you are not alone.

The IRS usually sends out most refunds within 10 days to 2 weeks in previous years after accepting the return. This year, it could take up to 12 weeks if not longer.

According to the [National Taxpayer Advocate](#), the IRS is holding roughly 29 million returns for manual processing. The stimulus package did not give the IRS enough time to get ready for some of the tax code changes.

Here are some of the reasons your tax return needs to be manually processed. If you:

- Paper mailed your 2020 Tax Return
- Claimed an Earned Income Tax Credit - Line 27 on your 2020 Tax Return 1040 form
- Claimed an Additional Child Tax Credit - Line 28 on your 2020 Tax Return 1040 form
- Claimed a Recovery Rebate (Stimulus) Credit - Line 30 on your 2020 Tax Return 1040 form
- **If a \$ amount appears on one of these 3 lines on your 2020 Tax Return you could be affected!**

There is also some speculation that tax returns have been sent to the ERS (Error Resolution Department) by mistake. It seems there is a glitch effecting millions of returns being sent to ERS that don't actually have errors. This has created a backlog which is affecting the manual processing time. The mistake is in the way the computer is reading the 1040 form that is causing these returns to be sent to ERS.

Not everyone is being affected by this common issue because some returns have been processed in the usual time frame of 21 days.

To check the status of your refund you can go to www.irs.gov/refunds or call 1-800-829-1040

- This website is updated daily. Unfortunately, if it states "Your tax return is still being processed" **there is no further action that can be taken** to see where it's actually at in processing, whether you're a tax preparer or taxpayer! However, it will tell you when your refund will be deposited into your bank account once it's been Approved.