Tax Gap Estimates for Tax Years 2014–2016

(Money amounts are in billions of dollars; estimates are annual average amounts.)



Estimated Total True Tax Liability* \$3,307B	Example 1 Calculating the Net Tax Gap
Tax Paid Voluntarily & Timely	Nonfiling
\$2,811B 85.0% Voluntary Compliance Rate (VCR)	Underreporting
Gross Tax Gap \$496B	+ Underpayment
Enforced & Other Late Payments	Gross Tax Gap
\$68B	- Enforced & Other Late Payments
Sector 10 Sec	Net Tax Gap

Total		Gross Tax Gap					NOTES:	
True	Tax Paid	01033 144				Enforced	Net Tax Gap	* Totals include Excise Tax.
Тах	Voluntarily			Under-	Gross	& Other Late	(Tax Not	#-No estimate.
Liability	& Timely	Nonfiling	Underreporting	payment	Tax Gap	Payments	Collected)	Detail may not add to totals
\$3,307	\$2,811	\$39 -	+\$398 -	+\$59 =	=\$496 -	- \$68 =	= \$428	due to rounding.
								 Includes adjustments, deductions, and exemptions.
By Type of	Тах							[2] Includes the Alternative
Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Minimum Tax and taxes
Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	reported in the "Other Taxes" section of the Form 1040
\$1,740	\$1,383	\$32 +		+ \$47 =	- \$357 -	·\$51 =	= \$306	except for self-employment
			Business Non- Income Filing Other Unallocated Income Business Credits Offsets Status Taxes Marginal					tax and unreported social
								security and Medicare tax (which are included in the
			Income [1] [2] Effects [3] \$130 \$60 \$42 \$25 \$5 \$4 \$11					employment tax gap estimates).
Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	Corporation	[3] Is the difference between
Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	Income Tax	(1) the estimate of the
\$354	\$313		+ \$37	+ \$4 =	- \$41 -	- \$8 =	\$34	individual income tax underreporting tax gap
			Large Small					where underreported tax is
			Corpo- rations rations					calculated based on all
			\$23 \$14					misreporting combined and (2) the estimate of the
F 1 1	– 1 – 1							individual income tax
Employment Tax	Employment Tax	Employment Tax ^[4]	Employment Tax	Employment Tax	Employment	Employment Tax	Employment Tax	underreporting tax gap based on the sum of the tax
\$1,131	\$1,038				Tax = \$93 -		= \$87	gaps associated with each
φ1,151	φ1,030	ΨΙ	Self- FICA & FUTA	· • • • •	- 490	φ0 -	- 401	line item where the line item tax gap is calculated based
			Employ- Uncollected					on the misreporting of that
			ment Tax FICA TAX					item only. There may be
			\$53 \$28 \$1					differences if the marginal tax rates are different in
Estate	Estate	Estate	Estate	Estate	Estate	Estate	Estate	these two situations.
Тах	Тах	Tax	Тах	Tax	Тах	Tax	Тах	[4] Self-employment tax only.
\$22	\$17	\$<0.5 ⁺	+ \$1	+\$3 =	= \$5 -	- \$3 =	= \$2	Revised 03/2022

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