



15 July 2025

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 2 June 2025. You requested the following:

... the total value and number of tax refunds paid to individuals (ie, not companies, trusts, etc) for the recent 2025 tax year, and the previous 4 years.

On 24 June 2025, you clarified your request to be for the total value and number of tax refunds paid to individuals (ie, not companies, trusts, etc) for the 2025 tax year (up to and including the 7 July 2025).

On 1 July 2025, we extended the timeframe to respond to your request by 10 working days to 15 July 2025. This extension was made under section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, to allow time for necessary consultations to make a decision on your request.

Information being released

The table below details the number and value of individual income tax assessments that have been finalised as at 8 July 2025 for the 2021 to 2025 tax years.

Tax Year	Assessment status	Customers	Inc Refund (\$millions)
2021	Completed	2,163,000	1,261.0
	Pending refund	55,000	14.6
2022	Completed	2,201,000	1,315.1
	Pending refund	52,000	16.9
2023	Completed	2,274,000	1,604.3
	Pending refund	92,000	30.1
2024	Completed	2,377,000	1,740.3
	Pending refund	132,000	51.7
2025	Completed	2,171,000	1,160.4
	Pending refund	165,000	70.1

Information includes refunds from automatically issued income tax assessments as well as IR3 returns.

Completed assessments are when the value of the assessment has been refunded to the customer or has been used to offset other debits or liabilities the customer may have.

Pending refund assessments are where the customer has a credit currently available to be used. The vast majority of "pending refund" cases are where Inland Revenue did/does not have a valid bank account number.

This data may change over time as returns are filed or amended and as bank accounts are provided. The 2025 income tax event is still in progress, and the information is likely to change significantly. The majority of remaining 2025 income tax assessments are finalised by April 2026.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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