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February 10, 2016	Internal Revenue Service Washington , District Of Columbia	GOV	HACK	101,000
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"The IRS revealed on Tuesday that it discovered and stopped an automated cyberattack on its e-filing personal identification number (PIN) system last month. According to the IRS, the cybercriminals used information stolen "elsewhere outside the IRS" to generate e-file PINs for stolen Social Security numbers (SSNs). E-file PINs are used by some taxpayers to electronically file their tax returns.

Although no personal taxpayer data were compromised or disclosed by the breach, the IRS noted that the cybercriminals succeeded in using 101,000 SSNs to access e-file PINs (out of 464,000 attempts)."

The IRS is notifying individuals and placing markers on their tax accounts to try and catch any fraudulent tax returns being filed.

More information: <http://www.journalofaccountancy.com/news/2016/feb/irs-data-breach-expose...>

Information

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records from this breach used in our total: 101,000

Based on new information the total number affected has been increased to 330,000 as of August 17, 2015

May 26, 2015	Internal Revenue Service Washington, District Of Columbia	GOV	UNKN	
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Based on current information (2016) the number affected has increased to 700,000

A previous story that was broken by Brian Krebs, Krebs On Security, regarding fraudulent tax returns being filed by identity thieves who gained the information using data directly from the IRS website, was confirmed today by the IRS Commissioner Josh Koskinen.

Mr. Koskinen confirmed that the identity thieves pulled data off of the IRS website to file fraudulent tax returns on unsuspecting individuals. The IRS became suspicious due to a large increase of individuals requesting their tax transcripts. The investigation revealed that approximately 200,000 suspicious attempts occurred and 100,000 of those were successful in being authenticated through the IRS website. According to the IRS these attempts started in February and continued through mid-May 2015 and totaled over \$50 million dollars in fraudulent refunds.

More Information: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/05/irs-crooks-stole-data-on-100k-taxpayers-via-get-transcript-feature/>

UPDATE (5/28/2015): The IRS has communicated that the recent breach of 100,000 individuals they believe originated from Russia. The IRS is claiming that this was not a hack, instead that they "went in the front door of the IRS and unlocked it with the key".

More Information: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/27/politics/irs-cyber-breach-russia/index.html>

UPDATE (8/17/2015): The IRS is now announcing that the data breach that was first reported in May, is three-times larger than originally reported. After a review of the 2015 filing season, the IRS is sending additional letters to individuals warning them that their information may have been compromised and the possibly threat of potential identity theft.

More Information: <http://money.cnn.com/2015/08/17/technology/irs-data-theft/index.html>

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse has changed our original number of 100,000 individuals to 330,000 individuals affected in this breach on Aug. 19, 2015 as is being reported in the media.

UPDATE (2/26/2016): The hacking incident according to the IRS, has increased to 700,000 individual Social Security numbers being affected.

More Information: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/irs-hackers-stolen-taxpayer-information-breach/>

July 8, 2013	Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Washington, District Of Columbia	GOV	DISC	10,000
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Public.Resource.org received 990-T forms with sensitive information during a request for information from the IRS. The IRS acknowledged the mistake and Public.Resource.org became curious about where else the information could be found. Public.Resource.org found multiple incidents of Social Security numbers being exposed on the IRS website and wrote a letter that pointed out the issues to the IRS. The IRS was able to remove some or all of the sensitive files from public view over the course of a few days.

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records from this breach used in our total: 700,000