

Research, Analysis & Statistics

TRS STATISTICS OF INCOME

SOI History and Mission

The Revenue Act of 1916 requires the Secretary of the Treasury to publish statistics on the operations of the tax system, at least annually (Internal Revenue Code Section 6108(a))



Statistics of Income Mission

To collect, analyze, and disseminate information on federal taxation for the Treasury Department's Office of Tax Analysis, Congressional Committees, the Internal Revenue Service in its administration of the tax laws, other organizations engaged in economic and financial analysis, and for the general public.



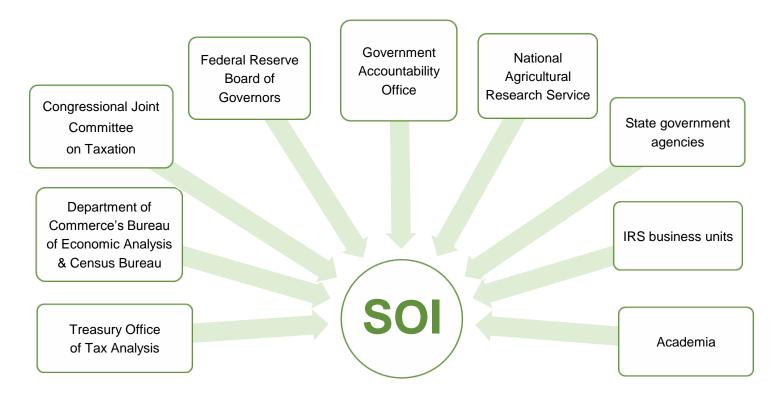
How SOI is Different From Other Federal Statistical Agencies?

Unlike agencies that collect data through censuses and surveys, SOI collects its data from the administrative records created from its processing of tax and information returns.

An administrative record is "collected and maintained for the purpose of taking actions on or controlling actions of an individual person or other entity"

The American Statistical Association's Ad Hoc Committee on Privacy and Confidentiality (1977)

Primary SOI Customers



Uses of data (OTA, JCT, BEA):

Tax policy, economic, and demographic research Microsimulation models and revenue estimation Estimate business profits in the national accounts



Current Dissemination of SOI's Statistical Products

Printed Publications:

- SOI Individual Income Tax Returns
- SOI Individual Estimated Line Item Counts
- SOI Corporation Income Tax Returns
- SOI Corporation Source Book
- SOI Quarterly Bulletin
- IRS Data Book

Statistical Information Services Email Announcements via listserv Website—www.irs.gov/taxstats:

- PDF of printed publications
- Excel tabulations
- SOI paper series
- Datasets: Form 990, 990-PF, Migration Data, County Income

IRS—Social Media and Data Visualization

- Media landscape is changing
- Redefining what we mean by "data user"
- Expanding trust of stakeholders
- Leading innovation on data animation and visualization
- Making data more accessible and story based across a wider audience
- Go where the taxpayers are

IRS Social Media Links

YouTube

- IRS Channel http://www.youtube.com/irsvideos
- IRS Multilingual Channel http://www.youtube.com/IRSvideosmultilingua
- IRS ASL Channel http://www.youtube.com/IRSvideosASL

Twitter

- @IRSnews http://twitter.com/irsnews
- @IRStaxpros http://twitter.com/irstaxpros
- @IRSenEspanol http://twitter.com/irsenespanol
- @YourVoiceatIRS http://twitter.com/yourvoiceatirs
- @RecruitmentIRS http://twitter.com/recruitmentirs

Facebook

- Main IRS site: http://www.facebook.com/IRS
- Return Preparer Office: http://www.facebook.com/IRStaxpros

Tumblr

Main IRS site: http://internalrevenueservice.tumblr.com



Social Media Activity

Twitter

- 340,000,000 tweets per day
- 140,000,000+ active users

Facebook

- 850,000,000 active users
- 85% of businesses are using Facebook
- 3,000,000 active fan pages
- 1,000,000+ websites integrated with Facebook
- 1,000,000,000 pieces of content shared daily

YouTube

- 800,000,000 unique users/month
- 2011 1,000,000,000 ,000 views or
 140 views/person on Earth
- 100,000,000 take social action on YouTube/week (likes, shares, comments, etc.)

Tumblr

- 20,000,000,000 posts
- 49,700,000 blogs
- 15,000,000,000 monthly page views
- 120,000,000 monthly unique visitors



Challenges

- Limited Resources
- New and Unknown
- No Precedence
- Collaborating Different Skills
- Privacy and Security Concerns

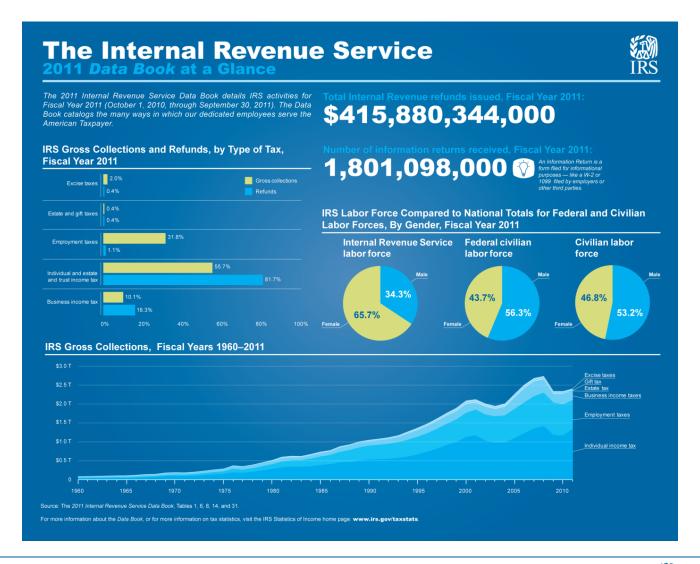
Successes

- Senior Management Buy-In
- Some Staff Buy-In
- Working With Other Communication Areas
- Free or Low-Cost Training Is Available

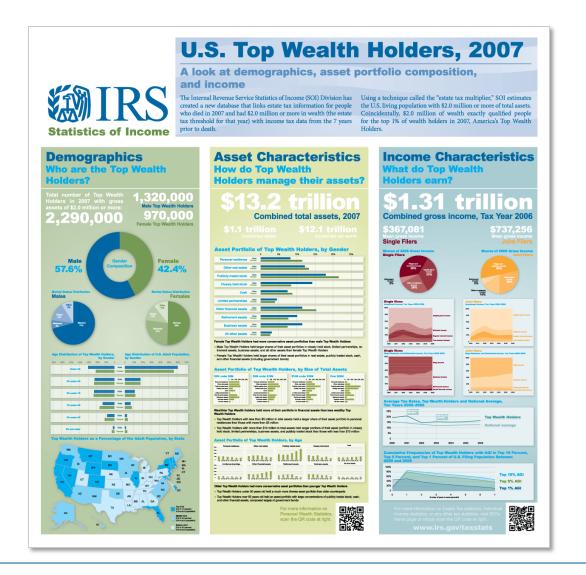
Future

- Cloud Computing
- Application Programming Interface (API)
- Mobile Computing

Data Visualizations



Data Visualizations—continued



Questions?

Thank you!

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