



# Rhode Island Division of Taxation

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Department of Revenue

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Advisory:

## Filing season update

This update includes information about the following:

- Corporate e-file statistics
- Corporate filing deadline tonight
- Corporate tax payments
- Statistics of Income (SOI)

## Corporate tax e-filing increases

The number of Rhode Island corporate tax returns filed electronically so far this year is up 85 percent compared with the same point last year, and has risen as the March 15, 2013, filing deadline has drawn near.

“More and more practitioners and their clients are becoming aware of the many benefits of e-filing,” said Rhode Island Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan. E-filing saves time and money, and results in fewer errors, faster processing, and faster refunds.

Month	2012	2013	Difference
January	37	49	+ 32 %
February	1,720	2,639	+ 53 %
March	3,453	6,925	+ 101 %
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,210</b>	<b>9,613</b>	<b>+ 85 %</b>

E-filings of Forms RI-1120S, RI-1120C, RI-1065 through March 14, 2012, and March 14, 2013. Totals for non-electronic filings not yet available.

The increase in corporate e-filing also reflects the agency's decision to enforce the state's [corporate tax e-file mandate](#) effective January 2013. The mandate requires paid preparers to e-file returns on Form RI-1120C, Form RI-1120S, and Form RI-1065.

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## Corporate filing deadline tonight

Tonight is the deadline for filing Rhode Island corporate income tax returns. The deadline applies to calendar-year C corporations, S corporations, and limited liability companies (LLCs) that have elected to be treated as corporations. Returns should be e-filed or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. tonight.

### Corporate extensions

Keep in mind that Rhode Island's corporate e-file mandate does not apply to extension requests.

Requests for an automatic six-month filing extension are made on Form RI-7004. But the Division of Taxation does not accept e-filed extensions; Form RI-7004 must be filed on paper.

Similarly, the corporate e-file mandate does not apply for purposes of seeking the additional one-month extension, on Form RI-7004-CRS, for corporate returns involving *pro forma* combined reporting.

- Don't forget that you can make an extension payment online. If you do, you won't need to send in an extension form - either the RI-7004 or the RI-7004-CRS. Here's the address: <https://www.ri.gov/taxation/business/index.php>

### March 15 deadline

Some other filings are also due on or before tonight's 11:59 p.m. deadline, including the following:

- the first corporate estimated tax payments for calendar year 2013, as well as estimated payments for the bank deposits, banking institution excise, gross premium insurance, and public service taxes;
- the annual return for a political organization with \$100 or more of political organization taxable income; and
- the annual banking institution excise tax return.

### Corporate tax authorization forms

The Division of Taxation does not have its own e-file signature authorization form for purposes of e-filing Rhode Island partnership or corporate returns. However, the Division of Taxation will rely on a copy of the applicable federal form from the U.S. Form 8879 series.

The Division of Taxation does not have its own transmittal form for purposes of e-filing Rhode Island partnership or corporate returns. However, in the rare cases where supporting documentation is required but cannot be attached when e-filing, you should still e-file the return but mail the required paper documents with a cover letter.

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## Corporate tax payments

Certain calendar-year business taxpayers will have until April 6, 2013, to make their payments for tax year 2012 and have them count as timely; interest and penalty will not apply.

In general, you'll be able to use the April 6 deadline if you received a billing notice from the Division of Taxation in recent weeks which said that your payment for tax year 2012 will be due on or before April 6, 2013. The billing notice should have said March 15, 2013. Nevertheless, the Division of Taxation will honor the date listed on the billing notice.

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## Statistics of Income (SOI) reports

The Division of Taxation today [posted on its website two sets of Statistics of Income \(SOI\) reports](#): one for Rhode Island's personal income tax, another for the state corporate income tax. Both cover tax year 2011.

The reports draw on figures contained in tax returns filed with the Division of Taxation. The reports do not disclose confidential taxpayer information. Rather, they provide aggregate data for a given tax type.

For example, one of the SOI reports for the Rhode Island personal income tax shows how many resident returns were filed for tax year 2011, how much adjusted gross income taxpayers reported in the aggregate, and how much in credits they claimed. The report also breaks down the figures within various income groupings.

This year's SOI reports for the Rhode Island personal income tax are the first to reflect the sweeping changes to the state's personal income tax system which were enacted in June 2010 and which took effect in January 2011. Among the highlights:

- The total number of filers reporting adjusted gross above \$200,000 increased 16.6 percent, from 11,643 to 13,570.
- The number of individuals claiming the statewide property-tax relief credit dropped 12.9 percent, from 52,517 to 45,723.

The set of corporate SOI reports shows the total number of returns for tax year 2011, how much in federal taxable income businesses reported, how much in deductions were claimed, and how much in credits were claimed. The corporate SOI set also shows how many business entities paid the corporate minimum tax of \$500.

In addition, the corporate SOI set provides separate data for C corporations, subchapter S corporations, and limited liability companies (LLCs).

The Tax Division posts the reports each year. The first, on the personal income tax, was for tax year 2005. The Tax Division began posting SOI corporate tax data for tax year 2008. Taken together, the reports provide a trove of data for tax researchers and policymakers. The information is made available as a result of legislation approved by the General Assembly.

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## Reminders

**Hurricane Sandy:** The IRS will give taxpayers in Rhode Island and some other states until October 15, 2013, to decide when to deduct losses suffered from Hurricane Sandy. In general, when a taxpayer suffers a loss attributable to a federally declared disaster, the taxpayer may elect to deduct the loss either for the year in which the loss occurred or for the immediately preceding year. Details are in [Notice 2013-21](#).

**FreeFile:** The Tax Division's website includes links to [five online tax-preparation programs](#) that allow eligible taxpayers to prepare and file their federal and Rhode Island personal income tax returns at no charge.

**RI-8453:** The Division of Taxation has discontinued Form RI-8453, "R.I. Individual Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing." The Division of Taxation will recognize the federal [Form 8879](#), "IRS e-file Signature Authorization," or its equivalent, as a substitute.

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