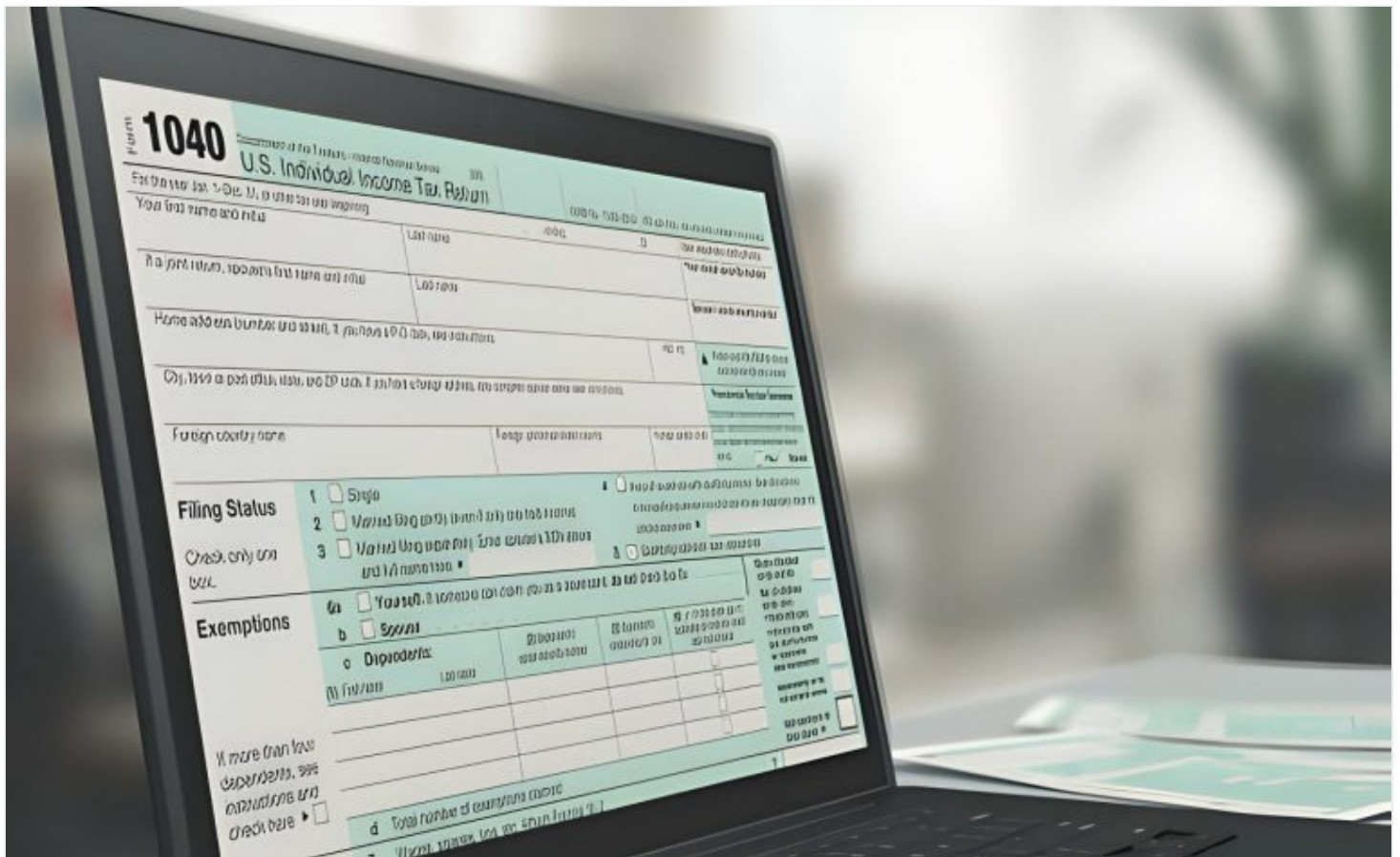


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As of Feb. 24, 943,000 taxpayers had filed returns this tax season through [Free File](#), a 9.7% increase from last year's comparable period when 860,000 tax returns were filed, the IRS reported on Friday.

The increase in Free File usage comes as the IRS released new data on how the 2024 filing season is progressing. [Through Feb. 24](#), the IRS had delivered more than 28.9 million refunds to taxpayers worth \$92.9 billion. The average refund this year is \$3,213, up 4.3% from 2023.

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