

## Tax Preparation and Filing Online and Offline

### Online Benefits

- No need to install software on PC
- Always have the latest version of the software
- Tax documents saved on vendor's servers - good backup

### Offline Benefits

- Complete multiple returns
- E-file up to 5 federal returns

### IRS Free File - <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=118986,00.html>

- Free tax preparation and e-filing if your adjusted gross income is \$57,000 or less.
- Choose from multiple tax software vendors or complete IRS forms independently.
- Software asks simple questions, puts your answers on the right forms.
- Does all the math for you.
- Checks for accuracy.
- Many tax software vendors provide free or low-cost audit support.
- Get quick access to the most commonly filed federal tax forms and schedules for Traditional Free File.
- Some software companies may offer state tax preparation; however, fees may apply.

### Tax Software Web Sites

- Best Online Tax Software Buying Guide - TopTenREVIEWS Video  
<http://tax-software-review.toptenreviews.com/online-tax-software-c92-video-1.html>
- Online Tax Software Review 2012 – TopTenREVIEWS  
<http://tax-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

### Good Tax Software Options

- TurboTax - <http://turbotax.intuit.com/> (top-rated across-the-board)
- H & R Block Home - <http://www.hrblock.com/>
- TaxAct - <http://www.taxact.com/> (cheapest)