

How many taxpayers in Australia paid tax in 2023-2024

In [Australia](#), **13.6 million individuals** were identified as paying net income tax for the 2023–2024 financial year, according to baseline [Australian Treasury figures](#).

The wider pool of individual lodgements and actual revenue collection metrics for the period show the following breakdown:

Total Lodgements vs. Net Taxpayers

- **Total Return Lodgements:** Roughly **16.1 million individuals** lodged a tax return for the 2023–2024 cycle.
- **The Non-Taxpayer Gap:** Of those 16.1 million lodgements, approximately **2.5 million individuals** did not pay net income tax. These citizens either earned less than the \$18,201 tax-free threshold or completely wiped out their tax liability using legal tax offsets, deductions, or specific Medicare levy low-income thresholds.

Revenue and Outcomes

- **Net Individual Revenue:** The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) collected **\$331.5 billion** from individuals and other withholding taxes during the 2023–2024 period.
- **Refunds and Debts:** Out of every 100 taxpayers who lodged their returns, **72 received a tax refund**, 21 owed a tax debt to the ATO, and 7 were perfectly balanced.

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