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| **2024 Tax Newsletter** |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |     Still working on recovery ...  With the IRS working on Millions of Fraudulent taxes, The IRS Fraud department is doing their best to work with a downsized staff to get the rest of the returns cleared up and released. If you are still waiting for your refund, you should see interest from the IRS when they finally clear it. With it usually taking more than 1.5 years, we at Walrath Tax Service have been doing our best to work with the Fraud department directly to get things cleared up ASAP.  *If you ever get any notices from the IRS or NYS let us know then we can do our best to take care of it or at least direct, you where to go. Calling yourself could delay things even more.*  **WHY THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR TAXPAYERS**  Individuals who are victims of tax-related identity theft are waiting an **average** of nearly 19 months for the IRS to process their returns and send their refunds. **Yes, you read that correctly: for many victims, that’s more than a year and a half!** During the pandemic, the IRS’s policy decisions to prioritize other areas (such as shuffling employees to answer telephone lines) contributed to these unreasonable processing delays that continued throughout 2023 and are expected to continue into 2024. **But there is a second group of taxpayers also harmed. Each year, the IRS flags millions of returns for potential identity theft. Taxpayers who have filed legitimate returns deal with inadequate notices and difficulties authenticating their identity.**  **Source:** **https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov-** [**Home**](https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/)**>**[**NTA Blog**](https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/news-category/nta-blog/)**>Identity Theft Victims Are Waiting Nearly Two Years to Receive Their Tax Refunds** | |

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