

Voluntary Compliance Rate

The Voluntary Compliance Rate (VCR) is a periodic IRS estimate of the amount of tax for a given year that is paid voluntarily and timely. It is expressed as a percentage of the estimate of true total tax liability for that year, reflecting the impact of non-filing, underreporting, and underpayment, combined. The VCR is based heavily on results from the IRS National Research Program evaluation of a statistical sample of individual income tax returns, combined with additional estimates for other taxpayer segments. The target value is to reach a VCR of 86 percent by tax year 2017.

