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One-Third of IRS Auditors Terminated or Resigned as of March 2025

Cross References

- TIGTA Report 2025-IE-R017 dated May 2, 2025

As part of the President's actions to reduce the size of the federal government's workforce, the Office of Personnel Management issued guidance for agencies to follow related to probationary employee terminations and the deferred resignation program (DRP). The DRP allowed federal employees to voluntarily resign with pay through September 30, 2025.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) initiated a review to provide an update on the IRS's efforts to reduce its workforce. The report provides a snapshot of IRS business units impacted. TIGTA's report also shares demographics of probationary employees who received termination notices and employees who took the DRP offer (collectively referred to as separations), as of March 2025.

As of March 2025, TIGTA found that more than 11,000 IRS employees (out of 103,000 total IRS workforce) were either approved for the DRP or received termination notices during their probationary employment period. These departures represent 11 percent of the IRS's total workforce and impact certain business units more than others.

Additionally, the separations disproportionately impacted employees in certain positions (e.g., job series). For example, approximately 31 percent of revenue agents separated, while 5 percent of Information Technology management separated. Revenue agents conduct examinations (audits) by reviewing financial records of individual and businesses to verify what is reported. They can work in several IRS business units examining different types of taxpayers.

To view the details from the TIGTA report, visit:

<https://www.tigta.gov/sites/default/files/reports/2025-05/2025ier017fr.pdf>