



# Publication 131-D

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### *Withholding Income Tax Payment and Return Due Dates*

#### About this publication

Publication 131-D, Withholding Income Tax Payment and Return Due Dates, identifies all Illinois withholding payment and Form IL-941, Illinois Withholding Income Tax Return, due dates for the current calendar year.

Publication 131-D is updated every year and is a supplement to [Publication 131, Withholding Income Tax Payment and Filing Requirements](#).

#### Related publications:

- **Publication 131**, Withholding Income Tax Payment and Filing Requirements;
- **Publication 130**, Who is Required to Withhold Illinois Income Tax;
- **Booklet IL-700-T**, Illinois Withholding Income Tax Tables, to calculate withholding.
- **Publication 110**, W-2, W-2c, W-2G, and 1099 Filing and Storage Requirements for Employers and Payers, including 1099-K Electronic Filing Requirements; and
- **Publication 121**, Illinois Income Tax Withholding for Household Employees.

The information in this publication is current as of the date of the publication. Please visit our website at [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov) to verify you have the most current revision.

This publication is written in the plain English style so the tax information is easier to understand. As a result, we do not directly quote Illinois statutes and the Illinois Administrative Code. The contents of this publication are informational only and do not take the place of statutes, rules, and court decisions. For many topics covered in this publication, we have provided a reference to the applicable section or part of the Illinois Administrative Code for further clarification or more detail. All of the sections and parts referenced can be found in Title 86 of the Code.

#### ***Taxpayer Bill of Rights***

You have the right to call the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) for help in resolving tax problems.

You have the right to privacy and confidentiality under most tax laws.

You have the right to respond, within specified time periods, to IDOR notices by asking questions, paying the amount due, or providing proof to refute the IDOR's findings.

You have the right to appeal IDOR decisions, in many instances, within specified time periods, by asking for department review, by filing a petition with the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal, or by filing a complaint in circuit court.

If you have overpaid your taxes, you have the right, within specified time periods, to a credit (or, in some cases, a refund) of that overpayment.

For more information about these rights and other IDOR procedures, you may write us at the following address:

**PROBLEMS RESOLUTION OFFICE  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
PO BOX 19014  
SPRINGFIELD IL 62794-9014**

**Get Illinois Department of Revenue forms and information at [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov)**

## General Information

### How do I make my withholding payments?

- Payments are made electronically or with Form IL-501 on either a monthly or semi-weekly payment schedule.
- Electronic mandates for Illinois Withholding Income Tax: You must make withholding tax payments electronically if you are assigned to the semi-weekly payment schedule.

### How often must I make withholding payments?

There are two different payment schedules — monthly and semi-weekly.

- **Monthly** payers: Payments are due on the 15th day of the month following the month in which the tax was withheld.
- **Semi-weekly** payers: Illinois follows the federal rule that allows you at least three banking days to make your payments. **Semi-weekly** IL-501 payments are due by **Wednesday** for amounts withheld on the preceding Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, and by **Friday** for amounts withheld on the preceding Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday.

**Note** → Anytime a due date falls on a weekend or state recognized holiday, we adjust the due date to the next business day.

### How do I file Form IL-941, Illinois Withholding Income Tax Return?

All Forms IL-941 must be filed electronically. If you are unable to file electronically, you may request Form IL-900-EW, Waiver Request, through our Taxpayer Assistance Division. The waiver request must be completed and submitted back to IDOR. You will be notified if the waiver request is approved or denied.

**Note** → Avoid common errors: Make sure that your Form IL-941 includes your withholding information in Step 4. IDOR does not calculate these entries for you.

## 2026 Monthly Payment and Quarterly Filing Schedules

For tax withheld in...	Payment is due...	Form IL-941 is due...
<b>First quarter (ending March 31, 2026)</b>		<b>Thursday, April 30, 2026</b>
January 2026	Tuesday, February 17, 2026*	
February 2026	Monday, March 16, 2026*	
March 2026	Wednesday, April 15, 2026	
*Due dates account for all allowable holidays and weekends that would otherwise be the payment or filing due date. February 15, 2026, and March 15, 2026, fall on a weekend.		
<b>Second quarter (ending June 30, 2026)</b>		<b>Friday, July 31, 2026</b>
April 2026	Friday, May 15, 2026	
May 2026	Monday, June 15, 2026	
June 2026	Wednesday, July 15, 2026	
<b>Third quarter (ending September 30, 2026)</b>		<b>Monday, November 2, 2026*</b>
July 2026	Monday, August 17, 2026*	
August 2026	Tuesday, September 15, 2026	
September 2026	Thursday, October 15, 2026	
*Due dates account for all allowable holidays and weekends that would otherwise be the payment or filing due date. August 15, 2026, and October 31, 2026, falls on a weekend.		
<b>Fourth quarter (ending December 31, 2026)</b>		<b>Monday, February 1, 2027*</b>
October 2026	Monday, November 16, 2026*	
November 2026	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	
December 2026	Friday, January 15, 2027	
*Due dates account for all allowable holidays and weekends that would otherwise be the payment or filing due date. November 15, 2026, and January 31, 2027, fall on a weekend.		

# Payment and Filing Due Dates

## 2026 Semi-weekly Payments and Quarterly Filing Schedules

**Tax withheld for...****Payment is due...****Form IL-941 is due...****First quarter**

Thursday, April 30, 2026

January 1-2, 2026

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

January 3-6, 2026

Friday, January 9, 2026

January 7-9, 2026

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

January 10-13, 2026

Friday, January 16, 2026

January 14-16, 2026

Thursday, January 22, 2026\*

January 17-20, 2026

Friday, January 23, 2026

January 21-23, 2026

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

January 24-27, 2026

Friday, January 30, 2026

January 28-30, 2026

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

January 31-February 3, 2026

Friday, February 6, 2026

February 4-6, 2026

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

February 7-10, 2026

Tuesday, February 17, 2026\*

February 11-13, 2026

Thursday, February 19, 2026\*

February 14-17, 2026

Friday, February 20, 2026

February 18-20, 2026

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

February 21-24, 2026

Friday, February 27, 2026

February 25-27, 2026

Thursday, March 5, 2026\*

February 28-March 3, 2026

Friday, March 6, 2026

March 4-6, 2026

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

March 7-10, 2026

Friday, March 13, 2026

March 11-13, 2026

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

March 14-17, 2026

Friday, March 20, 2026

March 18-20, 2026

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

March 21-24, 2026

Friday, March 27, 2026

March 25-27, 2026

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

March 28-31, 2026

Monday, April 6, 2026\*

\*Due dates account for all allowable holidays and weekends that would otherwise extend the payment or filing due date. January 19, 2026, recognizes Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday; February 12, 2026, recognizes Abraham Lincoln's birthday; February 16, 2026, recognizes President's Day; March 2, 2026, recognizes Casimir Pulaski Day; and Friday, April 3, 2026, recognizes Good Friday.

# Payment and Filing Due Dates

## 2026 Semi-weekly Payments and Quarterly Filing Schedules

**Tax withheld for...****Payment is due...****Form IL-941 is due...****Second quarter**

Friday, July 31, 2026

April 1-3, 2026

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

April 4-7, 2026

Friday, April 10, 2026

April 8-10, 2026

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

April 11-14, 2026

Friday, April 17, 2026

April 15-17, 2026

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

April 18-21, 2026

Friday, April 24, 2026

April 22-24, 2026

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

April 25-28, 2026

Friday, May 1, 2026

April 29-May 1, 2026

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

May 2-5, 2026

Friday, May 8, 2026

May 6-8, 2026

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

May 9-12, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026

May 13-15, 2026

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

May 16-19, 2026

Friday, May 22, 2026

May 20-22, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026\*

May 23-26, 2026

Friday, May 29, 2026

May 27-29, 2026

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

May 30-June 2, 2026

Friday, June 5, 2026

June 3-June 5, 2026

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

June 6-9, 2026

Friday, June 12, 2026

June 10-12, 2026

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

June 13-16, 2026

Monday, June 22, 2026\*

June 17-19, 2026

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

June 20-23, 2026

Friday, June 26, 2026

June 24-26, 2026

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

June 27-30, 2026

Monday, July 6, 2026\*

\*Due dates account for all allowable holidays and weekends that would otherwise extend the payment or filing due date. May 25, 2026, recognizes Memorial Day; and June 19, 2026, recognizes Juneteenth; and July 3, 2026, recognizes Independence Day.

**Payment and Filing Due Dates****2026 Semi-weekly Payments and Quarterly Filing Schedules****Tax withheld for...****Payment is due...****Form IL-941 is due...****Second quarter**

Monday, November 2, 2026\*

July 1-3, 2026

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

July 4-7, 2026

Friday, July 10, 2026

July 8-10, 2026

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

July 11-14, 2026

Friday, July 17, 2026

July 15-17, 2026

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

July 18-21, 2026

Friday, July 24, 2026

July 22-24, 2026

Wednesday July 29, 2026

July 25-28, 2026

Friday, July 31, 2026

July 29-31, 2026

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

August 1-4, 2026

Friday, August 7, 2026

August 5-7, 2026

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

August 8-11, 2026

Friday, August 14, 2026

August 12-14, 2026

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

August 15-18, 2026

Friday, August 21, 2026

August 19-21, 2026

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

August 22-25, 2026

Friday, August 28, 2026

August 26-28, 2026

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

August 29-September 1, 2026

Friday, September 4, 2026

September 2-4, 2026

Thursday, September 10, 2026\*

September 5-8, 2026

Friday, September 11, 2026

September 9-11, 2026

Wednesday September 16, 2026

September 12-15, 2026

Friday, September 18, 2026

September 16-18, 2026

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

September 19-22, 2026

Friday, September 25, 2026

September 23-25, 2026

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

September 26-29, 2026

Friday, October 2, 2026

September 30, 2026

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

\*Due dates account for all allowable holidays and weekends that would otherwise extend the payment or filing due date. September 7, 2026, recognizes Labor Day; and October 31, 2026, falls on a weekend.

# Payment and Filing Due Dates

## 2026 Semi-weekly Payments and Quarterly Filing Schedules

**Tax withheld for...****Payment is due...****Form IL-941 is due...****Fourth quarter**

Monday, February 1, 2027\*

October 1-2, 2026	Wednesday, October 7, 2026
October 3-6, 2026	Friday, October 9, 2026
October 7-9, 2026	Thursday, October 15, 2026*
October 10-13, 2026	Friday, October 16, 2026
October 14-16, 2026	Wednesday, October 21, 2026
October 17-20, 2026	Friday, October 23, 2026
October 21-23, 2026	Wednesday, October 28, 2026
October 24-27, 2026	Friday, October 30, 2026
October 28-30, 2026	Thursday, November 5, 2026*
October 31-November 3, 2026	Friday, November 6, 2026
November 4-6, 2026	Thursday, November 12, 2026*
November 7-10, 2026	Monday, November 16, 2026*
November 11-13, 2026	Wednesday, November 18, 2026
November 14-17, 2026	Friday, November 20, 2026
November 18-20, 2026	Wednesday, November 25, 2026
November 21-24, 2026	Monday, November 30, 2026*
November 25-27, 2026	Wednesday, December 2, 2026
November 28-December 1, 2026	Friday, December 4, 2026
December 2-4, 2026	Wednesday, December 9, 2026
December 5-8, 2026	Friday, December 11, 2026
December 9-11, 2026	Wednesday, December 16, 2026
December 12-15, 2026	Friday, December 18, 2026
December 16-18, 2026	Wednesday, December 23, 2026
December 19-22, 2026	Monday, December 28, 2026*
December 23-25, 2026	Wednesday, December 30, 2026
December 26-29, 2026	Monday, January 4, 2027*
December 30-31, 2026	Wednesday, January 6, 2027

\*Due dates account for all allowable holidays and weekends that would otherwise extend the payment or filing due date. October 12, 2026, recognizes Columbus Day; November 3, 2026, recognizes Election Day; November 11, 2026, recognizes Veterans Day; November 26, 2026, recognizes Thanksgiving; December 25, 2026, recognizes Christmas Day; January 1, 2027, recognizes New Year's Day; and January 31, 2027, falls on a weekend.

**Contact Information:** Visit our website at [tax.illinois.gov](https://tax.illinois.gov). For specific phone number and email contacts, see our [Contact Us](#) page.

Call us at **1 800 732-8866** or **217 782-3336**.

Call TTY at **1 800 544-5304**.

Write us at Illinois Department of Revenue, PO Box 19001, Springfield, IL 62794-9001.

Call our 24-hour Forms Order Line at **1 800 356-6302**.

