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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 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

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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...
First quarter (ending March 31, 2026)		Thursday, April 30, 2026
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.

Second quarter (ending June 30, 2026)	Friday, July 31, 2026
April 2026	Friday, May 15, 2026
May 2026	Monday, June 15, 2026
June 2026	Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Third quarter (ending September 30, 2026)	Monday, November 2, 2026*
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.

Fourth quarter (ending December 31, 2026)	Monday, February 1, 2027*
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.

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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.

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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.

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