

Is irs.gov legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

irs.gov

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

irs.gov appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official IRS website pages offering tax filing resources, account access, forms, payment options, identity protection guidance, and contact information for individuals, businesses, and tax professionals.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	29 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by R12	NOTED

The page as captured

https://www.irs.gov/



An official website of the United States government

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What irs.gov served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the official Internal Revenue Service portal, presenting U.S. tax-filing guidance, forms, refund and payment services, tax-record access, identity-protection resources, and account services for individuals, businesses, and tax professionals.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage consistently identifies the service as the Internal Revenue Service and a U.S. government website, while the reviewed content provides a coherent public-service model rather than investment, deposit, or commercial solicitation features. Available reputation checks were clean, and the site showed no observed phishing, impersonation, or malicious-content indicators. The evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate government website, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified by this assessment.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies “Internal Revenue Service” and states that it is an official website of the United States government.
- The homepage’s “How you know” content explains the `.gov` designation and secure HTTPS use.
- External reputation telemetry recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no flagged threat vendors.
- Domain registration telemetry: registered 1997-10-02 (~28.89 years old).

Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed pages describe a U.S. government tax agency providing information, forms, account access, transcripts, refunds, and tax payments. This is a public administrative service rather than a commercial financial provider, so no commercial financial-services license claim is expected from the stated business model. The pages provide strong institutional context, but the connection between the website and a real-world operator remains assessed as apparent rather than independently verified. Ownership privacy in registration records is an administrative detail and is not treated as an identity contradiction. The available third-party broker dataset reported no match; this is contextual reputational information, not a licensing or regulatory determination.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage title identifies the Internal Revenue Service as an official U.S. government website.
- Registration telemetry lists registrar `get.gov`, organization `Department of the Treasury`, and an expiration date of 2027-08-04T14:13:50Z.
- Hosting telemetry identifies AS20940, AKAMAI-ASN1 – Akamai International B.V., NL.
- The site’s TLS certificate is issued by R12, uses DV validation, and is valid to 2026-08-24T05:55:53+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, confirm the domain through an independently sourced U.S. government reference rather than relying solely on a message, advertisement, or search result. For account access, ensure that the browser remains on the official domain and that payment instructions correspond to the agency’s published procedures. Where a third-party service is encountered alongside the tax portal, independently confirm that provider’s identity, terms, refund or dispute arrangements, and payment protections before proceeding.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides account sign-in, refund, payment, transcript, and identity-protection navigation.
- The site identifies direct bank-account payment, payment plans, and EFTPS as payment methods.
- The reviewed page analysis found no sensitive form, hidden form, or untrusted form destination.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate public-service website. No scam or impersonation contradiction was identified, while operator identity

remains qualified as not independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Cloudflare CDN/WAF infrastructure, and all observed addresses were CDN edge servers rather than direct origin candidates. This layered delivery architecture mitigates direct exposure of the origin and supports resilience, but it is treated only as a protective control and not as proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Infrastructure telemetry recorded 4 observed edge IPs, 4 CDN edge addresses, and 0 likely origin IPs.
- Edge delivery was associated with AS30313 and Cloudflare; the infrastructure registry was ARIN and the country was US.
- The infrastructure assessment identified the hosting provider as IRS – Internal Revenue Service, US.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the available evidence; credential and payment actions should follow the independent domain, procedure, and transaction checks described above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	30%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of irs.gov.

- The request stayed on irs.gov. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under get.gov. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-08-04. NOTED
- It is hosted on AKAMAI-ASN1, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	get.gov
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Hosting	AKAMAI-ASN1 - Akamai International B.V., NL
Country	US
Server IP	2600:1408:ec00:5::1730:68c4
Name servers	ns0022.secondary.cloudflare.com, ns0227.secondary.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	R12
SSL expiry	2026-08-24
Domain age	28.89 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-08-04
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about irs.gov at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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