Unclaimed refunds totaling approximately $1.3 billion are awaiting over a million people who did not file a federal income tax return for 2005. For California, it is estimated that 154,500 individuals who did not file a 2005 tax returns are due an average refund of $ 537. This represents over $144 million in potential refunds that are in jeopardy.

To collect the money, a return for 2005 must be filed with the IRS no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2009. More information is available on the IRS website.