

OVERVIEW

In summary, the 2010–11 sample file:

- represents 1% of returns lodged by individuals (around 125,000 individual records), and
- contains 50 data items, including demographic information such as gender, marital status, year of birth (five-year range), occupation and geographic region – the remainder of the data items are income, deductions, losses, and some other indicators sourced from individual tax returns.

INTRODUCTION

The ATO has available many confidentialised 1% sample files containing individual tax return information for previous income years. The objective in releasing these files is to satisfy the requirements of more-advanced users, allowing access to tax data at a finer level.

The files are confidentialised in order to protect the identities of taxpayers. This year we are releasing the sample file for the 2010–11 income year based on data contained in *Taxation statistics 2010–11*. We now have sample files available for the 2003–04 to 2010–11 income years, based on data contained in Taxation statistics for those years.

ACCESSING THE FILES

To request access to the sample file(s), send an email to taxstats@ato.gov.au.

SOURCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE FILE

The data used to compile the 2010–11 sample file has been sourced from the 2010–11 individual income tax returns processed by 31 October 2012.

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE FILE DETAILED TABLES

The following individual sample file detailed table is on the attached CD-ROM and included in the online version of this publication on our website – you can view or download the table in PDF or Excel format.

Table 1: Items included in the 2010–11 individual sample file

This table contains specifications for the items included in the 2010–11 individual sample file.