IRS will do fewer tax audits this year

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One million audits.

That's how many audits the IRS plans to conduct this year, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen told reporters Thursday.

While 1 million is hardly small potatoes, it's a lot less than the 1.4 million audits the agency conducted in 2013 and the 1.2 million it conducted last year.

The reason for the steady decline: Budget cuts that will leave the agency operating at a level that is 17% below where it was 5 years ago.

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