



Searching the unclaimed property database is easy and free:

- Go to [www.patreasury.gov](http://www.patreasury.gov).
- Click on the **Unclaimed Property** tab.
- Select **Search for Property**.
- Type your last name in the **Last Name** box.
- Type your first name or initial in the **First Name** box (optional).
- Click the **Search** button.

You can also use the Unclaimed Property database to check your claim status when you file online!

Claiming your property is always free of charge!

The Treasury Unclaimed Property Return Team will assist you in recovering property **free of charge**. If someone offers to help you locate unclaimed property for a fee, call us at 1-800-222-2046 before you do anything! Signing an agreement to have someone assist you in recovering unclaimed property may entail the payment of fees.



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## What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a "holder," such as a bank, insurance company, or other business or organization, without activity or contact for at least one year. By law, after this time, holders must transfer unclaimed property to the Pennsylvania Treasury Department.

Each year, Treasury receives millions of dollars in unclaimed property – things like abandoned bank accounts, forgotten stocks, uncashed checks, certificates of deposit, life insurance policies, safe deposit box contents, and recovered stolen property. Treasury maintains custody of this property and works to return it to its rightful owners.

## 1 in 10 Pennsylvania residents has unclaimed property. Do you?

### Search for Unclaimed Property if:

- You opened a savings account and forgot about it or your account went inactive because you did not make deposits or withdrawals for a period of time.
- You moved, forgot to change your address at the post office, and had money coming to you.
- You left your job to start a new one, and never received your final paycheck.
- You forgot to redeem a gift certificate and it expired.
- You are an executor or administrator of an estate.
- You were named as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

## What does Treasury do with Unclaimed Property?

Treasury maintains custody of unclaimed property, and works to locate the rightful owner or heir. There is no time limit to claim property. After you provide proof of ownership, our return team will work with you to put your money back in your wallet – **free of charge.**

## How Can I Prevent My Property From Becoming Unclaimed?

- Keep accurate records of bank accounts, stocks, safe deposit boxes, life insurance policies, and other financial matters.
- Correspond with all financial institutions holding savings, checking, IRA, certificate of deposit, and all other accounts at least once every three years.
- Cash all checks for dividends, insurance benefits, and wages. If you stop receiving dividends, contact the company that issues the dividends.
- Notify a family member or trusted adviser of the location of your financial records.
- Prepare a checklist of all financial assets in order to notify all concerned parties if you change your address.

**Pennsylvania Treasury is currently seeking the owners of over \$1.9 billion in unclaimed property. In 2012, we returned over \$100 million to more than 70,000 owners.**



### Most Collected Types of Unclaimed Property

01. Uncashed Checks
02. Claims Payment Checks
03. Miscellaneous Items
04. Accounts Payable Checks
05. Checking Accounts
06. Certificates of Deposit (CD)
07. Credit Balances
08. Cash Dividends
09. Statement Savings
10. Wages, Payroll

### Most Returned Types of Unclaimed Property

01. Unexchanged/Recapitalization (Stock)
02. Miscellaneous Stock
03. Uncashed Checks
04. Accounts Payable Checks
05. Demutualization Stock
06. Certificates of Deposit (CD)
07. Claims Payment Checks
08. Demutualization Cash
09. Dividends
10. Statement Savings