

CLAIMING YOUR FUNDS

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Division of Unclaimed Funds





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www.bbb.org/riskreport



BBB Scam Tracker™
Risk Report





A consumer prevention and reporting platform:

- ✓ Search scams.
- ✓ Report scams

BBB.org/ScamTracker

BBB Scam Tracker helped people avoid losing more than **\$43 million** in 2024.



A screenshot of the BBB Scam Tracker website. The header has the BBB Scam Tracker logo and navigation links: "Report a Scam", "Look Up a Scam", "Prevention Guide", and "Survival Toolkit". The "Prevention Guide" link is circled in red. The main content area has a background image of a diverse group of people. It contains three sections: "I was scammed." with a "Report a Scam" button, "I think I'm being targeted by a scam." with a "Lookup a Scam" button, and "Look up an Existing Scam" with a search form. The search form has a dropdown menu set to "All Fields" and a "Search" button. Below the search form are buttons for "Popular Finds": "Pet Scams", "Pyramid Scheme", "Consumer Fraud Lawyers", "Cash App", and "Tax Fraud". The footer includes the text "How BBB Scam Tracker Works" and "BBB Scam Tracker is brought to you by the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust with support from Amazon and Capital One." along with logos for the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, Amazon, and Capital One.



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Find Your Funds February

FOR UNCLAIMED FUNDS MONTH

\$1,400 Average Claim Amount

\$4.8 Billion in Unclaimed Funds

68,679 Claims Paid Out

\$110.6 Million Returned

UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Lost or forgotten money that is **reported by banks and businesses after 3-5 years of inactivity** to the Division of Unclaimed Funds.

Inactive Checking Accounts

Savings Accounts

Refund/Credit Balances

Uncashed Cashier's Checks

Life Insurance Benefits

Stocks & Bonds

Safe Deposit Box Contents

NEW SYSTEM

65%

of claims are
fast-tracked

\$3,000

notary threshold

- Some claims are automatically approved
- Enhanced website for claimants to claim their funds, upload their docs, and check the status of their claim.
- Enhanced website for holders to report their unclaimed funds, remit payment, or file a negative report.
- More communications and automated emails

NEW LAW – HOUSE BILL 96

- **Everyone has until 2036 to claim their money.**
- Unclaimed properties will escheat to the State 10 years after they were reported to the Division of Unclaimed Funds unless a valid claim is made.
- Received date is on your claim form.
- After 2036, you will no longer be able to claim funds that have escheated to the State.
- \$2M funds allocated towards Outreach for FY26 & FY 27.

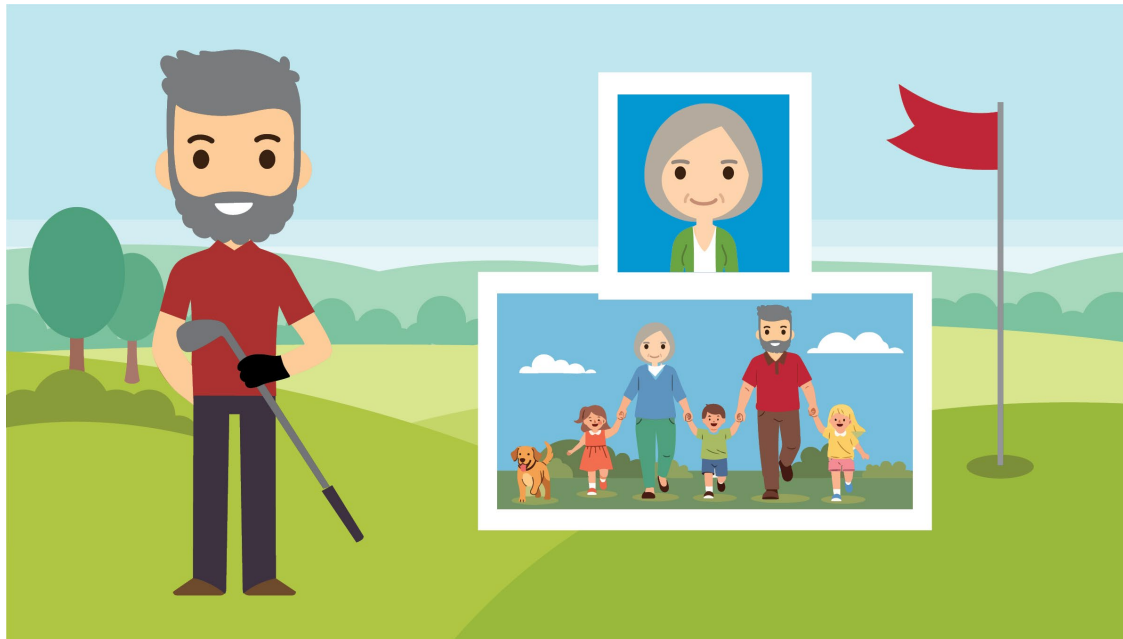
411%

increase in
claims paid
(FY26 v. FY25)

48,706

claims ready to
process

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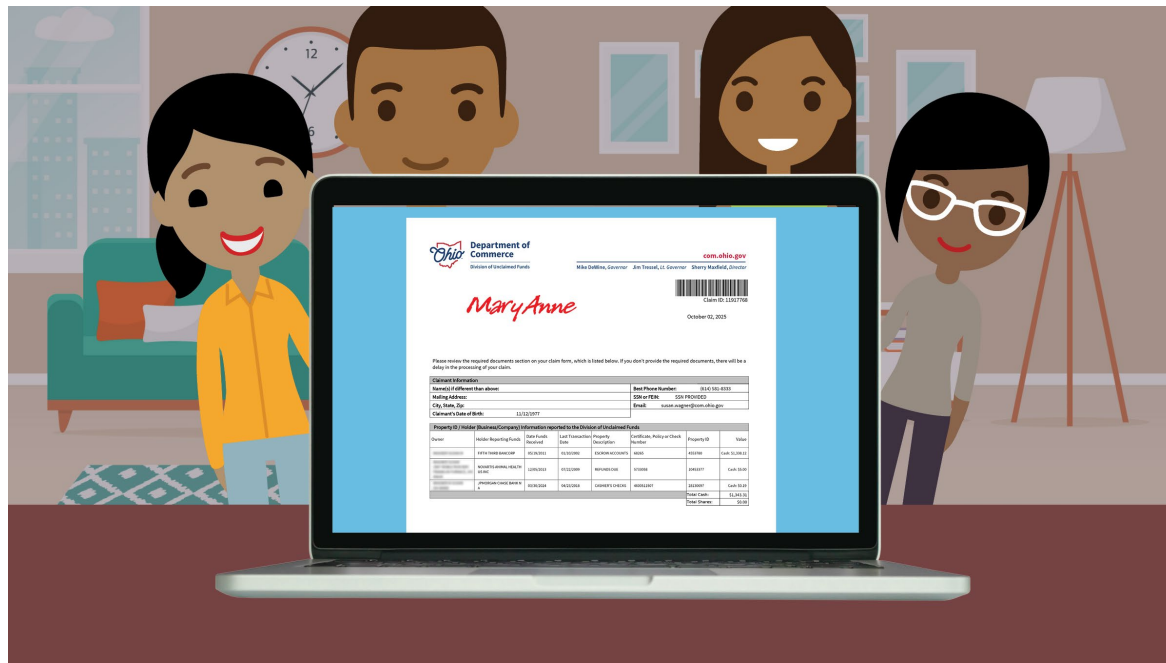


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<https://Unclaimedfunds.ohio.gov>

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3 EASY STEPS TO CLAIM YOUR FUNDS

Step 1



Search for Funds & Get Claim Form

Search for funds at no cost

Step 2



Review Required Documents

Review the required documents on your claim form.

Step 3



Submit Required Documents

Upload your supporting documents.

STEP 1 – SEARCH FOR FUNDS

SEARCH

This is a free and secure service provided by the Ohio Division of Unclaimed Funds to claim your lost funds.

Search Instructions

Enter your last name or the name of your business in the **Last or Business Name** field and click **SEARCH**.

To narrow your results, enter your first name, city, or zip code. Click **SEARCH**.

To provide you with a comprehensive list of possibilities, exact name matches will be shown first. Then, individuals with similar names to the name you entered will follow.

Claiming Funds

Select **CLAIM** next to the listing(s) you want to claim.

Select **CONTINUE TO FILE CLAIM** and follow the instructions provided to begin your claim.

To search for property held by other states, visit MissingMoney.com.

***Last or Business Name:**

First Name:

Narrow your search with the following fields:

City:

Zip Code:

***Property ID:**

SEARCH

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the privacy of your information or the legitimacy of this website, please call our office at 1-877-644-6823

SELECT YOUR CLAIM(S)

CONTINUE TO FILE CLAIM(1)

To file a claim for the funds on this list, click the Claim button next to those properties you wish to claim, then click on the “Continue to File” Claim button.

Select an Action	Owner Name	Co-Owner Name	Reporting Business Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Amount	Property ID
+ CLAIM < SHARE	DOE JOHN		PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN			\$50-\$100	52450
+ CLAIM < SHARE	DOE JOHN		COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL REAL ES	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN			OVER \$100	1326406
+ CLAIM < SHARE	DOE JOHN		U-HAUL CO OF OHIO	IGNORE THIS	BAD RESERVATION	OH	44444	UNDER \$25	8417595
+ CLAIM < SHARE	DOE JOHN		EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY	706 CLARIDGE LANE APT 12A	AURORA	OH	44202	\$50-\$100	8528572

REVIEW THE CLAIMS AND SELECT THE CLAIMANT RELATIONSHIP

FILE CLAIM ▶

Claimed Properties

Please select the relationship that you have to each property owner:

Select an Action	Owner Name	Co-Owner Name	Reporting Business Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Amount	Property ID	*Claimant Relationship
 Remove	DOE JOHN		PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN			\$50-\$100	52450	- Select an opti ▼
 Remove	DOE JOHN		COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL REAL ES	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN			OVER \$100	1326406	- Select an opti ▼



ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM

Primary Information

Please enter the following information:

*Claimant Type: Individual

*Last Name:

*First Name:

Date of Birth:

MM

DD

*Email Address:

*Email Address Confirmation:

*Phone Number:

*SSN/Tax ID:

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE REQUIRED



Under penalties of perjury, I certify that the information provided on this claim is true, and all supporting documentation I present are original or true-unaltered copies of the original documents. Upon payment of this claim, said claimant will indemnify and hold harmless the state of Ohio, officers and employees from any damages, claims or losses of any kind resulting from payment of the above described property to the claimant.

Type Your First Name Here:

Type Your Last Name Here:

SUBMIT ▶

CLAIM FORM GENERATED

Congratulations! You've completed the first step to claiming your funds. You will get an email with your claim form and instructions.

You are not finished.

You still need to review the required documents on your claim form and provide them to us.

STEP 2 – REVIEW REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Claimant Information	
Name(s) if different than above:	Best Phone Number:
Mailing Address:	SSN or FEIN:
City, State, Zip:	Email:
Claimant's Date of Birth:	
Required Documents	
☐ Personal Identification	Attach a copy of claimant's unexpired government-issued photo ID, which may include: a driver's license, state photo identity card, U.S. passport, or U.S. Dept of Defense ID.
☐ Proof of SSN	Attach a copy of claimant's Social Security Number (SSN) card or Tax Identification Number (TIN) card, W-2, 1099 forms, IRS Form 5758 Notice of New Employer Identification Number. Tax returns <u>cannot be used</u> .
☐ Proof of Owner's Address or Business Relationship	Attach proof that the claimant lived or did business at the owner's address that was reported to us, which may be one of the following: • Utility bills, bank/investment/credit card/mortgage account statements, paycheck, tax forms, etc. • Legal papers (e.g., property deed, mortgage, divorce decree, separation) • Driver's license or other state photo identity card showing the reported address • Post-marked envelope showing your name and the reported address • Original or legal copy of the cashier's check (if claiming a cashier's check) • Original gift card (if claiming funds from a gift card)
☐ IRS Form W9	Attach a completed IRS Form W-9 that is signed and dated. This form is required to comply with federal tax reporting law and can be found at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf .
☐ Notarized Signature on Claim Form	Attach a notarized claim form for claims over \$3,000.
Affidavit	
The undersigned claimant certifies that he/she is the proper claimant in the foregoing claim, that he/she read the foregoing claim and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true and correct to his/her knowledge that the information and documentation are unaltered and not fraudulent; and that the claim is valid, and unpaid. The claimant understands that presentation of a fraudulent claim may result in criminal proceedings. The claimant further declares that upon payment of this claim, he/she will indemnify and hold harmless, the State of Ohio, Division of Unclaimed Funds' officers and employees from any damages, claims or losses of any kind resulting from payment of the above claim. By signing this claim form, you are giving the Ohio Division of Unclaimed Funds permission to access confidential	
Signature of Claimant:	Date:
Print Name of Claimant	
Co-Owner's Signature	Date:
Print Name of Co-Claimant	
Privacy Notice: The social security number (ssn) is required for IRS tax reporting purposes. It may also be the only proof to determine ownership. The SSN is confidential and protected by access rules in	
It can take up to 120 days to process your claim	

CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL CLAIMS



Personal Identification – unexpired driver’s license, state photo ID, passport, or US Dept of Defense ID

Proof of Social Security Number – social security card, W-2, or 1099 form

Proof of Address - utility bills, bank statements, paycheck, property tax forms, or tax statements. We need proof that you were affiliated with the address on the claim form to verify that you are the original owner.

W9 Tax Form

STEP 3 – SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

WEBSITE:

The Upload Claim Documentation page allows you to send your claim form and supporting documents electronically.

--OR--

MAIL:

Ohio Division of Unclaimed Funds
77 S. High Street, 20th floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

The screenshot shows a web form titled 'Upload Documentation:'. At the top, there are four input fields arranged in two rows. The first row contains 'Claim ID:' and 'Email Address:'. The second row contains 'Re-enter ID:' and 'Re-enter Email Address:'. Below these fields, the 'Upload Documentation:' section features two identical dashed rectangular boxes. Each box contains a file upload icon (a document with an upward arrow), the text 'Drop File Here or', and a blue button labeled 'ADD DOCUMENT'.

CHECK THE STATUS OF A CLAIM

SEARCH

**Required field*

***Claim ID:**

NOTE: The Claim ID can be found on your claim form or in the email notice you received when you initiated your claim. If you have lost or forgotten this number please contact us by visiting our [Contact Us](#) page.

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