



ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS - STIMULUS CHECKS INFORMATION

A provision in *The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act* – CARES designates \$300 billion for cash payments to more than 115 million Americans. The current one-time cash payments are to provide some direct financial help to individuals and families.

The disbursement is set at \$1,200 per adult making \$75,000 or less in annual salary - \$2,400 for married couples with a combined income of \$150,000 or less and \$500 per child 17 years of age and younger. It breaks out further for individuals making above the \$75,000 threshold to \$99,000 with a reduced amount based on income.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began sending out checks on April 11, 2020. They will be using information from individuals 2019 tax returns, and if they have not been submitted yet they will refer to 2018 tax returns. Also, there are approximately 30 million people including those with very low income, certain seniors and veterans and people with disabilities who are not required to file tax returns. To address this – for recipients of social security checks their information, direct deposit or via mail, will be used to distribute their stimulus payment. For individuals with gross income under \$12,200, and married couples with gross income up to \$24,400, the IRS has set up an online tool where they can input required information so they too may receive their stimulus payment. The website is www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info.

For confirmation of stimulus payments, the IRS intends to mail a letter to each taxpayer's last known address within 15 days after the payment is made. The letter will provide information on the payment details and how to report any failure to receive the payment. The IRS will also be creating an online tool where people can go to check the status of stimulus payments.

Unemployment Insurance Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Who is eligible to receive stimulus checks?

- Individual tax filers with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 (up to \$150,000 for married couples filing joint returns) will receive the full payment. For filers with income above those amounts, the payment amount is reduced and then phased out for individuals whose income exceeds \$99,000 (or \$198,000 for joint filers with no children).

If you haven't filed taxes yet for 2019, will you still receive a stimulus check?

- In that case, the IRS will use information from your 2018 tax return to determine whether you are entitled for an economic income payment/stimulus check. If you did file a tax return for 2019 the IRS will use that one.

Will people on Social Security or disability be receiving a stimulus check? If so, how much they will receive?

- If you receive Social Security benefits for retirement, disability or Supplemental Security Income, you are eligible to receive a stimulus check as long as you do not exceed the income limits. If someone did not file a return for 2018 or 2019, they could still receive a check if they received Social Security retirement or disability benefits in 2019. Recipients will receive these payments as a direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their benefits.

Will a person who owes back taxes receive any money?

- Yes, if you meet the income guidelines the IRS will still issue a stimulus check even if you owe back taxes. The only exception to this is if you owe child support payments. So, they waived offsets in any situation except unpaid child support.

Are the checks taxable?

- No, they are not taxable, so no taxes will be taken out of your stimulus check.

If I owe past taxes, will my check be reduced?

- No. The only reason a check would be reduced is if past child support payments are due and the amount has been reported to the federal government.

I need to file a tax return. How long are the economic impact payments available?

- For those concerned about visiting a tax professional or local community organization in person to get help with a tax return, these economic impact payments will be available throughout the rest of 2020.

Will there be another payment this year?

- That has not yet been decided, but an additional financial boost to address the financial need is warranted.

For Additional Information:

- You can refer to the IRS website for the latest information. <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>