

I didn't get my stimulus money! What can I do?

It depends on which payments are missing

There were three rounds of payments:

First round: Up to \$1,200 per adult + \$500 for each child

Second round: Up to \$600 per adult + \$600 for each child

Third round: Up to \$1,400 per adult + \$1,400 for each dependent (child or adult)

The first two rounds were for **2020**. The third round was for **2021**. The IRS calls the stimulus payments "**Recovery Rebate Credits**" because they were actually advances of tax credits.

- If you are missing a payment from the first two rounds, you can file a **2020** tax return and claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on Line 30 of IRS Form 1040.
- If you are missing a payment from the third round, you can file a **2021** tax return and claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on Line 30 of IRS Form 1040.
- If you are missing a payment from the first two rounds **and** a payment from the third round, you will have to file both a 2020 and a 2021 return.
- To claim the credit, you will need to know how much money you are missing. For more information, go to [EIP Payments](#)

Need help filing a return?

You can get free tax prep help at the locations listed on Legal Aid's [Free Tax Prep flyer](#).

Or you can prepare and file a return yourself using online guidance at [IRS Free File](#)

What if my stimulus money was issued, but was lost, stolen or destroyed?

You can start a payment trace by calling the IRS at 800-919-9835. Or mail or fax a completed Form 3911, Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund, to the IRS. For more information about payment tracing go to [IRS Payment Trace](#)

Can I check the status of my payments?

You can check the status of any of your payments by going to (or creating) your [IRS Online Account](#)

Questions? Call Legal Aid at **(202) 628-1161**.