



## The Impact of Stimulus Payments on Your Taxes

What a year 2020 has been! New Year's celebrations were barely over when the coronavirus turned things topsy-turvy. But one bright spot for 159 million people was the \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment that appeared in their mailbox or checking account (and then earlier this year for many Americans, a \$600 payment).

If you didn't receive a payment, you may be wondering, why? And if you did, you may be wondering, what's the catch? We are here to help put your mind at ease, so let's tackle common questions, one by one.

### **Do I owe tax on the money I received?**

That's an easy one: No. The stimulus payment was designed to impact the economy, not your taxes, so it won't reduce your 2020 refund or increase your tax due.

### **Why didn't I get a payment?**

If your income for 2019 or 2018 was over \$75,000 (\$150,000 if you filed jointly, \$112,500 if you were head of household), then your payment was reduced by \$5 for every excess \$100 you earned. And if you didn't file a tax return for either year, you may not have received a payment. But don't despair, you still may be entitled to payment.

### **What can I do now?**

If you were supposed to file a 2019 tax return and didn't, file right away. If your income was too low to file, at IRS.gov you can click on the tab marked "Non-filers" and fill in your basic information. If the IRS determines you are eligible for a payment, they will send it to you.

### **What if my income has gone down?**

If your 2019 income was too high for you to receive a payment, but your income this year is much lower, you are in luck. You can claim your stimulus payment on your 2020 income tax return, and it increases the refund you receive (or reduce any tax due).

**My 2020 income is higher than in 2019. Will the government want the money back?** No. If you received a stimulus payment based on lower income in 2019, that payment is yours to keep even if your income increased above the threshold in 2020.

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