

State Treasurer Roby Smith

Returning Iowa's Unclaimed Property

\$363+ million 1 million

\$532 million

Money Returned

Owners Reunited

Currently Safekeeping

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What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property occurs when a financial institution or business is unable to contact the owner of an asset they are holding. After a specific period of time, the assets are termed unclaimed and sent to the State Treasurer's Office for safekeeping until the owner is found.

Free to Search

You don't have to pay someone to return your unclaimed property. Claim directly from GreatlowaTreasureHunt.gov for free.

What Are Some Examples?



Lost utility refunds or deposits



Forgotten savings or checking accounts



Uncashed insurance benefits & payroll checks



Lost stocks. dividends and bonds



Abandoned safe deposit box contents

Approximately 1 in 7 people have unclaimed property waiting for them.



How Do You Find the Rightful Owners?

Returning assets to the rightful owners is one of the Treasurer's top priorities for the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt. Here are some ways we try to locate the owners:

- 1. Contact Iowa media to raise awareness.
- 2. Publish names in local county newspapers.
- 3. Send a letter to the owner's last known address.
- 4. Attend events such as the Iowa State Fair.
- 5. Post names on social media.
- 6. Publish names on our website.

Search online at GreatlowaTreasureHunt.gov.

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