



NJ DEPARTMENT OF THE
TREASURY

Treasury Explains:

Unclaimed Property

The Claim Process

Filing your claim through the search website is the fastest way to get your claim processed. If you did not locate property on the NJ Property Search website but believe you have unclaimed property at our office, you can request UPA staff execute a manual search through the 'Request a Property Search' link.

Claim Documentation

You must provide proof of your identity to claim unclaimed property, such as a social security number, photo ID that contains a signature such as a passport or driver's license, an official document with the listed address on it, or an official document with your name listed.

If you are claiming property of a deceased person, you may need additional documentation of both the deceased and the person claiming the property to establish identity; as well as the deceased's death certificate.

If you placed a claim on property belonging to a business or corporation, you will be requested to provide specific documentation that proves you have the legal capacity to complete a claim on behalf of the business. This includes the verification of the tax identification number(s) used by your business and company letterhead, in addition to the claimant's personal identification.

1 in 10 NJ residents have unclaimed property



What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property consists of many types of intangible and tangible properties that have remained unclaimed by the rightful owner for a specific period of time. The abandonment period for each type of property is defined by New Jersey's Unclaimed Property Statute.

In New Jersey, unclaimed assets are held by Treasury's Unclaimed Property Administration.

Examples of unclaimed property include:

- Bank accounts
- Utility deposits
- Insurance payouts
- Safekeeping items
- Securities and Dividends

UPA's Record-Breaking Returns

In Fiscal Year 2024, Treasury's Unclaimed Property Administration (UPA) returned a record-breaking \$261.4 million in assets across 109,181 approved claims. New Jersey has successfully **returned over \$3.0 billion** to rightful owners since UPA's inception.

Total claims paid for the last five fiscal years (FY):

- FY'21: \$136,028,165
- FY'22: \$164,127,422
- FY'23: \$202,950,842
- FY'24: \$261,446,175
- FY'25: \$253,336,576