



Unclaimed Property Fast Facts

What is unclaimed property?

Virtually any intangible property not in the possession of its owner can be considered unclaimed property. Most unclaimed property is money that an owner has forgotten about, lost, or never even knew existed, that remains in the possession of a business for a period of time, usually five years. These funds become unclaimed because the company loses track of the consumer, due to an incorrect address or other missing information. Some examples of unclaimed property include dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks (including paychecks), unclaimed insurance proceeds, forgotten utility deposits, uncashed dividend checks, and unexchanged shares of stock.

How much money is the State Treasurer's Office holding?

As of January 1, 2021, more than \$740 million in unclaimed cash is being held for South Carolinians and South Carolina companies. In FY 2020, 75,505 accounts totaling more than \$33.4 million was paid to rightful owners.

How does the State Treasurer's Office get the property?

If there has been no activity in an account for a set period of time, usually five years, the unclaimed funds are remitted to the State Treasurer's Office in the owner's name and held until the funds are claimed.

How do I check to see if I have unclaimed property?

Visit the State Treasurer's website at treasurer.sc.gov, and click to search for Unclaimed Property. Enter your name in the search field and the database will indicate whether you have accounts associated with your name. If your name is listed, it's easy to start the claims process online.

How long do I have to claim the money?

There is no time limit. The rightful owner, or the rightful owner's heirs, always have the right to claim the funds.

How long will it take for me to get my money?

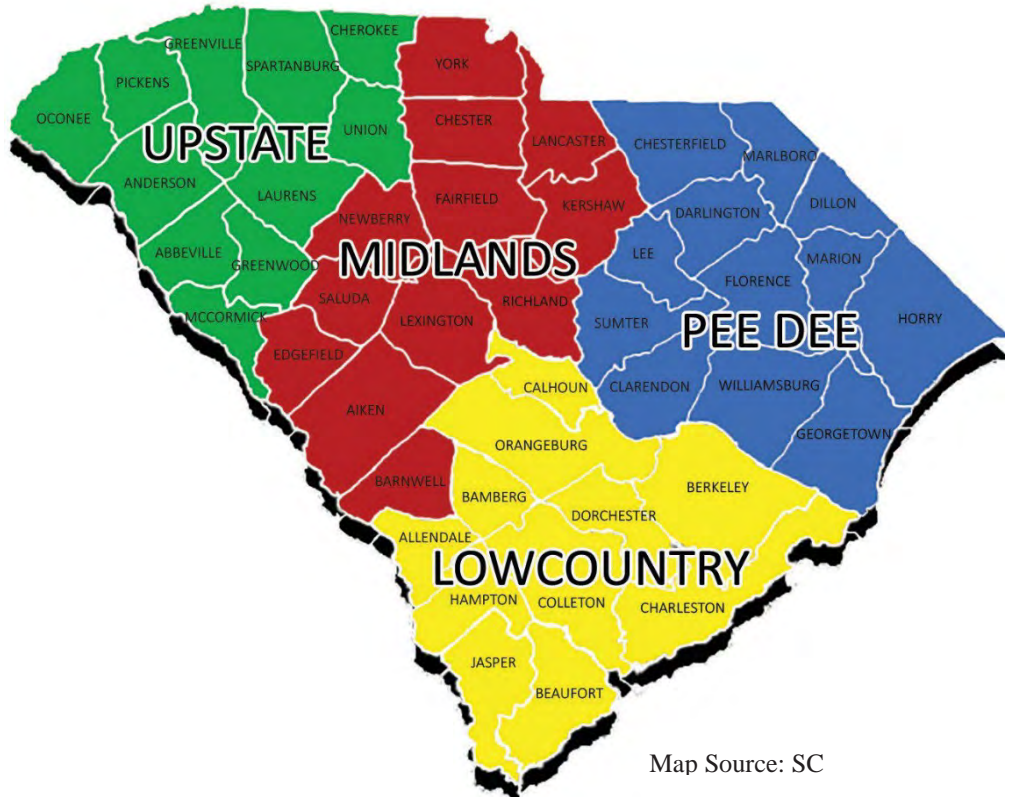
It varies based on the complexity of the claim and the thoroughness of the claim documentation provided. However, in many cases, the claim may be processed within just a few weeks.

How can I learn more?

Visit our web site at treasurer.sc.gov, and click on Unclaimed Property, or email us at unclaimed@sto.sc.gov.

How much unclaimed property is available in your county?

COUNTY	AMOUNT	ACCOUNTS
ABBEVILLE	\$ 1,111,475	15,803
AIKEN	\$ 11,358,963	143,149
ALLENDALE	\$ 745,267	8,049
ANDERSON	\$ 12,074,613	155,077
BAMBERG	\$ 900,589	13,616
BARNWELL	\$ 1,695,580	19,334
BEAUFORT	\$ 17,817,825	188,918
BERKELEY	\$ 12,113,964	178,425
CALHOUN	\$ 677,485	9,897
CHARLESTON	\$ 49,057,465	513,143
CHEROKEE	\$ 2,917,964	41,076
CHESTER	\$ 2,515,736	28,110
CHESTERFIELD	\$ 2,248,787	31,973
CLARENDON	\$ 1,922,067	25,939
COLLETON	\$ 3,073,757	38,291
DARLINGTON	\$ 4,675,615	61,656
DILLON	\$ 2,121,288	25,673
DORCHESTER	\$ 10,926,836	160,784
EDGEFIELD	\$ 1,515,256	24,501
FAIRFIELD	\$ 1,423,833	19,949
FLORENCE	\$ 15,664,536	147,168
GEORGETOWN	\$ 4,391,080	52,323
GREENVILLE	\$ 51,769,965	573,880
GREENWOOD	\$ 5,340,045	62,316
HAMPTON	\$ 1,357,173	19,698
HORRY	\$ 30,736,789	335,902
JASPER	\$ 2,111,862	22,191
KERSHAW	\$ 5,022,729	65,232
LANCASTER	\$ 4,464,022	58,494
LAURENS	\$ 4,057,586	47,464
LEE	\$ 843,419	12,543
LEXINGTON	\$ 16,320,396	252,206
MARION	\$ 2,612,543	28,662
MARLBORO	\$ 1,648,301	23,345
MCCORMICK	\$ 686,239	8,129
NEWBERRY	\$ 2,748,297	35,012
OCONEE	\$ 4,521,183	64,204
ORANGEBURG	\$ 7,271,841	93,582
PICKENS	\$ 9,400,861	121,023
RICHLAND	\$ 47,734,342	463,735
SALUDA	\$ 845,368	12,082
SPARTANBURG	\$ 24,451,840	280,396
SUMTER	\$ 8,215,325	110,168
UNION	\$ 2,112,052	22,131
WILLIAMSBURG	\$ 2,229,153	26,121
YORK	\$ 16,996,595	220,376



Upstate

Dollar Value
\$118,443,824 (28.6%)

Number of Accounts
1,391,499 (28.6%)

Midlands

Dollar Value
\$112,641,116 (27.1%)

Number of Accounts
1,342,180 (27.6%)

Pee Dee

Dollar Value
\$77,308,902 (18.7%)

Number of Accounts
881,473 (18.2%)

Lowcountry

Dollar Value
\$106,054,062 (25.6%)

Number of Accounts
1,246,594 (25.6%)

