

**\$382+ million**

Money Returned

**1+ million**

Owners Reunited

**\$521 million**

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 [GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov](http://GreatIowaTreasureHunt.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.

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[GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov](http://GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov).**

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