

# Stimulus Checks FAQ

## Who will get a stimulus check?

If you are US Citizen or permanent resident who filed federal income taxes for 2018 or 2019 AND meet income thresholds (\$99k for single filer, \$198k for joint filer, no children).

You receive Social Security Retirement, disability (SSDI) or survivor benefits.

You receive railroad retirement benefits.

[Learn more about eligibility](#) for the Economic Impact Payment.

## How will I get my money?

Your check will come automatically, by direct deposit, into the account your federal tax return is deposited.

If you did not provide direct deposit information to the IRS, the IRS will send you a paper check.

For people who did not file taxes in 2019, the IRS has [a free online tool](#) so they can receive their Economic Impact Payments faster.

Otherwise, the IRS will send a payment to the address or bank account where you receive your Social Security or railroad retirement benefits.

## Do I have to pay income tax on the stimulus money?

No.

## How can I see the status of my stimulus payment?

On April 17 the IRS is releasing a tracking tool on their [website](#).

## Will the stimulus money impact benefits like SNAP?

No – the economic impact payment does not count as income for SNAP in NYS for the month of receipt and the following two months.

<https://otda.ny.gov/policy/gis/2020/20DC027.pdf>

According to the Commissioner of the Social Security Admin, the Economic Impact Payment will not be considered as income for federal benefits, and will be excluded from resources for 12 months for SSI & SSDI.