



News Release

Marylanders Urged to Claim Abandoned Property with Annual Newspaper Campaign

Newspaper campaign lists names of more than 100,000 people whose property is in possession of the State

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (May 30, 2025) — The Maryland Office of the Comptroller's Office is encouraging Marylanders to claim their missing treasures by publishing their names inside several publications across the state. The more than 200-page insert featuring more than 116,000 names will appear in several publications, including *The Washington Post*, *The Daily Times*, *The Frederick News-Post*, *The Star Democrat*, *The AFRO*, and *The Baltimore Sun*, through June 5, 2025.

Unclaimed property can include money from unclaimed bank accounts, items found in safe deposit boxes, insurance benefits, security deposits, and stock dividends remitted to the Comptroller's Office after three years. Legislation that will go into effect in October allows the Unclaimed Property Division to collect newer forms of property, including virtual currency (cryptocurrency) and certain individual retirement accounts. The update to the Abandoned Property Act will also allow for the agency to send property valued at less than \$5,000 to rightful owners without requiring them to file a claim.

“For more than five decades, my agency has worked diligently to reconnect people with what is rightfully theirs. These forgotten assets provide Marylanders with an additional resource they can use to build a more prosperous future,” said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. “I appreciate our media partners for their continued commitment to participating in our campaign to return unclaimed property to the right people, spreading the word about this important program, and documenting the important changes we are making to improve this process.”

The Office of the Comptroller has an [online tool](#) available allowing Marylanders to search for unclaimed property at their convenience. Individuals can also [file a claim online](#) using Maryland OneStop. Later this year, the Office of the Comptroller will

transition to a new unclaimed property system called “KAPS,” which will streamline claims processing and increase its efficiency.

The annual newspaper insert is just one outreach tactic the Comptroller’s Office uses to inform Marylanders of their unclaimed property. The agency recently mailed 52,000 postcards to members of the public. This summer, the Office of the Comptroller will continue its direct outreach, assisting visitors with searches for unclaimed property during several events, including the 2025 [Maryland State Fair](#) which begins August 21.

Search our list and claim what belongs to you at
www.marylandcomptroller.gov/UnclaimedProperty

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