



Why an **Economic Impact Payment** may be different than expected

Some Economic Impact Payments may be a different amount than expected. Payment amounts vary based on **income level, filing status** and **family size**.

Many eligible taxpayers who received a smaller-than-expected Economic Impact Payment may qualify to receive an additional amount next year when they file their 2020 federal income tax return.

The IRS will mail a letter to an individual within a few weeks after their payment is issued.

Everyone should keep this letter for their tax records.



Common reasons why taxpayers may get a different payment amount than expected:

- › Partial payments based on **income limitations**
- › IRS used a 2018 return to calculate payment, if a 2019 return wasn't filed or processed yet
- › Some children, if not claimed as dependents, are not eligible for an additional \$500
- › Dependents age 17 or older (as of 12/31/2019) do not qualify an individual for an additional \$500
- › Past-due child support deducted from the payment

The **Economic Impact Payments Information Center** answers questions about eligibility, payment amounts, what to expect and when to expect it.