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## \$195K in Missing Money Found at Ohio State Fair

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — The Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Unclaimed Funds helped return roughly \$195,000 in missing money to visitors of the Ohio State Fair this year.

From July 24 through Aug. 4, Unclaimed Funds staff found a total of 553 claims, reuniting these fairgoers with a grand total of \$195,118.89.

Unclaimed funds are money or the rights to money that have been dormant or forgotten. Common examples include checking and savings accounts, rent or utility deposits, uncashed checks, undelivered stock certificates and uncashed insurance policies. Ohioans may also have unclaimed safe deposit box items held by the Division.

The Division of Unclaimed Funds attends the Ohio State Fair every year, setting up shop at the Department of Commerce booth to help reunite Ohioans with their lost or forgotten money. Last year, staff located 656 claims for a total of \$336,000.

“Each year, we make great efforts to reconnect people with their money through advertisements and participating in outreach events. The Ohio State Fair is the climax of our efforts as it provides us the opportunity to connect with people from all across the state,” said Akil Hardy, superintendent of the Division of Unclaimed Funds. “We had a successful time at the fair this year, and we look forward to returning in 2020.”

In Fiscal Year 2019, Division staff returned \$136 million to Ohioans, paying 36,910 claims. The Division is currently safeguarding \$3 billion in forgotten money. Ohioans can check for unclaimed funds [online](#) or by calling 877-644-6823.

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