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The Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service have so far disbursed approximately 90 million Economic Impact Payments from the American Rescue Plan. As announced last week, Economic Impact Payments are rolling out in groups to millions of Americans in the coming weeks.

The first batch of payments were mostly sent by direct deposit, which some recipients started receiving this past weekend. As of today, all recipients of this first batch of direct deposit payments will have access to their funds. Here is additional information on this first batch of payments:

- These payments began processing on Friday, March 12. Some Americans saw the

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- The use of direct deposit to issue these payments means that they are being delivered remarkably faster than would otherwise be possible.
- While the majority of payments were delivered by direct deposit, which reach individual taxpayers more quickly than paper checks, Treasury mailed roughly 150,000 checks worth approximately \$442 million.
 - Finally, since this past weekend, more than 35 million people have received their stimulus payment status through the “Get My Payment” tool on IRS.gov, which is updated on a regular basis as updated information is available.

Additional batches and payments will be sent in the coming weeks by direct deposit and through the mail as a check or debit card. The vast majority of all Economic Impact Payments will be issued by direct deposit. No action is needed by most taxpayers; the payments are automatic and, in many cases, similar to how people received their first and second round of Economic Impact Payments in 2020.

Individuals can check the “[Get My Payment](#)” tool on IRS.gov to see the payment status of these payments. [Additional information on these Economic Impact Payments](#), along with a [Fact Sheet of Frequently Asked Questions](#), is available on IRS.gov.

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