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Unclaimed money in Montpelier

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MONTPELIER, Vt. - Do you have money waiting for you in Montpelier? State Treasurer Beth Pearce says her office is holding more than \$67 million in unclaimed property and \$8 million was added to that pot just this year.

The money comes from a variety of places including misplaced savings and investments, insurance policies, security boxes, forgotten tax returns and paychecks.

"In Vermont our word is golden and to me that is about making that promise, keeping those monies with the rightful owners and being able to effect that promise on behalf of the state is fantastic," said Treasurer Beth Pearce, D-Vermont.

Pearce says close to 7,000 people have at least \$75 or more waiting for them.

In the last decade the treasurer's office has returned close to \$50 million.