Here's How Likely You Really Are To Get Another \$1,200 Stimulus Check



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TOPLINE The \$3 trillion Heroes Act—a massive piece of economic rescue legislation proposed by House Democrats on Tuesday—includes a provision for another round of stimulus checks sent directly to Americans, though Senate Republicans suggest the bill may be "DOA."



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KEY FACTS

The new bill would provide for another round of stimulus checks: \$1,200 for eligible adults making less than \$75,000 and \$2,400 for married couples making less than \$150,000, with that payment phasing out as income rises, as it did under the CARES Act.

Payments for dependents—\$500 per child under the CARES Act—would be bumped up to \$1,200 and expanded to include all dependents, not just children under 17, up to a maximum of \$6,000 per family.

The bill would also expand the pool of people eligible for checks to every qualified person on a tax return, meaning that one ineligible spouse wouldn't interfere with the other spouse's payment, and a social security number wouldn't be a requirement to receive a payment.

Money would be distributed the same way as the first round of payments: direct deposit first, followed by paper checks in the mail; checks also wouldn't be subject to garnishment.

The biggest roadblock is the Senate: Republicans are wary of more federal spending and have said they won't vote on any new relief legislation until June.

There are also provisions within the bill that Republicans are sure to push back on, like the elimination of the SALT cap and the \$875 billion that the bill would allocate to states and local governments.

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A spokesman for the Senate finance committee chairman, Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), told NBC News the bill will be "DOA in the Senate."

KEY BACKGROUND

The 1,800-page bill is a laundry list of Democratic priorities, starting with another \$875 billion for state and local governments and \$20 billion each for tribal governments and U.S. territories. It also includes another \$75 billion for testing, new provisions for hazard pay for essential workers, \$75 billion in mortgage relief, \$100 billion for rental assistance, plus another \$25 billion for the Postal Service. There's also \$3.6 billion for elections, \$10 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and \$10 billion for small businesses.