

# EQUIFAX DATA BREACH



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## OVERVIEW OF THE DATA BREACH

- In September 2017, Equifax announced a major data breach which exposed the personal information of **147 million people**
- Names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers were exposed, enabling possible identity theft
- Equifax agreed to a **\$425 million** global settlement with the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and 50 U.S. states and territories, to help people affected

## FIND OUT IF YOU WERE AFFECTED:

- To see if you were affected by the breach, go to the official settlement website at <https://eligibility.equifaxbreachsettlement.com/en/Eligibility>
- If affected, you can file a claim for expenses incurred due to the breach.

## FILING A CLAIM:

- To file a claim, fill out the [claim form](#) on the Official Settlement website. This site is operated by the settlement administrator, not by Equifax.
- You can file a claim during the Extended Period for expenses you incur over the next 4 years, **between January 23, 2020, and January 22, 2024**, as a result of identity theft related to the breach.
- This includes expenses such as:
  - Losses from unauthorized charges to your accounts
  - Fees paid to professionals, like accountants or attorneys, to help you recover from identity theft
  - Notary fees, document shipping fees, postage, mileage, and phone charges.
  - Time spent recovering from identity theft, up to \$25 per hour up to 20 hours.
- You will also need to provide contact information and specify how you would like to receive payment for your claim.
  - Note: Requesting cash payment may significantly reduce your payment.

## YOU CAN ALSO RECEIVE:

- Free help recovering from identity theft
  - Once the court allows the start of this benefit, you will be able to get free identity restoration services.
- Free credit reports
  - All U.S. consumers can get 6 free credit reports per year through 2026 by visiting the [Equifax website](#) or by calling 1-866-349-5191.