

WHAT IS RECA?

The **Radioactive Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)** is a federal program that provides one-time benefit payments to individuals who developed specific diseases after being exposed to radiation related to the United States' nuclear weapons program.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

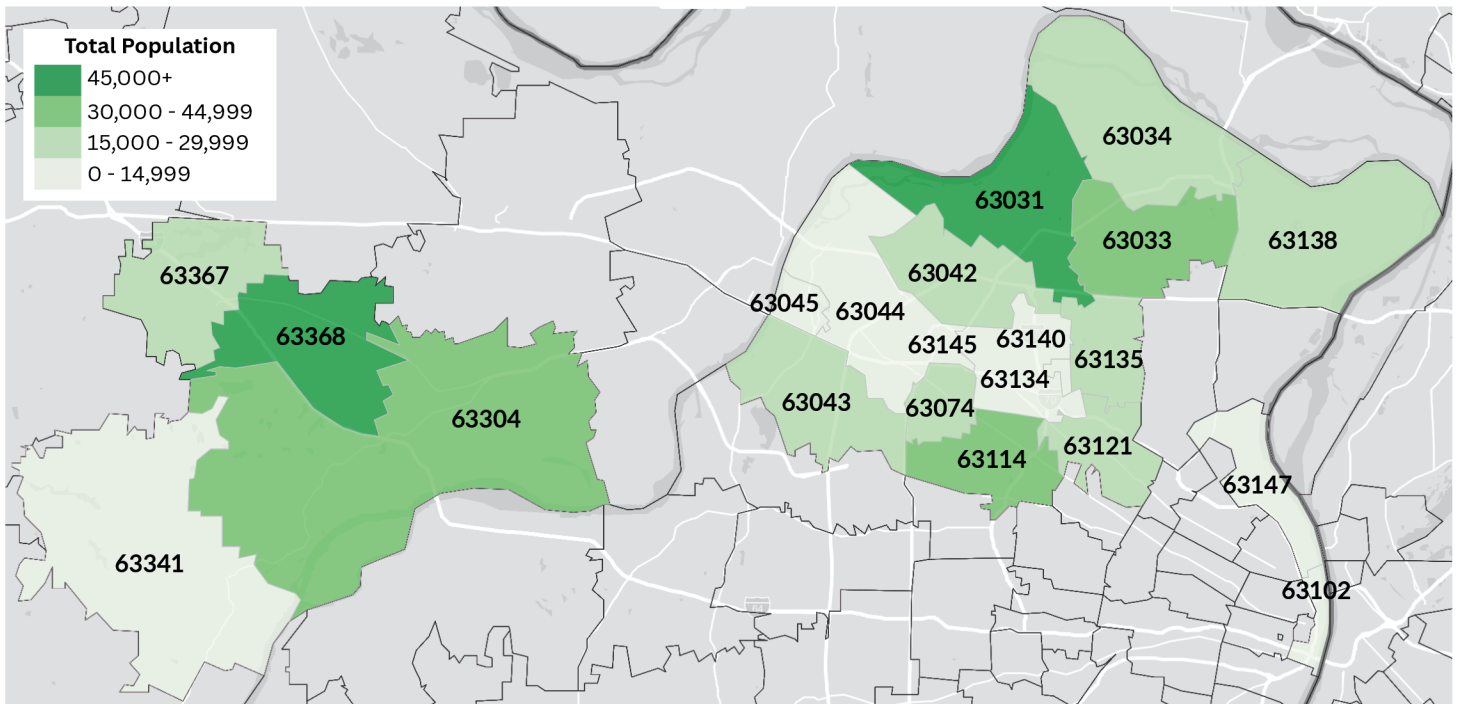
Individuals who were physically present in an affected area for a period of at least two years after January 1, 1949 and contracted a specified disease after such period of physical presence are eligible for compensation.

AFFECTED AREAS:

Under RECA, **21 Missouri ZIP codes are recognized as affected areas**. Physical presence may be determined if your primary residence, place of employment, or school was located in one of the following ZIP codes:

63031	63042	63045	63114	63135	63145	63341
63033	63043	63074	63121	63138	63147	63367
63034	63044	63102	63134	63140	63304	63368

Map of Affected Areas in St. Louis region by Population



Data: 2023 American Census Survey 5-Year Estimate, United States Census Bureau

2025 RECA EXPANSION INCLUDES MISSOURI CITIZENS

Determine Whether You Qualify for Compensation

LIST OF SPECIFIED DISEASES:

Under RECA, the following diseases are listed as “specified diseases” for which individuals may be eligible for compensation. Please note the conditions related to disease onset that may affect eligibility to this program.

Specified Disease	Conditions Related to Disease Onset
Any leukemia	Provided that the initial exposure occurred after 20 years of age and the onset of the disease was at least 2 years after the initial exposure.
Multiple myeloma Lymphoma (other than Hodgkin’s disease) Primary cancer of the– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bile ducts • Bone • Brain • Breast (male or female) • Colon • Esophagus • Gallbladder • Liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated) • Lung • Ovary • Pancreas • Pharynx • Renal • Salivary Gland • Small intestine • Stomach • Thyroid • Urinary Bladder 	Provided that the onset was at least 2 years after the initial exposure.

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A CLAIM IS DECEMBER 31, 2027.
PREPARE NOW!**

HOW CAN I APPLY?

The Department of Justice is responsible for administering the RECA program. Applications are not yet open, but updates are expected to be posted soon at: <https://www.justice.gov/civil/common/reca>



WHAT DOCUMENTS WILL I NEED TO SUBMIT?

You will need to provide documents that show you were physically present in an affected area (such as proof of residency, school records, or employment records) and medical records that demonstrate you contracted a specified disease. In the case of medical records, they must have been created by a medical professional at the time of care. Detailed guidance on the precise documentation that is sufficient to prove physical presence and diagnosis will be provided by the Department of Justice as applications open.

HOW MUCH COMPENSATION AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

Affected individuals are eligible for either \$50,000 or the total amount of compensation for all documented out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred as the result of the specified disease they suffered, whichever amount is greater. If an affected individual is deceased, surviving spouses or children are eligible for \$25,000. For more detailed information on compensation and eligibility, visit MCE's FAQ page.

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