

arrears**ar·rears** *BrE* [əˈriəz] ^ˈ *NAmE* [əˈrɪrz] ^ˈ **noun plural**

money that sb owes that they have not paid at the right time

- **rent/mortgage/tax arrears**

Idioms: ↑**get into arrears** ▪ ↑**in arrears**Word Origin:[**arrears**] Middle English (first used in the phrase in arrear): from arrear (adverb) 'behind, overdue', from Old French *arere*, from medieval Latin *adretro*, from *ad-* 'towards' + *retro* 'backwards'.Example Bank:

- She was six months in arrears with the mortgage.
- The country had accumulated arrears of \$80 million on loans of \$400 million.
- The government has agreed to pay all arrears owed to members of the armed forces.
- The local authority must try to recover arrears of rent.
- There have been sharp increases in arrears on interest payments.
- They fell into arrears with their rent.
- You will be paid monthly in arrears.
- struggling to pay off her mortgage arrears
- Our tenants have fallen into arrears with their rent.
- The family is facing eviction over mortgage arrears.
- Unions are demanding the settlement of pay arrears.

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ar·rears /əˈriəz \$ əˈrɪrz/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun [plural]**[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Origin:** arrear 'backward, behind' (14-18 centuries), from Old French *arere*, from Vulgar Latin *ad retro* 'to the back']**1. be in arrears** if someone is in arrears, or if their payments are in arrears, they are late in paying something that they should pay regularly, such as rent:

- Many people are in arrears with their rent.

be four weeks/three months etc in arrears

- The rent money is two months in arrears.

fall/get into arrears (=become late with payments)**2. money that you owe someone because you have not made regular payments at the correct time:**

- We've got 3 months' arrears to pay.

rent/mortgage/tax arrears

- He was ordered to pay rent arrears of £550.

3. paid in arrears *British English* if your salary is paid in arrears, it is paid at the end of the period you have worked:

- a salary paid monthly in arrears

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