



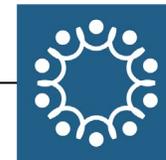
The 2021 Child Tax Credit (CTC) & Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

How to Get the Money You are Owed

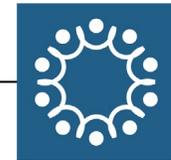


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Topline Message to Families





Even if you do not normally file taxes, you may be owed thousands of dollars from CTC and EITC this year, but you have to submit a tax return.

Most families are eligible for the CTC

- Up to \$3,600 per child under 6
- Up to \$3,000 per child 6-17
- If you received monthly payments of the CTC last year, you will receive the second half of what you are owed when you file taxes. If you did not receive monthly payments, you will receive the full benefit.

More people than ever are eligible for the EITC

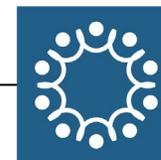
- Up to \$1,500 for workers without kids at home
- Up to \$6,700 for workers with kids at home

This money is not a loan

This money will not change or reduce other federal benefits you receive, such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI



Who is eligible for the CTC/EITC?





Do I qualify for the CTC and EITC?

	CTC	EITC
Earned income required		✓
Children living with you required	✓	
Social Security number for everyone on tax return required		✓
Social Security number only for children being claimed required	✓	

Most immigrant families are eligible for the CTC

- Mixed status families are eligible for the CTC as long as one or more children have a Social Security Number.
- If a parent or caregiver is undocumented, they will need an ITIN number to file taxes and claim the benefit on behalf of their child(ren).
- **Claiming the CTC will not affect someone's immigration status.**
- If families are eligible for the CTC, they should claim it!



Income Eligibility for CTC

- **Families do not need earnings to get this credit.** For the first time, even families with no income can receive the full credit.
- **To receive the full credit,** families' income must be below:
 - \$75,000 for single filers
 - \$112,000 for people filing as head of household
 - \$150,000 for people who are married and filing jointly
- Families with incomes above these thresholds will receive a reduced amount until the CTC phases out completely above \$400,000 if married filing jointly \$200,000 for all other filing statuses.



Income Eligibility for EITC

- **Families need earnings to get this credit.**
- **To receive the credit**, families' income must be below:
 - No children: \$21,430 single workers, \$27,380 married workers [EITC up to \$1,502]
 - 1 child: \$42,158 single workers, \$48,108 married workers [EITC up to \$3,618]
 - 2 children: \$47,915 single workers, \$53,865 married workers [EITC up to \$5,980]
 - 3 or more children: \$51,464 single workers, \$57,414 married workers [EITC up to \$6,728]

How to Claim Your CTC/EITC





File Your Taxes!

File your taxes by April 18, even if you don't have income and don't normally file.

Free, IRS-certified tax help is available.

- **In Person:** VITA locations are staffed by IRS-certified volunteers who prepare basic income tax returns at no cost to those who qualify. Find a VITA site near you at https://www.getyourrefund.org/en/vita_providers or call 211
- **Virtual:** Visit [GetYourRefund.org](https://www.getyourrefund.org) to virtually connect with an IRS-certified volunteer.
- **DIY Online:** <https://www.getyourrefund.org/en/diy>
- If you're experiencing tax issues, find your [local Low Income Taxpayer Clinic](#) (LITC) for free legal help on tax issues with the IRS. You can also make an appointment with your [local Taxpayer Assistance Center](#).

Find an In-Person IRS-Certified Tax Preparer

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We found 38 results within 50 miles of 20015 (Washington, District of Columbia).

1. University of the District of Columbia VITA CLUB - HBCU

Within 5 miles

 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

2. CTA at Jubilee Jobs

Within 5 miles

 2712 Ontario Road NW
Washington, DC 20009

3. CTA at CentroNia

Within 5 miles

 1420 Columbia Rd NW
Washington, DC 20009

4. Catholic Charities VITA

Within 5 miles

 3600 John McCormack Road NE
Appointment Only
Washington, DC 20064

5. CTA at New Carrollton

Within 5 miles

 1012 14th St NW
Suite 425
Washington, DC 20005

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What to bring to a tax appointment?

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security Card, SSN verification letter, or ITIN for everyone on your tax return
- W-2 or 1099 forms
- Form 1095-A
- IRS Letter 6419, Advance Child Tax Credit Payments (if married filing jointly, you should have two letters)

What if I do not file by April 18?

- Families can continue to file their taxes to claim EITC/CTC, but some IRS-certified free tax preparation sites will not be available to help after April 18
- Families with the lowest incomes who only need to claim the CTC will have a new tool available to them starting in May: [GetCTC.org](https://www.getctc.org)

How do I decide how to file?

	GetYourRefund File for multiple years with an IRS-certified tax preparer. Choose GetYourRefund	DIY File Myself File quickly on your own for 2021. Choose File Myself	GetCTC Express File quickly on your own to collect your stimulus payments and Child Tax Credit. Coming May 2022 Sign up for Express
Income limit:	under \$66,000	under \$73,000	under \$12,550 <i>(under \$25,100 filing jointly)</i>
Filing years:	2021-2018	2021	2021
Length of time to file: <i>IRS payment processing times vary 3-6 weeks</i>	2-3 weeks	45 minutes	15 minutes
Required information			
Social Security Card or ITIN paperwork	Photo	ID numbers	ID numbers
Official tax documents <i>(w2s, 1099s, etc)</i>	☑	☑	
Credits and payments			
Child Tax Credit	☑	☑	☑
Stimulus Payments	☑	☑	☑
Earned Income Tax Credit	☑	☑	
Additional State Tax Credits	☑	☑	
Additional benefits			
Chat support	☑	☑ <i>available through GetYourRefund</i>	☑
ITIN application assistance	☑		
IRS-certified VITA tax team	☑		

Helpful Resources

- [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://www.childtaxcredit.gov): U.S. government website explaining CTC, EITC, and Child and Dependent Care Credit, and how to claim them.
- [Get It Back Campaign](#): EITC and CTC outreach resources and toolkits
- [ABC Coalition](#): Additional outreach materials
- [GetYourRefund](#): Navigator resources

CTC-Focused Outreach Flyers

- English: [Calling All Families: It's Never Been More Important to File Your Taxes](#)
- Spanish: [Llamado a Todas las Familias: ¡Jamás Ha Sido Más Importante Hacer Su Declaración de Renta!](#)

Q & A



Automatic Benefit for Children (ABC) Coalition

The mission of the [Automatic Benefit for Children \(ABC\) coalition](#) is to create a child allowance, or a guaranteed minimum income for children, that provides regular, meaningful assistance to families, promotes racial equity and justice, enjoys broad public support, and serves as a foundation for a more equitable and inclusive social support system.

The Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Children's Defense Fund co-chair the coalition.

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