

# It's Not Too Late to Claim Your Child Tax Credit

## Act Now to Start Receiving Monthly Payments

### What Is the Expanded Child Tax Credit?

To help people get through the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Rescue Plan massively expanded the Child Tax Credit (CTC). It will give most families \$3,000 to \$3,600 per child, even if the families have little or no income.

**Starting July 15, the IRS will pay monthly benefits to families with children of up to:**

- \$300 a month per child for children ages 0 to 5.
- \$250 a month per child for children ages 6 to 17.

Families will get the remaining credit they are owed when they file their 2021 taxes in Spring 2022.

The Child Tax Credit will not affect your Medicaid, SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF Cash Assistance, SSI or other public benefits.

### Is My Child Eligible?

**To be eligible, children must:**

- Have a Social Security Number.
- Live with you for at least half of the year.
- Be under age 18 as of December 31, 2021.

Children are eligible if they are your children, adopted children, stepchildren, half-siblings, foster children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or certain other relatives.

The adult filing taxes must have a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

**You do not need to have any earnings to get this credit.** Families will qualify for a full credit if their income is below \$75,000 for single filers, \$112,000 for people filing as head of household, or \$150,000 for people who are married and filing jointly.

### How Do I Get It?

If you filed taxes in the last two years OR used the Economic Impact Payment non-filer tool and reported all of your dependents, you should get your monthly payment automatically. If you did not, you will need to sign up.

**To sign up** use the CTC Non-Filer Sign Up Tool available here:

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>

Visit <http://www.childtaxcredit.gov> for more information.

