

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN? Use the Child Tax Credit [Non-Filer Sign-Up Tool](#) to get important cash and tax credits!



What's the Expanded Child Tax Credit?

To help families meet their children's basic needs, Congress expanded the Child Tax Credit (CTC) for 2021. Families will receive \$3,600 per child up to age 5 and \$3,000 per child 6 to 17, half of which is paid out in monthly checks. The IRS began sending out **monthly checks on July 15 and will go through December 2021.**

- You can get 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 balance 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.**
- **Monthly payments will be delivered via direct deposit to the bank account that the IRS has on file or sent to a family's mailing address via check on or around the 15th of every month through December 2021.**



Is My Child Eligible for the CTC?

- **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](#).
- **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?

Most children will **automatically** receive the CTC monthly payment because you or your family member filed their tax returns in 2019 or 2020 or used the non-filers portal last year to claim a stimulus check. **If you did this - you will not need to take any action to receive the CTC.**

If you haven't filed taxes recently, you will have to take some additional action to sign up.

■ **Use the CTC Non-Filer Sign-Up Tool ASAP!**

■ **Use the Tool NOW if:**

- You did not file taxes in 2019 or 2020 and don't plan to for this year.
- You did not claim the 3rd stimulus check.
- Your 2020 income is below \$12,400 (\$24,800 for a married couple or \$18,650 for head of household).

■ **What you need for the Tool:**

- Full name and date of birth
- Your Social Security Number (or tax identification number)
- Your children's Social Security Numbers
- A reliable mailing address
- An e-mail address
- Your bank account information (if you want to receive your payment by direct deposit)

***PLEASE NOTE:** The CTC Non-Filer Sign-Up Tool will determine your eligibility based on the information you provide.



Need Additional Information or Want to Sign Up? Go to:

- The White House's CTC Website: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/child-tax-credit/>
- The IRS' CTC Non-Filer Sign Up Tool: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>
- Children's Defense Fund website for more information: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/child-tax-credit-resources/>