

How to get money from the Child Tax Credit *now!*

You can get up to \$3,600 for every child 5 and under, plus up to \$3,000 for every child aged 6-17!

Can I get this money? You can get this money if:

Your child fits into all these categories:

1. They're your child, stepchild, foster child, grandchild, brother, sister, other close relative, or the child of any of these people.
2. They will be 17 or younger at the end of 2021.
3. They live with you more than half the time in 2021.
4. The child provides less than half of their own support.
5. They have a valid Social Security number.

If the child stays in more than one home and you have questions about the Child Tax Credit, click [here](#).

and

Your income is less than:

- \$75,000 (if you're single)
- \$112,500 (if you file as head of household)
- \$150,000 (married couples)

But even if you make more than these amounts, you can still get some money.

New for this year: You can get the Child Tax Credit even if you don't have any income!

You can also check if you are eligible or already enrolled by clicking [here](#).

When can I get this money?

- You can get up to half the money this year and the rest as a tax refund next year.
- That means this year, you'll get:
 - \$300 every month for each child 5 and under (for up to 6 months).
 - \$250 every month for each child aged 6-17 (for up to 6 months).
- And next year, you'll get a tax refund of up to:
 - \$1,800 for each child 5 and under.
 - \$1,500 for each child aged 6-17.

How can I get this money?

Most people who file taxes should get this money automatically. If you didn't file taxes for 2019 or 2020 (and didn't use the non-filer portal to get a stimulus payment):

- **Option 1:** File a 2020 tax return. ***It's not too late.***
- **Option 2:** Use the IRS Non-Filer Sign-up Tool at [this link](#), **but only if you:**
 - Didn't file a 2020 tax return or use the non-filer portal in 2020; **and**
 - Didn't have to file a 2020 tax return; **and**
 - Didn't have money withheld from your paycheck.

If you've done one of these things, you can check the status of your tax credit [here](#).

Should I wait?

- If you don't claim the Child Tax Credit now, you'll get all the money at once after filing your 2021 taxes. If you want all the money at once, tell the IRS you don't want advance payments [here](#).

Questions? Call Legal Aid at (202) 628-1161.