

# 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/>