

HOW DO I GET THE CHILD TAX CREDIT?

Do you and your children live in the US during most of 2021 and do your children have social security numbers?

No

You may not be eligible to receive the child tax credit.

Yes

Did you file taxes for 2020?

Yes

Did you have a child born in 2021?

No

Yes

If you have other eligible children, you will automatically receive payments starting on July 15th, 2021.

More information here: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>

Congrats! As soon as your baby has a social security number you can register to begin receiving monthly child tax credit payments.

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal>


No

If you didn't file taxes, you will need to let the IRS know about your eligible children via their sign up tool: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>

Frequently Asked Questions

If I sign up for the Child Tax Credit, will it affect my other government benefits (like SSI, SNAP, TANF, or WIC)?

No. Receiving Child Tax Credit payments is not considered income for any family. Therefore, it will not change the amount you receive in other Federal benefits. These Federal benefits include unemployment insurance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, SSDI, TANF, WIC, Section 8, or Public Housing.

 **General Assistance may be impacted!** If you are on General Assistance, you can opt-out of monthly payments for any reason. To opt-out of the monthly payments, or unenroll, you can go to the IRS Child Tax Credit Update Portal. If you do choose to not receive monthly payments, you'll get the full Child Tax Credit as a lump sum next year when you file your tax return: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal>

Where will the IRS send my money?

The IRS will send your payments by direct deposit to the bank account they have on file. If they don't have bank account information for you, a check will be mailed to you.

What if I don't have a Social Security Number but my child does?

If you do not have a Social Security Number, you may use an ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number). You can get an ITIN by filing a Form W-7 with the IRS. See <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/how-do-i-apply-for-an-itin>

How much will I receive in Child Tax Credit payments?

Most families will receive the full amount: \$3,600 for each child under age 6 and \$3,000 for each child ages 6 to 17. To get money to families sooner, the IRS will send families half of their 2021 Child Tax Credit as monthly payments of \$300 per child under age 6 and \$250 per child between the ages of 6 and 17.

This amount may vary by income. These people qualify for the full Child Tax Credit:

- Married couples with income under \$150,000
- Families with a single parent (also called Head of Household) with income under \$112,500
- Everyone else with income under \$75,000

These people will qualify for at least \$2,000 of Child Tax Credit, which comes out to \$166 per child each month:

- Married couples with income under \$400,000
- Families with a single parent (also called Head of Household) with income under \$200,000
- Everyone else with income under \$200,000

Families with even higher incomes may receive smaller amounts or no credit at all.

Learn more: www.whitehouse.gov/child-tax-credit/

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