

# The American Rescue Plan's

# Expanded Child Tax Credit

File Taxes to Get Monthly Cash Payments to Support Your Children—Even If You Don't Normally File!

## What's the Expanded Child Tax Credit?

The American Rescue Plan massively expanded the Child Tax Credit (CTC) to help families through this pandemic.

- This year, families can get:
  - \$3,600 (\$300 a month) per child for children ages 0 to 5.
  - \$3,000 (\$250 a month) per child for children ages 6 to 17.
- IRS should start paying these benefits monthly in July 2021.
- Most families will get \$250 to \$300 a month per child from July through December 2021. Families will get the remaining \$1,500 to \$1,800 per child when they file their 2021 taxes in Spring 2022.
- The Child Tax Credit will NOT affect 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.
- 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?

File your taxes! [The deadline is May 17, 2021.](#)

- File Now:
  - If you did not file taxes in 2019 or 2020.
  - Even if you do not usually file.
  - Even if you do not have earnings.
- File your taxes for free online at <https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/> or visit our website for Tax Resources at <https://fernandez.house.gov/services/resources>.

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