



# 2021 Child Tax Credit (CTC)

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Welcome

Child Tax Credit overview

The early successes of the CTC

Lowering the barrier for non-filers

## More money for working families: The American Rescue Plan increases and expands the CTC

- \$3,600 total for every child under 6 years old (up from \$2,000)
- \$3,000 total for every child 6–17 years old (up from \$2,000)
- Every family that makes under \$150,000/year for a couple or \$112,500 for a single family with children (or a Head of Household) gets the **full expanded credit**.

# First ever monthly payments – at the same time each month – for more than 61 million kids

- First ever major tax relief paid out monthly
- Payments are going out on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month
- **\$300 each month** for each child under 6
- **\$250 each month** for each child ages 6–17
- Payments going to families with more than 61 million kids
- Close to 9 in 10 families getting payment via direct deposit
- Those families can find the payment in their bank account with the description “CHILD CTC”

## Round one of child tax credit payments slashed hunger rates, U.S. data shows

The monthly payments of up to \$300 for each kid under five and up to \$250 for each kid under 18 are the result of one of the most sweeping provisions in the American Rescue Plan.



The most recent survey data shows that nearly half — 47 percent — of households reported spending their tax credit payment on food. | Michael Loccisano/Getty Images

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## Just one child tax credit payment reduced financial anxiety for 56% of families

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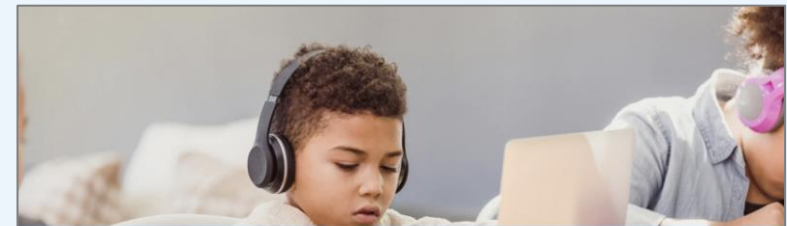


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Economic Hardship Declined in Households With Children as Child Tax Credit Payments Arrived

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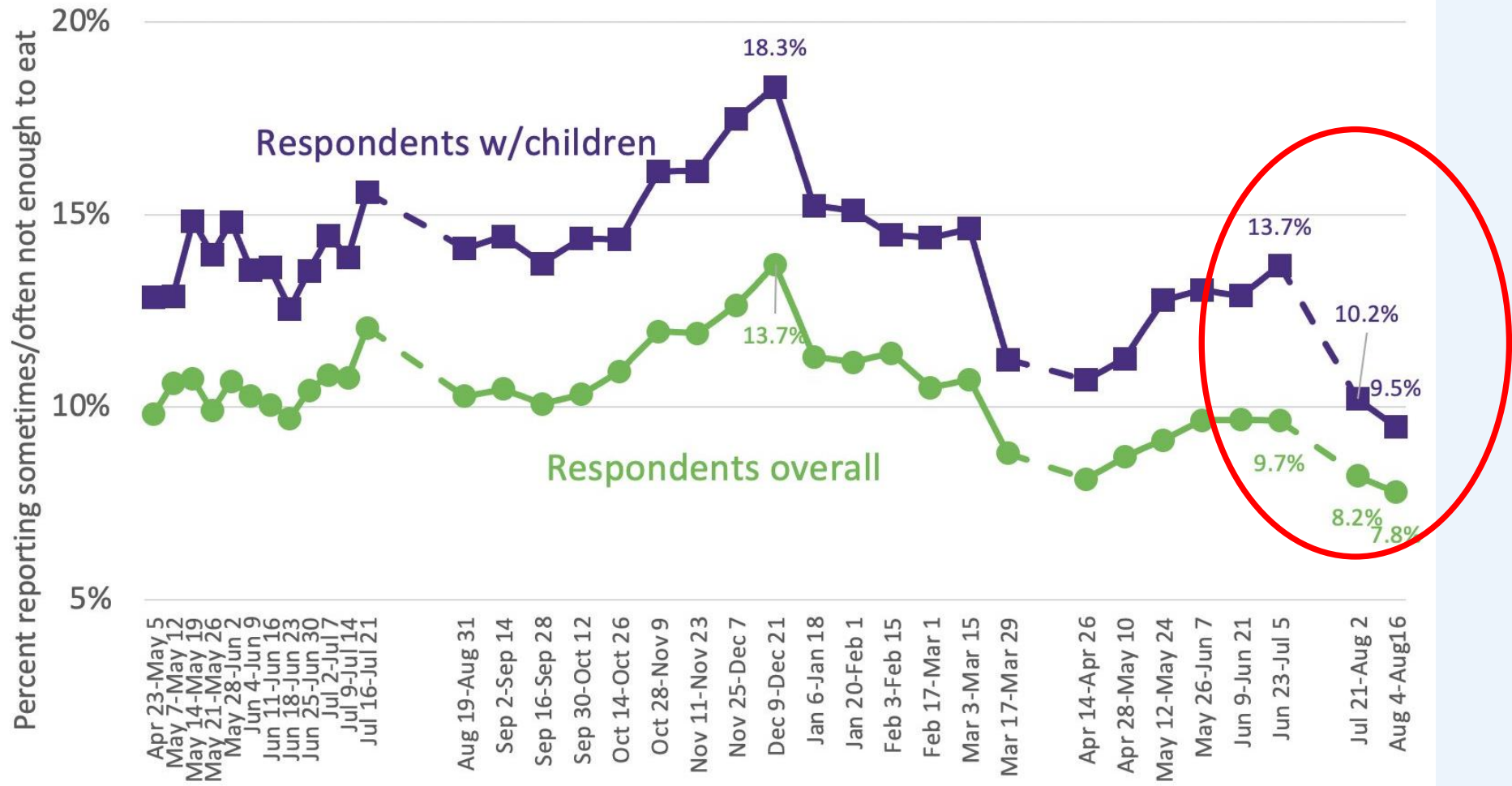
# The first monthly Child Tax Credit payment substantially reduced hardship for families

According to the Census Pulse survey, **Food instability among all families with children fell by 24%** immediately after the first payments went out.

A Columbia analysis found that low-income families with children who received the first monthly payment **experienced a 43% decline in food insufficiency.**

The Columbia analysis also found that the share of parents who missed **mortgage or rent payments**, and the share of parents who reported having **difficulty with expenses** fell with the delivery of the first payment.

## Sometimes/Often Not Enough to Eat, Last 7 Days



Source: Diane Schanzenbach, Northwestern University, calculations from Census Household Pulse Survey. @dwschanz

# Providing the Child Tax Credit in full to hard-pressed families

**26 million lower-income children get the full credit for the first time.** The Office of Tax Analysis at the Treasury Department estimates that over 26 million children who are in lower-income families will receive the full expanded Child Tax Credit. These are families who would have previously received less than the full credit because their families earned too little.

Before the American Rescue Plan, **half of Black and Latino children** lived in families that weren't eligible for the full Child Tax Credit because their incomes were too low.



# How do families get the money?

## Tax filers get it automatically

These groups will get CTC tax relief automatically:

- Taxpayers who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020
- Those who signed up to receive Economic Impact Payments (“stimulus checks”) from the Internal Revenue Service

## Non-filers can still sign up

Individuals and families who did not have to file taxes this year or last year, and did not register for Economic Impact Payments, can still sign up for CTC payments at [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov).

They will also get any Economic Impact Payments (“stimulus checks”) that they’re entitled to but may not have received yet.

# Our goal is to get help to families

## 1 **Help build awareness and understanding of CTC**

We want to ensure that tens of millions of families easily receive their Child Tax Credits and understand how it benefits them.

## 2 **Help engage families who are eligible but have not yet filed taxes**

We want to make sure they get their Child Tax Credit and Recovery Payments.

# Lowering the barrier for non-filers

- Before the first monthly payments, the Administration ensured that the families of **720,000 children** – who had recently signed up for stimulus checks – would automatically receive monthly CTC payments starting in July.
- On June 14, the Administration launched the **first ever non-filer portal** for the CTC in over 20 years of the credit's life and the White House launched **ChildTaxCredit.gov** – a one-stop-shop for information about the CTC and how to sign up.
- In August, Treasury and the White House announced their **commitment to create a permanent, fully resourced, multi-lingual, and mobile-friendly sign-up tool**, as part of the Biden Administration's efforts to extend the expanded CTC program.
- Today, the **White House, Treasury, and Code for America** are announcing the launch of a free simplified filing portal that is accessible on both a phone and a computer and in English and Spanish.

# How you can help!

## Help sign up non-filers

- ✓ **Host a sign up event** at community centers, houses of worship, and other places that families visit.
- ✓ **Train the people in your community who will reach non-filers** with community and faith leaders to tell them about the CTC and how they can ensure access for their communities.

## Raise public awareness

- ✓ You can **share flyers** in places like:
  - Schools, universities
  - Grocery stores, pharmacies
  - Barber shops, beauty salons
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics
  - Community health centers
  - Shelters
  - Community centers
- ✓ **Post on social media** like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- ✓ **Partner** with school districts, education leaders, and childcare centers to share information with parents.

# Materials to help spread the word

## Help is Here - CTC flyer

**Format:** PDF (Spanish and English)

**Audience:** General

### Description:

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- Community health centers
- Shelters, community centers

**Help is Here**  
Monthly payments for families with kids

Raising kids can be expensive, and the Child Tax Credit is here to help. President Biden's American Rescue Plan increased the amount of the 2021 Child Tax Credit to support families with children.

The full benefit of the Child Tax Credit is now \$300 per month per child under age 6 and \$250 for each child age 6 to 17.

**Did you file taxes in the last 2 years? Then you don't have to do anything to get the money you're already owed!**  
If you filed your 2020 taxes this year or filed your 2019 taxes last year, or used the IRS "Non-Filer Portal" to get a stimulus check last year you don't need to do anything. The IRS will automatically send you a monthly payment by direct deposit or check beginning on July 15, 2021.

**The Child Tax Credit is \$3,000 to \$3,600 per child with advanced monthly payments.**  
In order to get money to families quickly, the IRS will pay half of the credit as monthly payments now and the other half when you file your taxes next year. In total, you'll receive a total of \$3,600 for each child under 6 and \$3,000 for each child between 6 and 17.

**Eligibility:** Most families, even those with little to no income, can receive the full amount. If you are a single parent making less than \$112,500 or a married couple making less than \$150,000—and have children under age 18 that will live with you for more than half of 2021—you are likely eligible for the full benefit. These payments do not affect your eligibility for other federal benefits like SNAP.

**All you'll need to apply are:**

- A reliable mailing address
- E-mail address
- Your children's Social Security Numbers
- Your Social Security Number (or ITIN)
- Your bank account information (if you want to receive your payment by direct deposit)

Just fill out a simple form to begin receiving your monthly Child Tax Credit payments. You can access it by going to [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov)

Learn more and check out resources to help you fill out your form at [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov)

**Ha llegado la ayuda:**  
Pagos mensuales a familias con hijos

Criar a sus hijos puede ser costoso, y el crédito tributario por hijo brinda ayuda. El plan de rescate estadounidense del presidente Biden aumentó la suma del crédito tributario por hijo en el 2021 para respaldar a las familias con hijos.

El beneficio completo del crédito tributario por hijo es ahora de US \$300 por mes por hijo menor de 6 años y de US \$250 por cada hijo de 6 a 17 años.

**¿Presentó su declaración de impuestos en los últimos 2 años? Entonces ¡no necesita hacer nada para recibir el dinero!**  
No necesita hacer nada si presentó su declaración de impuestos de 2020 este año o presentó la de 2019 el año pasado, o utilizó el "Portal del IRS para no contribuyentes" ("Non-Filer Portal") a fin de recibir un cheque de estímulo el año pasado. El IRS le enviará de forma automática un pago mensual por medio de depósito directo o cheque, a partir del 15 de julio de 2021.

**El crédito tributario por hijo es de US \$3,000 a US \$3,600 por hijo en pagos mensuales anticipados.**  
A fin de hacer llegar el dinero a las familias rápidamente, el IRS entregará la mitad del crédito en forma de pagos mensuales ahora y la otra mitad en el momento que usted presente su declaración de impuestos el año entrante. En total, recibirá US \$3,600 por cada hijo menor de 6 años y US \$3,000 por cada hijo de entre 6 y 17 años.

**¿No presentó su declaración de impuestos en los últimos 2 años? Hay un paso fácil para comenzar a recibir los pagos del crédito tributario por hijo.**  
Solo tiene que completar un formulario simple para comenzar a recibir sus pagos mensuales del crédito tributario por hijo. Puede accederlo en [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov).

**Todo lo que necesita para presentar una solicitud es:**

- Una dirección postal fiable
- Una dirección de correo electrónico
- La información de su cuenta bancaria (si desea recibir sus pagos por depósito directo)
- Los números de seguro social de sus hijos
- Su número de seguro social (o ITIN)

**Elegibilidad:** La mayoría de las familias, incluso las que reciben ingresos bajos o no tienen ingresos, pueden recibir la suma completa. Si usted es un padre o madre sin pareja que gana menos de US \$112,500 o forma parte de una pareja casada que gana menos de US \$150,000, y tiene hijos menores de 18 años que residirán en el hogar durante más de la mitad de 2021, seguramente cumple las condiciones para recibir el beneficio completo. Estos beneficios no afectan su aptitud para recibir otros beneficios federales como SNAP.

Infórmese más y consulte los recursos que lo ayudarán a completar el formulario en [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov)

**Thank you!**