2021 Child Tax Credit (CTC)
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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 15th 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

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

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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

Respondents w/children

Respondents overall

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.

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:
This can be shared or posted in:
• Schools, universities
• Grocery stores, pharmacies
• Barber shops, beauty salons
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics
• Community health centers
• Shelters, community centers

Help is Here
Monthly payments for families with kids

Hating 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 new $3,600 per month per child under age 6 and $5,000 for each child age 6-17.

The easiest way to receive your Child Tax Credit payments is to add your account information to FIS. This tells us how to get you your payments.

All you need to apply are:
• A Social Security Number
• Your bank account information

FIS will send you a check each month, and then either a direct deposit or an E-FTO (Electronic Funds Transfer) to your bank account.

FIS will automatically send you payments even if you don’t wish to receive them. You can opt out of receiving payments by calling 1-888-234-5678.

Learn more and check out resources to help you fill out your form at ChildTaxCredit.gov

Ha llegado la ayuda: Pagos mensuales a familias con hijos

Cree a sus hijos paso a paso, y el crédito tributario por hijo trae ayuda. El plan de rescate estadounidense del presidente Biden aumentó la suma del crédito tributario por hijo en el año pasado para respaldar a las familias con hijos.

El beneficio completo del crédito tributario por hijo es ahora de 15,360 por mes para hijos menores de 6 años y de 13,680 por cada hijo de 6 a 17 años.

¿Pensionó su declaración de impuestos en los últimos 2 años? Entonces no necesita hacer nada para recibir el beneficio.

Si es nuevo, debe enviar su declaración de impuestos de 2021 a FIS para que le pague el beneficio. FIS usará su información fiscal para calcular el beneficio.

El crédito tributario por hijo es de US $3,600 a US $5,000 por hijo en pagos mensuales anticipados. El beneficio puede variar dependiendo de su situación fiscal.

Informe más y consulte los recursos que lo ayudan a completar el formulario en ChildTaxCredit.gov.
Thank you!