

File a Tax Return to Get Money Back

You could be eligible for thousands of dollars in your tax refund when you claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, or Child and Dependent Care Credit. If you are newly eligible for one or more tax credits this year, you could get more money than ever before.

How to Get Your Tax Credits:

- 1 See if you qualify**
Find out how much you may receive at TaxOutreach.org/TaxCredits.
- 2 Find FREE tax help**
Go to GetYourRefund.org or call 800-906-9887, even if you don't normally file taxes.
- 3 File your taxes**
Get free help filing your tax return by April 18.

What to bring to a tax appointment:

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security card, Social Security number verification letter, or ITIN for everyone on your tax return
- W-2 or 1099 forms
- Form 1095-A
- Records of child care payments (if claiming the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit)
- Any IRS notices including IRS Letter 6419, Advance Child Tax Credit Payments



For more information, go to TaxOutreach.org/TaxCredits or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.



Do I Qualify?

For the first time, more people than ever before will qualify for federal tax credits and could get money back at tax time.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): If you worked in 2021, you may qualify for the EITC even if you didn't in the past.

Child Tax Credit (CTC): Almost every family with kids at home qualifies for the CTC in 2021. You can get this credit even if you are retired, on disability, or were not eligible in the past. File a tax return to get the full credit even if you got advance CTC payments in 2021.

Child & Dependent Care Credit (CDCTC): Millions of families paying for child and adult care qualify for the CDCTC.

Public Benefits: Claiming these tax credits will not change your eligibility for federal benefits like SNAP (food stamps), SSI, Medicaid, cash assistance, or public housing. If you save your tax refund, it will not count against federally-funded benefit program resource/asset limits for 12 months after the refund is received.

Eligibility breakdown for the EITC, CTC, and CDCTC:

If you don't have children you could qualify for the EITC if:

Age:

You are 19 years old and up. You cannot claim the credit if you were a student for more than 5 months in 2021 and are 19-23.

2021 Income:

You earned less than \$21,430 (\$27,380 if married), you could receive an EITC up to \$1,502.

If you are not a U.S. citizen you could qualify for any of the three tax credits if:

- ▶ **EITC:** You, your spouse, and any child you claim have a valid Social Security number (SSN).
- ▶ **CTC:** Any child you claim has an SSN, even if you do not have an SSN yourself.
- ▶ **CDCTC:** Any child you claim has an SSN, even if you do not have an SSN yourself.

If you have children you could qualify for any of the three tax credits if:

Residency:

Your children lived with you for more than half of 2021.

Age – children must be:

- ▶ **EITC:** 18 or under on December 31, 2021 (*full-time students can be under 24 and children who are permanently and totally disabled can be any age*).
- ▶ **CTC:** 17 or under on December 31, 2021.
- ▶ **CDCTC:** 13 or under on December 31, 2021, or a dependent who is unable to care for themselves.

Income for 2021:

- ▶ **For the federal CTC,** there is no minimum income requirement to get this credit. It is worth up to \$3,600 for children 5 and younger, and up to \$3,000 for children ages 6-17.
- ▶ **For the federal EITC,** your earnings must be lower than the following limits:

Number of Children	Single workers with income less than:	Married workers with income less than:	EITC up to:
1 child	\$42,158	\$48,108	\$3,618
2 children	\$47,915	\$53,865	\$5,980
3 or more children	\$51,464	\$57,414	\$6,728

- ▶ **For the federal CDCTC,** the amount of money you can get back depends on the number of children in care, your family's income, and the amount spent on care.

Number of Children	Amount of care expenses in 2021	Income	Maximum credit
1 child	Up to \$8,000	\$0-\$125,000	\$4,000
		\$125,000-\$183,000	Varies
		\$183,000-\$400,000	\$1,600
2 children	Up to \$16,000	\$0-\$125,000	\$8,000
		\$125,000-\$183,000	Varies
		\$183,000-\$400,000	\$3,200