

About the 2021 Refundable Child Tax Credit

President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan on March 12, 2021. It includes a one-year refundable Child Tax Credit:

- Makes the child tax credit “refundable” meaning families can receive it even if they earn no income or very little. The credit starts to be reduced when family income is above \$75,000 (single parent), \$150,000 (joint filers).
- Establishes the value of this one-year credit of \$3600 per child under age 6 (\$300/month); \$3000 per child ages 6-17 (\$250/month).
- Monthly payments are to start in July 2021. To receive benefits, families who have not paid taxes in previous years are required to do one of two things:
 - A) file a tax return – which may give access to other benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit or pandemic relief benefits; or
 - B) use the [IRS Non-Filer Sign-Up Tool](https://www.irs.gov/). See <https://www.irs.gov/>
- By December, families should receive half the value of the child tax credit. To receive the rest, they must file a 2021 tax return after January 1, 2022.
- The IRS has a partnership with software companies that make tax filing programs – these guide you through the process of doing your tax return. [IRS Free File](#) is for those whose Adjusted Gross Income is less than \$72,000.

Free tax filing assistance is available through [VITA \(Volunteer Tax Assistance\) programs](#) throughout the country. For people who make less than \$57,000/year, those with disabilities, those with limited English-speaking – VITA offers free assistance. See [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov/) for info and a directory of local VITA programs.

For more information in English or Spanish: <https://www.getctc.org>

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El Plan de Rescate Estadounidense, firmado como ley por el presidente Biden el 11 de marzo de 2021, aumenta el Crédito Tributario por Hijos (CTC en inglés) que le podría proporcionar hasta \$300 al mes por cada hijo menor de seis años y hasta \$250 por hijo con edades entre 6 y 17 años.

Puede recibir pagos a partir de julio a diciembre de 2021. Tendrá que declarar impuestos en el 2022 para recibir el pago restante.

For info in more languages: [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov/) - Advance Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021

The information on this flyer is not tax advice. It is offered by **Family and Home Network**, a national nonprofit organization. We advocate for a permanent child tax credit or child benefit, and for it to be payable to the child’s mother or other primary caregiver.

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