

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE **CHILD TAX CREDIT**

**Nearly all families are eligible for the expanded Child Tax Credit**

**\$3,600 per child  
for kids ages 0 to 5**

**\$3,000 per child  
for kids ages 6 to 17**

The American Rescue Plan increased the maximum credit amount and made the Child Tax Credit fully refundable for 2021. Even if you had \$0 in income last year, you can claim the Child Tax Credit if you have qualifying children.

**File your taxes to get your Child Tax Credit — now through April 18, 2022**

All eligible families can receive the full credit if they made up to \$150,000 for a married couple or \$112,500 for a family with a single parent in 2021. Above these income thresholds, the amount of the credit is gradually reduced.

**Visit [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov) for More Info**

- **Non-taxable:** The Child Tax Credit, including monthly payments in 2021, is not taxable.
- **Does not affect other benefits:** Receiving the Child Tax Credit does not impact eligibility for or lower the amount of other federal benefits.
- **For parents and legal guardians:** Anyone, including grandparents, who are legal guardians may be eligible for the Child Tax Credit.

## Don't leave money on the table!

If you received advance monthly payments of the Child Tax Credit between July and December 2021, you can get the rest of your credit by filing a tax return this year.

If you are eligible for the Child Tax Credit but did not receive advance payments, you can claim the full credit amount when you file your 2021 tax return.

- The 2022 tax filing season is now open and closes on April 18.
- The IRS is encouraging people to file electronically and as early as possible.
- Opting for direct deposit will help you get any refunds faster.
- The IRS Free File Program is available to tax filers who earned \$73,000 or less in 2021.
- Visit the IRS website ([irs.gov](https://irs.gov)) for free services, helpful checklists, and FAQs.

### FREE Tax Help

The IRS runs two programs that offer FREE tax help for taxpayers who qualify: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). Find a provider near you at [irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep](https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep).

The local organizations listed below provide FREE tax assistance to eligible residents. Contact them to see if you qualify and schedule an appointment.

#### **Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc.**

610-883-4443

[caadc.vita@gmail.com](mailto:caadc.vita@gmail.com)

[caadc.org](https://caadc.org)

*Serves Delaware County residents only*

#### **Campaign for Working Families**

215-454-6483

[contact@cwfp Philly.org](mailto:contact@cwfp Philly.org)

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