



# CHILD TAX CREDIT ADVANCE PAYMENTS

**Raising kids is expensive, and the Child Tax Credit is here to help!**

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) was increased this year and is now available in advance to help families make ends meet.

For 2021, the credit can be as high as \$3,600 per child ages 5 and under and \$3,000 for children ages 6 to 17.

Half of this credit is divided into monthly payments from the IRS between July 15 and December 15.

## Who needs to act?

**Did you claim a child on your 2019 or 2020 tax return or use the IRS online tool to get the 2020 stimulus payments?**

You should have automatically received your first CTC payment on July 15. You don't need to take any action unless you've had a change in family size or income.

**Didn't file taxes in 2019 or 2020 or claim your stimulus payments yet?**

You need to act now to get the CTC in advance.

**How do I claim the advance CTC if I haven't filed taxes recently?**

The easiest way to get your advance CTC is to file your 2020 tax return.

Get started at [getyourrefund.org](https://getyourrefund.org).

**If you don't want to file a tax return and your income is below \$12,400 (single) or \$24,800 (married), there are two other ways to get your advance CTC:**

File a simplified return at [getCTC.org](https://getCTC.org) or use the IRS Non-filer Tool at [irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021).

***Bonus! If you haven't gotten your stimulus payments, this lets you claim those payments too!***

**The CTC payments do not affect your eligibility for other federal benefits like SNAP**

## Need help?

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

For assistance, please contact the Cleveland Chesed Center:

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