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## IRS: Child Tax Credits

The **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** helps families with qualifying children get a tax break. You may be able to claim the credit even if you don't normally file a tax return.

- The Child Tax Credit (CTC) is a non-refundable credit that allows people with a qualifying child to reduce their tax liability.
- The Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) is a refundable part of the CTC. ACTC allows certain taxpayers who are eligible for the CTC to receive a refund if the CTC is more than their tax liability.
- Credit for Other Dependents (ODC) is a non-refundable credit for taxpayers with dependents who are not eligible for the CTC/ACTC.

### Who qualifies for the Child Tax Credit/Additional Child Tax Credit

To qualify for the Child Tax Credit, you (or your spouse, if married filing jointly,) and each qualifying child must have a Social Security number that is valid for employment in the United States and issued before the due date of the tax return (including extensions).

Additionally, to be a qualifying child for the 2025 tax year, your child generally must:

- Be under 17 at the end of the tax year.
- Be your son, daughter, stepchild, eligible foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, or a descendant of one of these (for example, a grandchild, niece or nephew).
- Not provide more than half of his or her own support for the tax year.
- Have lived with you for more than half the tax year.
- Be claimed as a dependent on your return.
- Not file a joint return for the year (or filed the joint return only to claim a refund of taxes withheld or estimated taxes).
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National or a U.S. resident alien.

The Child Tax Credit is worth up to \$2,200 per qualifying child. If you have little or no federal income tax liability, you may qualify for the Additional Child Tax Credit, up to \$1,700 per qualifying child depending on your income. You must have earned income of at least \$2,500 to be eligible for the ACTC.



You qualify for the full amount of the Child Tax Credit for each qualifying child if you meet all eligibility factors and your annual income is not more than \$200,000 (\$400,000 if filing a joint return). Parents and guardians with higher incomes may be eligible to claim a partial credit.

If you claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), the IRS cannot issue these refunds before mid-February. This applies to the entire refund, even the portion not associated with these credits. Check Where's My Refund in mid-to late February for your personalized refund date. Where's My Refund is updated once a day and remains the best way to check the status of your refund.

### **Who qualifies for the Credit for Other Dependents**

If you do not meet the criteria to claim the Child Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit, you may qualify for the Credit for Other Dependents (ODC) for your child or dependent. They must:

- Be claimed as a dependent on your tax return.
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. resident alien.
- Have a Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), or Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN).

The maximum credit amount is \$500 for each dependent and begins to decrease in value if your adjusted gross income exceeds \$200,000 (\$400,000 for married filing jointly).

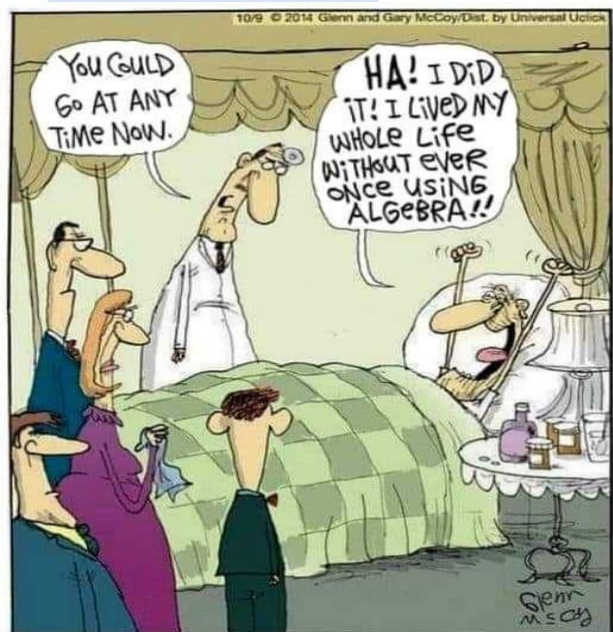
For assistance, ask your tax preparer or go to

<https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/does-my-childdependent-qualify-for-the-child-tax-credit-or-the-credit-for-other-dependents>

### **Social Security Administration**

SSA.org is the place to start to find out most information regarding eligibility, benefits, retirement income, Medicare and office locations. You can create an account online which requires a few steps with multiple documents close at hand.

To make an appointment at your local office, please call 1-800-772-1213. Always be sure to take multiple documents with you to verify who you are, i.e. passport, drivers license, birth certificate, ss card, pay stubs, etc.





## Oatmeal Shortbread

### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup quick oatmeal
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 cup icing sugar
- 3/4 cup butter, softened

### Directions

1. Combine flour, oats, corn starch and icing sugar in large bowl.
2. With large spoon, blend in butter.
3. Work with hands until soft, smooth dough forms.
4. Shape into a ball.
5. If necessary, refrigerate for 30 minutes or until easy to handle.
6. VARIATIONS for baking - Bake in 300° oven until edges are lightly browned.
  - Roll dough out to 1/4 inch thickness and use cookie cutters, bake for 15-20 minutes.
  - Or you can shape into 1" balls, flatten with fork dipped in sugar, put on ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes.
7. Cool completely on wire rack.
8. CRANBERRY WEDGES.
  - You can add 1/3 cup dried cranberries to dough, then roll or pat dough into two 5 1/2" rounds and bake on ungreased cookie sheet 30-40 minutes.
  - Or you can press into one 9" cake pan, mark into 8 wedges, prick with fork, and bake 40-45 minutes.
9. These freeze well.

<https://www.food.com/recipe/oatmeal-shortbread-282580>

## MARCH 2026

MAR 1

National Pig Day

MAR 3

Navy Reserve Birthday

MAR 5

Nat'l Potty Dance Day

MAR 10

National Skirt Day

MAR 11

Nat'l Oatmeal Nut Waffles Day

MAR 13

National KP Veteran's Day

MAR 16

National Panda Day



MAR 20

World Frog Day

MAR 26

National Spinach Day



MAR 28

Nat'l Black Forest Cake Day

MAR 31

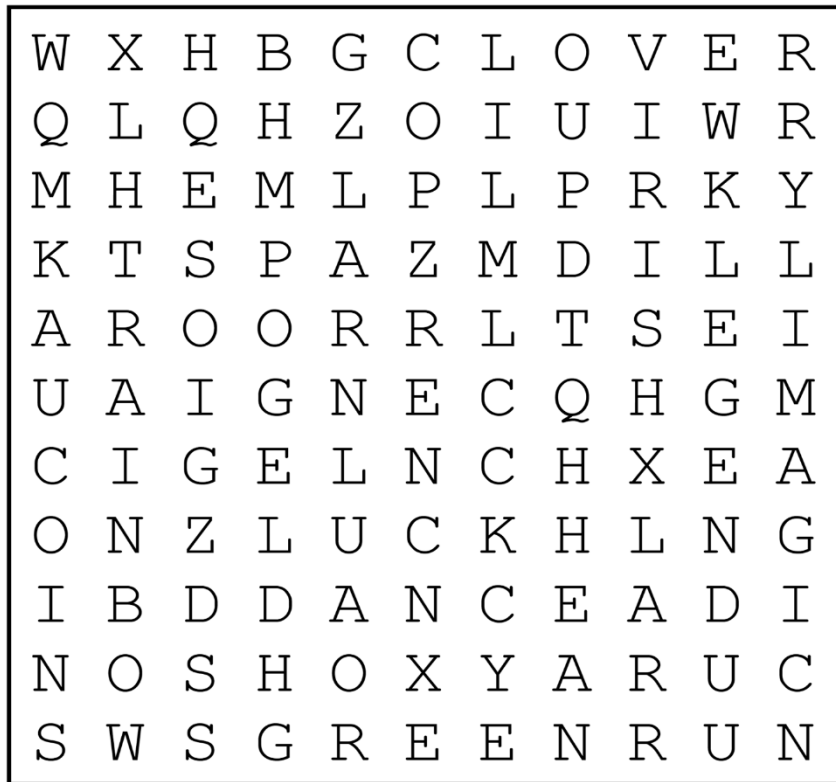
National Farm Workers Day

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# Saint Patrick's Day



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- COINS
- DANCE
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- LEGEND
- LEPRECHAUN
- LUCK
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- RAINBOW

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