



An Overview of the 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit

Filed already?

You don't need to take any action now if you've filed a 2020 tax return.

Haven't filed yet?

File your tax return as soon as possible. For people not required to file a tax return and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, quickly register using the IRS [Non-filer Sign-up Tool](#). You may qualify for the Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payments. This IRS tool is available through Oct. 15, 2021.

- Eligible families can receive advance payments of **up to \$300 per month** for each child ages 5 or under at the end of 2021 and **up to \$250 per month** for each child ages 6 through 17 at the end of 2021.
- Payments began July 15 and will be sent monthly through December 15 without any further action required.
- You can benefit from the credit even if you don't have earned income or don't owe any income taxes.
- The tax credit includes advance payments for 2021 only.

The American Rescue Plan Act Advance Child Tax Credit provisions include:

- The maximum Child Tax Credit increased to \$3,600 for children ages 5 or under at the end of 2021 and to \$3,000 per child for children ages 6 through 17 at the end of 2021.
- The credit includes children who are under age 18 at the end of 2021.
- Taxpayers may receive part of their credit in 2021 before filing their 2021 tax return.

Eligible taxpayers who don't want to receive advance payment of the 2021 Child Tax Credit can unenroll from receiving the payments using the [Child Tax Credit Update Portal](#).

[IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021)

