

# NEWS FROM SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER

## HOW YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM THE EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT AND THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT



Senator Chuck Schumer championed and passed a historic increase in the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit to benefit working families.

## EXPERTS PREDICT THE EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT WILL CUT CHILD POVERTY IN HALF!

### ***The Bottom line:***

This week, most families will start receiving \$300 each month for each child 0-6 years old & \$250 for each child 6-17 years old.

If you filed taxes in 2019 or 2020—you get it automatically. If you didn't file taxes—register here: [IRS Child Tax Credit Portal \(irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021\)](https://irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021)

### **Important information for Non-filers:**

Families who typically do not file income taxes with the IRS are still eligible for the expanded child tax credit. The IRS is offering a [non-filer sign up tool \(irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool\)](https://irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool) so that all families regardless of income can claim eligible benefits.

### **Families with mixed immigration status:**

Any child with a social security number (SSN) is eligible for child tax credit payments – even if their parent(s) do not have a social security number.

## WHAT IS THE EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT AND EITC?

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) have lifted more Americans out of poverty than any federal program outside of Social Security – and the *American Jobs Plan*, championed by Senator Schumer, greatly expanded these tax credits and made them more accessible to put money directly in the pockets of families and workers in New York and nationwide. Before the expanded Child Tax Credit, [around 27 million children](#) across the U.S. – including nearly half of all Black and Latino children – lived in households with incomes too low to receive the full CTC Value.

### **Will my immigration status affect my ability to receive the Child Tax Credit?**

**No**, receiving the CTC will not impact your immigration status. As long as your child as a Social Security Number (SSN) and you have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), you are eligible to receive this benefit on their behalf.

**UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER, both the earned income and child tax credits were significantly expanded for 2021 in the American Rescue Plan. Information below can help make sure you don't miss out on money you're entitled to:**

	<b>Child Tax Credit (CTC)</b>	<b>Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)</b>
What are the expanded credits?	Parents with kids are eligible for monthly payments from the federal government through the end of the year.	Working adults without children are now eligible for a tax credit at the end of the year.
Who is eligible?	Single parents with kids under 18 earning less than \$75,000/year; Heads of households with kids under 18 earning less than \$112,500; Married couple families with kids under 18 earning less than \$150,000/year	Working adults without children (19 and up) making less than \$15,900/year and couples without children earning less than \$21,900/year
How much can I receive?	Parents with children age 5 and under are eligible for \$3,600 annually (or \$300/month) per child; Families with children age 6-17 are eligible for \$3,000 annually (or \$250/month) per child	Up to \$1,500/year
When is it coming?	Monthly payments are available by mail or direct deposit starting on July 15th through December 2021	EITC payments are available annually at the end of the year when taxes are filed
How long will payments last?	Automatic monthly payments will last from July through December 2021, the remaining half of the credit can be claimed through filing your annual taxes in 2021.	The expanded EITC lasts for 2021.
Where can I go to check if I'm eligible?	<a href="https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-eligibility-assistant">IRS Child Tax Credit Portal (irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-eligibility-assistant)</a>	<a href="https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit-eitc">IRS Earned Income Tax Credit Portal (irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit-eitc)</a>

**Examples:**

A married couple earning \$75,000 per year where one spouse works as a carpenter and the other as a restaurant hostess with a 1 year-old daughter and 4 year-old son now receives \$7,200 for their children *an increase of \$3,200* from last year.

A single mother with a 7 year-old son who works part-time as a home care aide earning \$9,000 annually would get a CTC of \$3,000 for her child, a credit *increase of \$2,025* for her family.



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