



IRS Toolkit #2 for Partners: Advance Payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit

This toolkit has valuable information for IRS partners to share with people who:

- Don't know if they qualify for the Child Tax Credit
- Have qualifying children for the Child Tax Credit
- Don't normally file a tax return but qualify for the Child Tax Credit
- Have no permanent address, bank account or income
- Want to check if they're enrolled to receive advance payments
- Want to unenroll to stop getting advance payments
- Need to provide or update their bank account information for advance payments
- Want to check the status of their advance payments

It includes information on IRS tools related to the advance payments:

- The Advance Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant
- Non-Filer Sign-up Tool
- Child Tax Credit Update Portal

It also includes resources and materials, some in multiple languages, for IRS partners to share in their community or throughout their organization. These include:

- IRS.gov content
- QR codes for Child Tax Credit information
- Questions & Answers on advance payments of the Child Tax Credit
- User guide
- Ready-to-use articles
- Tax Tips
- Fact sheet
- E-posters
- IRS videos on YouTube
- Social media content

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Partners: Please share info about advance payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit

Dear partners,

The American Rescue Plan Act expanded the 2021 Child Tax Credit so that more people qualify, the credit is larger and fully refundable, and some people can get part of the credit in advance. This toolkit includes basic information and resources to help people learn about these payments and for IRS partners to help spread the word.

Here's how you can help:

- Remind people that **IRS.gov is the official resource** for the advance payments of the Child Tax Credit. The IRS has created a special Advance Child Tax Credit 2021 page at [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021), designed to provide the most up-to-date information about the credit and the advance payments. It's the only place to access the official CTC Eligibility Assistant, the Non-filer Sign-up tool and the Child Tax Credit Update Portal.
- **Share information and materials in this toolkit** with constituents, friends, family, community organizations and others through your social media accounts, website, newsletters, emails or other methods. The IRS urges government representatives and agencies, community groups, non-profits, associations, education groups and anyone else with connections to people with qualifying children to share this critical information about the Child Tax Credit.
- **Remind people who don't normally file a tax return that they may be eligible** for these payments. Tell them about the [Non-filer Sign-up Tool](#) on IRS.gov and encourage them to register. They may also qualify for Economic Impact Payments and the Recovery Rebate Credit – which can add up to thousands of dollars for a family. If you can help people use the tool, please see our user guide, Publication 5538 for step-by-step instructions. It's available at IRS.gov/CTCresources in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Korean](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Russian](#) and [Haitian Creole](#).
- **Share information about helpful Advance Child Tax Credit tools** and resources. There is more information on the tools later in this guide. To get the latest news:
 - Subscribe to the [Outreach Connection for Individuals](#) page to get announcements about these Child Tax Credit tools and materials relating to them. You'll get alerts when we post outreach materials, IRS Tax Tips, news releases and more.
 - Follow the IRS on its [social media platforms](#) – and please share our content from Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.
- **Warn people to watch for scams.** The IRS doesn't initiate contact with people by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. People should watch out for websites and social media attempts that request money or personal information and for schemes tied to Advance Child Tax Credit payments, Economic Impact Payments or other tax topics. [Report these scams](#) to the IRS.

Thank you for your help!





Advance Payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit

There have been important changes to the Child Tax Credit that will help many families receive advance payments July through December 2021.

What are Advance Child Tax Credit payments?

Advance Child Tax Credit payments are early payments from the IRS of 50 percent of the estimated amount of the Child Tax Credit that you may properly claim on your 2021 tax return during the 2022 tax filing season. These monthly payments will be made July through December 2021.

Who qualifies?

You qualify for advance Child Tax Credit payments if you have a [qualifying child](#).

Also, you — or your spouse, if married filing a joint return — must have your main home in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia for more than half the year.

You don't have to have income, a job or a permanent address to be eligible for advance payments of the Child Tax Credit.

Your main home can be any location where you regularly live. Your main home may be your house, apartment, mobile home, shelter, temporary lodging or other location and doesn't need to be the same physical location throughout the taxable year. If you're temporarily away from your main home because of illness, education, business, vacation or military service, you are generally treated as living in your main home.

Who is a qualifying child for purposes of the 2021 Child Tax Credit?

For tax year 2021, a qualifying child is an individual who does not turn 18 before January 1, 2022, and who satisfies the following conditions:

1. The individual is the taxpayer's son, daughter, stepchild, eligible foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister or a descendant of any of them (for example, a grandchild, niece or nephew).
2. The individual does not provide more than one-half of his or her own support during 2021.
3. The individual lives with the taxpayer for more than one-half of tax year 2021.
4. The individual is properly claimed as the taxpayer's dependent.
5. The individual does not file a joint return with the individual's spouse for tax year 2021 or files it only to claim a refund of withheld income tax or estimated tax paid.
6. The individual was a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or U.S. resident alien.

More details on eligibility are available in the 2021 Child Tax Credit and Advance Child Tax Credit Payments [Frequently Asked Questions](#), [Topic B](#): Eligibility for Advance Child Tax Credit Payments and the 2021 Child Tax Credit.



How are payments calculated?

Advance payments will be calculated and paid automatically based on an estimate of the amount of the Child Tax Credit that a person will claim on their 2021 tax return during the 2022 tax filing season.

We estimate your 2021 Child Tax Credit based on information on your processed 2020 tax return. If we haven't processed your 2020 tax return when we determine your advance Child Tax Credit payment amount, we'll use information shown on your 2019 tax return or information you entered into the Non-Filer tool on IRS.gov in 2020. Once we process your 2020 return, we'll recalculate your advance Child Tax Credit payments and adjust any remaining monthly payments.

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

For tax year 2021, qualifying families claiming the Child Tax Credit will receive:

- Up to \$3,000 per qualifying child between the ages of 6 and 17 at the end of 2021
- Up to \$3,600 per qualifying child under age 6 at the end of 2021

The total of the advance payments will be up to 50 percent of the Child Tax Credit.

This means that eligible families can receive advance payments of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 per month for each child age 6 and above.

The **maximum credit** is available to taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income of:

- \$75,000 or less for single filers and married persons filing separate returns,
- \$112,500 or less for heads of household, and
- \$150,000 or less for married couples filing a joint return and qualifying widows and widowers.

Above these income amounts, the Child Tax Credit phases out in two different steps based on modified adjusted gross income (AGI) in 2021. For more details on payment calculations and phaseouts, see the [2021 Child Tax Credit and Advance Child Tax Credit Payments FAQs](#):

- [Topic C: Calculation of the 2021 Child Tax Credit](#)
- [Topic D: Calculation of Advance Child Tax Credit Payments](#)

When will payments be received?

Advance payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit will be made monthly from July to December to eligible taxpayers who have a main home in the United States for more than half the year.

Payments will be issued on July 15, August 13, September 15, October 15, November 15 and December 15.



Is action needed?

Eligible taxpayers don't need to take any action now other than to file their 2020 tax return if they haven't done so.

The IRS urges people with children to file their 2020 tax returns as soon as possible to make sure they're eligible for the appropriate amount of the CTC as well as any other tax credits they're eligible for, including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Filing electronically with direct deposit also can speed refunds and future advance CTC payments.

People who normally don't file a tax return can register for advance payments using the IRS's Non-Filer Sign-Up Tool. Learn more below under *Special Circumstances*.

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

In the coming months, taxpayers will also have the opportunity to update information about changes in their income, filing status or the number of qualifying children. Continue to check irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021.

Special circumstances

Some individuals may not normally file, may not have a permanent address or a bank account and may need assistance claiming their Advance Child Tax Credit payments, Economic Impact Payment or other tax benefits.

Don't normally file a tax return

People who didn't file a tax return for 2019 or 2020 and who didn't use the IRS Non-filers tool last year to register for Economic Impact Payments should use the [Child Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up tool](#) to register for monthly Advance Child Tax Credit payments.

The tool enables them to provide required information about themselves, their qualifying children age 17 and under, their other dependents, and their direct deposit bank information so the IRS can quickly and easily deposit the payments directly into their checking or savings account. [Publication 5538](#), A Step-by-Step Guide to Using the Non-filer Sign-up Tool for Child Tax Credit & Economic Impact Payments, is available at [IRS.gov/CTCresources](https://irs.gov/CTCresources). The guide is also available in [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#) (simplified), [Korean](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Haitian Creole](#) and [Russian](#).

No permanent address

People can get advance payments of the Child Tax Credit, Economic Impact Payments or other credits even if they don't have a permanent address. For example, someone experiencing homelessness may list the address of a friend, relative or trusted service provider, such as a shelter, drop-in day center or transitional housing program, on the return filed with the IRS. If someone is unable to choose direct deposit, a check for the tax refund and a check or debit card for the third EIP can be mailed to this address.



No bank account for direct deposit

The fastest way to get your tax refund, Economic Impact Payments or advance payments of the Child Tax Credit is to have it [direct deposited](#) – contactless and free – into your bank account, prepaid debit card or mobile app. You'll need to provide the routing and account numbers no matter which option you choose.

Many financial institutions will help a person open a low-cost or no-cost bank account. Individuals who open accounts will then have an account and routing number to claim a direct deposit of their tax refund, their Economic Impact Payment and the advance payments of the Child Tax Credit. People who normally file a tax return can use the [Child Tax Credit Update Portal](#) to add their new bank account information.

However, if you didn't file a tax return for 2019 or 2020 and didn't use the IRS Non-filers tool last year to register for Economic Impact Payments, you should use the [Child Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up tool](#) to register for monthly Advance Child Tax Credit payments and provide your bank account information for direct deposit.

Here are some resources for opening a bank account:

- Visit the [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \(FDIC\) website](#) for details, in both English and Spanish, on opening an account online. Among other things, people can also use the FDIC's [BankFind](#) tool to locate a nearby FDIC-insured bank.
- [BankOn](#), [American Bankers Association](#), [Independent Community Bankers of America](#), and the [National Credit Union Administration](#) have all compiled lists of banks and credit unions that can open an account online. For veterans, see the [Veterans Benefits Banking Program](#) for access to financial services at participating banks.

About IRS Advance Child Tax Credit tools and online resources

The Internal Revenue Service has some online tools designed to help families manage and monitor the advance monthly payments of Child Tax Credits under the American Rescue Plan.

A special Advance Child Tax Credit 2021 page at [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021) provides the most up-to-date information about the credit and the advance payments, including links to the tools.

Families can use the chart below to help them determine which tools they may need to use. See our [Resources and Guidance](#) page for user guides.

Partner materials about these tools are in the next section of this toolkit. Please share information about these tools.



If you need to	Then use this tool
Check your eligibility for the Child Tax Credit	The Eligibility Assistant helps you determine if you might be eligible for advance payments of the Child Tax Credit. Available in English and Spanish.
Register for advance payments of the Child Tax Credit if you don't normally have to file	The Non-filer Sign-up Tool helps people who normally don't have to file a tax return complete a simplified return to get advance Child Tax Credit payments, the Recovery Rebate Credit and Economic Impact Payments.
Verify your identity before using the Child Tax Credit Update Portal	Go to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal and click "Manage Advance Payments." If you are a new user, you must create an ID.me account at the IRS and verify your identity. If you have an existing account with the IRS, use your Secure Access username and password and enter the security code as part of the multi-factor authentication (MFA) process. If you have an existing account with ID.me from a state government or federal agency, you may use your email and password and complete MFA. ID.me is a trusted third party.
Unenroll from advance payments of the child tax credit	You can use the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to unenroll from automatic payments if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• prefer to claim the full credit when filing your 2021 tax return, or• you know you're not eligible because your situation changed for 2021.
Manage bank account information	The IRS will issue payments to the bank account you included on your 2020 or 2019 tax return or to an account known to the federal government, such as an account where you receive Social Security, veterans or railroad retirement benefits. Those who are not enrolled for direct deposit will receive a mailed check. Use the Child Tax Credit Update Portal if you need to update your bank account information or add a bank account.
View your payment history	After payments are issued, the Child Tax Credit Update Portal tool will show your payment dates and amounts.
Update your mailing address	Starting in late August, you can use the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to update your address. (Timing subject to change.)
Report updates that could affect your payment amounts	Starting in early fall, you can use the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to report updates that affect your payment amounts such as changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• number of qualifying children• marital status• income• custody agreement If your situation has changed in 2021, updating this information will help you get the most accurate amount of advance payments.



Materials to Share: Advance Payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit

IRS.gov resources

- The Advance Child Tax Credit in 2021 page is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese-Simplified](#), [Chinese-Traditional](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Vietnamese](#) and [Haitian Creole](#).

Easy ways to help people reach this page:

- Share the simple URL: irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021
- Share this QR code by copying and pasting it into your emails, newsletters or on your website:

English:



Spanish:



- Questions & Answers on the Advance Child Tax Credit available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#) and [Vietnamese](#).
- User guide: Publication 5538, A Step-by-Step Guide to Using the Non-filer Sign-up Tool for Child Tax Credit & Economic Impact Payments [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese Simplified](#) | [Korean](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Haitian Creole](#)

Ready-to-use articles

Copy these short articles from IRS.gov and paste in your emails, websites, newsletters, etc.

- Important Child Tax Credit Update Portal reminder for married couples [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- New IRS tool can help you figure out if your family qualifies for advance child tax credit payments [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- IRS Update Portal helps you manage your family's Child Tax Credit payments [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Here's what you can do in the IRS Child Tax Credit Portal [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- How the expanded 2021 child tax credit can help your family [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- If you don't have to file taxes, you may need to register for monthly advance Child Tax Credit Payments [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



IRS Tax Tips

Copy these Tax Tips from IRS.gov and paste in emails, websites, newsletters, etc.

- COVID Tax Tip 2021-105, Multilingual resources help families see if they qualify for advance Child Tax Credit payments [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- COVID Tax Tip 2021-101: The Child Tax Credit Update Portal allows families to update direct deposit information or unenroll [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- COVID Tax Tip 2021-100, IRS online tool helps families determine if they qualify for the Child Tax Credit [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- COVID Tax Tip 2021-92, People who don't have to file taxes may need to register for monthly advance child tax credit payments [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- COVID Tax Tip 2021-90, Reviewing eligibility for credits and deductions is an important part of year-round tax planning [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- COVID Tax Tip 2021-79, Looking ahead: How the American Rescue Plan affects 2021 taxes, part 2 [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese \(traditional\)](#) | [Korean](#) | [Russian](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Haitian Creole](#)

Fact Sheet

- FS-2021-10, July 2021, Child Tax Credit: Most eligible families will automatically receive monthly payments. For everyone else, here are three steps to get help [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

E-posters

We've provided mini copies of the English versions as a preview. You can access e-posters in other languages using the links below its title. We also created some content in 11" x 17" inch size for printing and display purposes; these posters are noted below.

Use the e-posters as:

- fliers to distribute or post in your office or community
- social media content
- email or newsletter content
- web content

To save these PDFs to your computer, click on the link for the e-poster and then:

- Click "OK" to open the file.
- Click on "File," then "Save as" and select where you would like to save the PDF.
- If you'd like to use a different file name, type your chosen file name in the box.
- Click "Save."
- Once you have saved the image, you can print it or use it in your own materials, website or social media platforms



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.

■ Eligible families can receive advance payments of **up to \$300 per month** for each child under age 6 and **up to \$250 per month** for each child age 6 and above.

■ Payments begin 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 under the age of 6 and to \$3,000 per child for children between ages 6 and 17.

■ The credit includes children who turn age 17 in 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 will have the opportunity to unenroll from receiving the payments.

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Publication 5534 (8-2021) Catalog Number 39425P Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov

- **Publication 5534**, 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

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- **Publication 5534-C**, 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

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2021 Advance Child Tax Credit
Payments start July 15, 2021

- Eligible families can receive advance payments of **up to \$300 per month** for each child under age 6 and **up to \$250 per month** for each child age 6 and above.
- Payments begin 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 credit includes children who turn age 17 in 2021.
- The tax credit is expanded to include advance payments for 2021 only.

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, visit the special IRS **Non-filer Sign-up Tool** for more details and quickly register. You may qualify for the Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payments.

Eligible taxpayers who don't want to receive advance payment of the 2021 Child Tax Credit will have the opportunity to unenroll from receiving the payments.

Publication 5534-A (8-2021) Catalog Number 38433P Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov

- **Publication 5534-A**, 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit Payments Start July 15

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2021 Advance Child Tax Credit
Payments start July 15, 2021

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Publication 5534-A (8-2021) Catalog Number 38433P Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov

- **Publication 5534-A-1**, 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

[English](#) / [Spanish](#)

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Advance Payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit
THE BASICS

WHAT?

For tax year 2021, families claiming the Child Tax Credit will receive:

- Up to \$3,000 per qualifying child between the ages of 6 and 17 at the end of 2021
- Up to \$3,600 per qualifying child under age 6 at the end of 2021

The total of the advance payments will be up to 50 percent of the Child Tax Credit.

WHO?

The maximum credit is available to taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income of:

- \$75,000 or less for single filers and married persons filing separate returns,
- \$112,500 or less for heads of household, and
- \$150,000 or less for married couples filing a joint return and qualifying widows and widowers.

Eligible taxpayers don't need to take any action now other than to file their 2020 tax return if they haven't done so. Taxpayers can benefit from the credit even if they don't have earned income or don't owe any income taxes.

WHEN?

Advance payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit will be made monthly from July 15 through December 15 to eligible taxpayers who have a main home in the United States for more than half the year.

HOW?


- Advance payments will be calculated and paid automatically.
- Eligible taxpayers who don't want to receive advance payment of the 2021 Child Tax Credit can unenroll from payments.
- Eligible taxpayers who don't normally file a tax return can register for the monthly advance payments using the **Non-filer Sign-up Tool**.

Visit [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021) for more information and to access the online tools.

Publication 5534-B (8-2021) Catalog Number 38828A. Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov

- **Publication 5534-B**, Advanced Payments of the 2021 Child Tax Credit - The Basics

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The 2021 Child Tax Credit: Three Steps to Getting Your Advance Payments

Most eligible families will automatically receive monthly payments.
For everyone else, here are three steps to getting your payments.

What should I do to get my advance payments?

If you haven't filed a tax return or registered with the IRS, now is the time to take action. If you're not sure you qualify, the IRS has a three-step process that can help. Each step has a free online tool available only on IRS.gov.

Step 1: See if you qualify using the Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant

Though this step is optional, it can be helpful if you are unsure whether you qualify for either the credit or the advance payments. By answering a series of questions on the **Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant** you can preliminarily find out whether you qualify for the credit and the payments. You may still be able to benefit from the credit even if you aren't working now or didn't work in 2020.

Step 2: Register with the IRS using the Non-filer Sign-up Tool or file a more complete 2020 tax return

If you qualify for the Child Tax Credit or the advance payments but are not required to file a federal tax return for 2020, then you can register using the **Non-filer Sign-up Tool**. The Tool will also allow you to request the 2020 Recovery Rebate Credit if you didn't get the full amount of your Economic Impact Payments. But you should consider filing a more complete tax return for 2020 if you're eligible for other tax benefits.


Step 3: Monitor payments and update your info using the Child Tax Credit Update Portal

After the IRS processes your tax return or after you register through the **Non-filer Sign-up Tool**, you can use the **Child Tax Credit Update Portal** to monitor or manage your monthly payments. Initially, you can use it to verify eligibility, check the status of your payments, or update your bank account information. You can also use it to opt out or unenroll from receiving monthly payments. Later this year, you will be able to use the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to update your account.

Payment Amounts & Dates

Eligible families will receive advance payments, either by direct deposit or check. Each payment will be up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 per month for each child ages 6 through 17.

The IRS will issue advance CTC payments: July 15, Aug. 13, Sept. 15, Oct. 15, Nov. 15 and Dec. 15.






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- **Publication 5534-D**, The 2021 Child Tax Credit: Three Steps to Getting Your Advance Payments

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Advance Payments of the Child Tax Credit



Which Online Tool Should I Use?

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Verify your identity before using the Child Tax Credit Update Portal	Go to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal and click "Manage Advance Payments." If you are a new user, you must create an ID.me account at the IRS and verify your identity. If you have an existing account with the IRS, use your Secure Access username and password and enter the security code as part of the multi-factor authentication (MFA) process. If you have an existing account with ID.me from a state government or federal agency, you may use your email and password and complete MFA. ID.me is a trusted third party.
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- **Publication 5534-E, Which Online Tool Should I Use?**

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Advance Child Tax Credit Payments for Americans Experiencing Homelessness

You don't need a permanent address to receive advance payments.

You qualify for advance Child Tax Credit payments if you have a **qualifying child**. Also, you — or your spouse, if married filing a joint return — must have your main home in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia for more than half the year.

Your main home can be any location where you regularly live.

For this credit, in addition to a house, apartment or mobile home, a qualifying home can also be a shelter, temporary lodging or other location and doesn't need to be the same physical location throughout the taxable year.

If you aren't sure you're eligible or need to submit information to the IRS, these online tools can help.

- Use the **Eligibility Assistant** to see if you're eligible for the payments.
- Use the **Non-filer Sign-up Tool** to submit basic information if you aren't required to file a tax return and haven't given the IRS your information previously.
- Use the **Child Tax Credit Update Portal** to check if you're enrolled for the advance payments. You may also use this tool to unenroll from advance payments and to provide or update your bank account information.

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IRS videos on YouTube

- Here's Who Will Get Advance Payments of the Child Tax Credit [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#)
- Don't Fall for Tax Scams About the Child Tax Credit [English](#)



Embedding - To embed these videos on a website or a blog:

- On a computer, go to the video in the language you want at the links above.
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- From the box that appears, copy the HTML code
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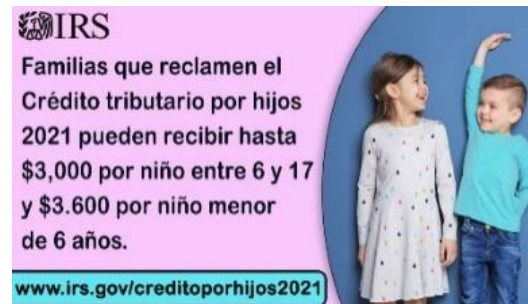
To copy an image from this toolkit to use on your own social media platforms:

- Right-click on the image.
- Choose "Save as Picture."
- Select where on your computer you would like to save the image.
- Type your chosen file name in the "File name" box.
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- Below the images, see related social media posts you can copy and use with the images.

You can also follow the IRS on its [social media platforms](#) and share content on your platforms directly from the IRS's accounts.

- Twitter: [@IRSNews](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Russian](#), [Korean](#), [Haitian Creole](#) & [Chinese](#)
- YouTube: [IRS Videos Multilingual](#) (mostly in Spanish), [IRS Videos](#) & [IRS Videos ASL](#)
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General Child Tax Credit information – images and posts in English and Spanish



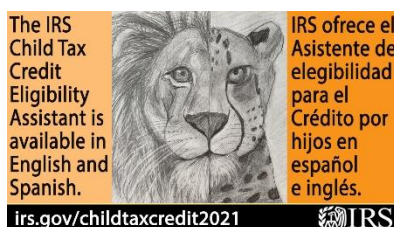
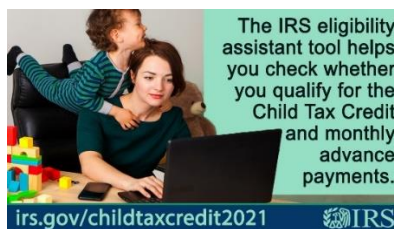


Have you heard that the Child Tax Credit has changed for 2021? It's true! Among other things the credit is now fully refundable, which means you may benefit from it even if you don't have earned income or don't owe any income taxes. Learn more from #IRS at www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

¿Sabe que el Crédito Tributario por Hijos ha cambiado para 2021? ¡Es cierto! Entre cambios, el crédito ahora es totalmente reembolsable, que significa que puede beneficiarse si no tiene ingresos o no debe impuestos. Obtenga más información del #IRS en www.irs.gov/creditoporhijos2021

Child Tax Credit tools on IRS.gov

Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant tool – images and posts – English and Spanish



Have you checked out the #IRS Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant? By answering a series of questions in English or in Spanish, a family can quickly determine whether they qualify for the #ChildTaxCredit. See <https://go.usa.gov/x6yjs>

#IRS offers the Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant in English and Spanish on IRS.gov. This interactive tool can help your family determine whether you qualify for the #ChildTaxCredit. Get started at <https://go.usa.gov/x6yjs>

#IRS has an easy to use tool available online in English and Spanish to help families determine whether they qualify for the #ChildTaxCredit and the special monthly advance payments of this credit. Check out the Eligibility Assistant at <https://go.usa.gov/x6yjs>

The #IRS #ChildTaxCredit Eligibility Assistant can help families who don't normally file decide whether they should register for monthly payments or file a regular tax return using #IRSFreeFile. Get started in English or Spanish at <https://go.usa.gov/x6yjs>



#IRS: Available exclusively on IRS.gov, the new Spanish version of the Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant is interactive and easy to use to determine whether you and/or your family qualify for the credit. <https://go.usa.gov/x6S7E>

#IRS: Disponible exclusivamente en IRS.gov, la nueva versión en español del asistente de elegibilidad de Crédito tributario por hijos es interactiva y fácil de usar para determinar si usted y/o su familia califican para el crédito. <https://go.usa.gov/x6Std>

The new #IRS Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant tool is useful to families who don't normally file a federal tax return and have not yet filed either a 2019 or 2020 return. <https://go.usa.gov/x6S7E>

La nueva herramienta asistente de elegibilidad de Crédito tributario por hijos #IRS es útil para las familias que normalmente no presentan una declaración de impuestos federales y aún no han presentado una declaración de 2019 o 2020. <https://go.usa.gov/x6Std>

Child Tax Credit Update Portal – Unenrollment – Images and posts



Some families may prefer to wait until the end of the year and receive the entire #ChildTaxCredit instead of receiving advance payments. An #IRS tool lets them do just that: <https://go.usa.gov/x6y6s>

Instead of receiving advance #ChildTaxCredit payments, eligible families may receive the full credit as a refund when they file their 2021 return. An #IRS tool helps them opt out of advance payments: <https://go.usa.gov/x6y6s>

An #IRS tool now enables families to quickly and easily unenroll from receiving monthly payments of the #ChildTaxCredit, if they so choose. <https://go.usa.gov/x6y6s>



Some families may prefer to unenroll from the advance payments of the 2021 #ChildTaxCredit. In the case of married couples who file jointly, each person needs to use the #IRS update portal: <https://go.usa.gov/x6y6s>



Child Tax Credit Update Portal – Direct deposit updates – image and posts



Families receiving monthly #ChildTaxCredit payments can now update their direct deposit information using the #IRS Child Tax Credit Update Portal, available only on IRS.gov. <https://go.usa.gov/x6As6>

#IRS recently upgraded a key online tool to allow families to quickly and easily update their bank account information so they can receive their monthly #ChildTaxCredit payment. See: <https://go.usa.gov/x6As6>

#IRS recently upgraded a key online tool to allow families to update their direct deposit info with the IRS, switch from a paper check to direct deposit and even stop advance #ChildTaxCredit payments. Read: <https://go.usa.gov/x6As6>

Non-filer Sign-up Tool – image and posts in English and Spanish



An #IRS tool helps people who earn too little to have a tax filing requirement to get advance #ChildTaxCredit payments and the Economic Impact Payment. See: <https://go.usa.gov/x6NNT>

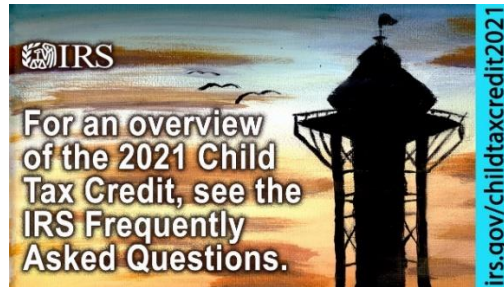
Una herramienta del #IRS ayuda a personas que ganan muy poco para tener un requisito de presentar una declaración de impuestos a obtener pagos anticipados de #ChildTaxCredit y el Pago de impacto económico. Vea: <https://go.usa.gov/x6QFw>

Eligible families who did not file taxes for 2019 or 2020 and didn't use the #IRS Non-filers tool for Economic Impact Payments can use an online tool to register for monthly #ChildTaxCredit payments. More at: <https://go.usa.gov/x6NNT>

Familias elegibles que no declararon impuestos para 2019/2020 y no usaron la herramienta del #IRS para pagos de Impacto económico pueden usar una herramienta en línea para registrarse para pagos mensuales del #ChildTaxCredit. Más en: <https://go.usa.gov/x6QFw>



Child Tax Credit FAQs – Images and posts



#IRS will be issuing advance monthly #ChildTaxCredit payments to millions of families. If you have questions related to these payments, see the answers we've posted online: <https://go.usa.gov/x6msM>

Back-to-school themed Child Tax Credit information – Images and posts



Most families in the U.S. are automatically getting advance payments of the #ChildTaxCredit every month. To learn more and see if you qualify, check #IRS at: www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021 #BackToSchool

Roughly 39M households in the U.S. are automatically getting advance monthly payments of the #ChildTaxCredit. This #backtoschool season, learn more about it from #IRS at: www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

A reminder to families sending children #backtoschool: While no action is needed by most, #IRS has a tool to help people who don't file tax returns register for advance #ChildTaxCredit payments. Learn more at <https://go.usa.gov/x6NNT>

Summer break may be over, but #backtoschool expenses are not – An #IRS reminder that families who typically don't file taxes may qualify for advance #ChildTaxCredit payments. www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

This #backtoschool season, share information about the advance #ChildTaxCredit to help eligible families who are not required to file taxes register for monthly payments. #IRS resources at <https://go.usa.gov/x6par>



General Child Tax Credit information – Multilingual images and posts



English – The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 expands the Child Tax Credit for tax year 2021 only. Taxpayers may receive part of their credit in 2021 before filing their 2021 tax return. www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

Spanish – La Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidenses de 2021 amplía el Crédito tributario por hijos solo para el 2021. Los contribuyentes pueden recibir parte de su crédito en 2021 antes de presentar impuestos de 2021. www.irs.gov/creditporhijos2021 #IRS

Chinese – 2021 年的《美国救援计划法案》仅扩展了 2021 年税收年度的子女税优惠。纳税人可在申报 2021 年税表前, 在 2021 年收到部分优惠额。 <https://go.usa.gov/xHwxS> #IRS

Korean – 2021 년 미국인구조계획법 은 2021 년 한해서 자녀 세액공제를 확대했습니다. 납세자들은 2021 년 세금 신고서를 제출하기 전에 이 세액공제의 일부를 받을 수 있습니다. <https://go.usa.gov/xHwa3> #IRS

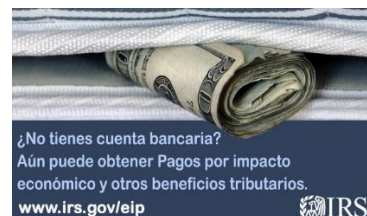
Russian – Закон «Американский план спасения» 2021 г. расширяет сферу действия Налоговый зачет выплачиваемый за ребенка только на 2021 налоговый год. Налогоплательщики могут получить часть зачета в 2021 году до подачи налоговой декларации за 2021 год. <https://go.usa.gov/xHwa2> #IRS

Vietnamese – Đạo Luật Kế Hoạch Giải Cứu Người Mỹ năm 2021 chỉ mở rộng Tín Thuế Trẻ Em cho năm thuế 2021. Những người đóng thuế có thể nhận một phần tín thuế của họ trong năm 2021 trước khi nộp tờ khai thuế thu nhập năm 2021. <https://go.usa.gov/xHdju> #IRS

Haitian Creole – Lwa Plan Sovtaj Ameriken 2021 an etann Kredi Fiskal Timoun nan pou ane fiskal 2021 an sèlman. Kontribyab yo ka resevwa yon pati nan kredi yo a an 2021 anvan yo depeze deklarasyon taks 2021 yo a. <https://go.usa.gov/xHwa8> #IRS



Child Tax Credit payments – Permanent address, bank account or income not required – Images and posts



For eligible families to get the #ChildTaxCredit, home can be the place in the U.S. where they #IRS has an online tool for families who receive little or no income, including those experiencing homelessness, to submit the information needed to get their advance #ChildTaxCredit payments, if eligible. <https://go.usa.gov/x6NNT>

Even if you have no income, you can receive advance Child Tax Credit payments, if eligible. If you didn't file taxes for 2019 or 2020 and didn't use the #IRS Non-filers tool last year to get the Economic Impact Payments, visit: <https://go.usa.gov/x6NNT>

To receive #ChildTaxCredit payments, home is any location in the U.S. where you regularly live, like a shelter or temporary lodging. You may be qualified for monthly payments from #IRS even if not at the same location all year long. See <https://go.usa.gov/x6NNT>

Families who don't need to file tax returns can use the #IRS Non-filer Sign-up Tool online to register for monthly #ChildTaxCredit payments. Get started at <https://go.usa.gov/x6NNT>

Advance payments of CTC won't affect government benefits – image and post



Advanced Child Tax Credit payments are not considered income and will not affect your access to government benefits like SSI, SNAP, TANF or WIC. See #IRS info at <https://go.usa.gov/x6fyE>



Advance CTC payments - 50% of the credit – images and posts in English and Spanish



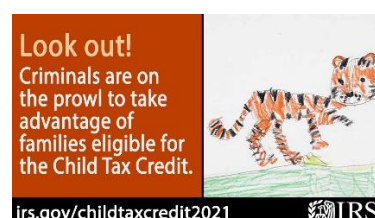
Families with qualifying children may receive up to 50% of their #ChildTaxCredit in 2021 – that is before filing their 2021 tax return next year. Learn more from #IRS at www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

Familias con hijos calificados pueden recibir hasta el 50% de su #ChildTaxCredit en 2021, es decir, antes de presentar su declaración de impuestos de 2021 el próximo año. Obtenga más información del #IRS en <http://www.irs.gov/creditoporhijos2021>

Advance #ChildTaxCredit payments are early payments from the #IRS of up to 50% of the total credit you may claim on your tax return next filing season. Learn more at www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

Pagos por adelantado del #ChildTaxCredit son pagos anticipados del #IRS de hasta el 50% del crédito total que puede reclamar en su declaración de impuestos la próxima temporada de impuestos. Obtenga más información en <http://www.irs.gov/creditoporhijos2021>

Advance Child Tax Credit scams – image and posts in English and Spanish



Criminals are on the prowl for new tactics. If you have questions about the #ChildTaxCredit visit the #IRS site for reliable updates. www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

Any communication offering to speed up your monthly payments of the #ChildTaxCredit is likely a scam. Visit the #IRS site for reliable updates. www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021



Scammers constantly come up with new schemes. Remember: #IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media to request personal data, even information related to the #ChildTaxCredit. See www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

#IRS will not call you asking you to provide or verify financial information to obtain the monthly #ChildTaxCredit payments. For reliable information, visit: www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

Watch out for scammers that suggest they can get you the advance #ChildTaxCredit payments by working with #IRS on your behalf. www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

Tenga cuidado con los estafadores que sugieren que pueden obtener los pagos anticipados del #ChildTaxCredit trabajando con #IRS en su nombre.
www.irs.gov/creditoporhijos2021

#IRS reminder: Be alert to criminals that ask by phone, email, text or on social media to verify your information claiming it's needed to get advance #ChildTaxCredit payments.
www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021

Recordatorio del #IRS: Esté alerta a delincuentes que solicitan por teléfono, correo electrónico, mensaje de texto o en redes sociales verificar su información y afirman que es necesaria para obtener pagos anticipados del #ChildTaxCredit.
www.irs.gov/creditoporhijos2021

Child Tax Credit monthly payments – Spread the word – Image and posts



Share information about the advance #ChildTaxCredit to help eligible families who are not required to file taxes register now to get monthly payments. See #IRS resources at <https://go.usa.gov/x6par>

Looking for a way to help your community? Use the #IRS materials on the 2021 #ChildTaxCredit to help us spread the word and reach every eligible family. See: <https://go.usa.gov/x6par>

#IRS and partners nationwide are out encouraging all families who don't normally file taxes to sign up for the 2021 advance #ChildTaxCredit payments. Help us spread the word!
<https://go.usa.gov/x6par>

To raise awareness of the expanded #ChildTaxCredit, #IRS encourages community partners to use available online tools and toolkits to help non-filers, low-income families and others sign up to receive the advance payments. <https://go.usa.gov/x6par>



Small business – Spread the word about Child Tax Credit payments – Image and posts



Have you told your employees how the #ChildTaxCredit can put money in their pockets over the next few months? Take a look at #IRS resources to get the word out <https://go.usa.gov/x6par>

#IRS encourages you to share information about the #ChildTaxCredit with your employees. One way is placing posters in employee break rooms: <https://go.usa.gov/x6par>

#IRS urges employers to share information about the #ChildTaxCredit. One way is by adding a link on your company's internal site: www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021