

Have kids? Put some money in your pocket to cover their needs!



The Child Tax Credit—A California Explainer

The Child Tax Credit is a new law that provides \$300/month for each child under 6 and \$250/month for each child 6-17. That's between **\$3,000-\$3,600 per child**.

This is YOUR money for your kids—you won't owe it back.

Think you're not eligible? Think again. Nearly all families are eligible.



You can access this cash even if you don't file taxes—even if you have little to no income and no matter your immigration status.

There's an easy way to get your child checks, and have help to do it. Go to GetCTC.org/California-benefits and submit your information by **November 15**. The earlier you sign up the more time the IRS has to process your information to begin payments.

Really. Almost everyone qualifies.

- **Do I need to be earning money?** No! You don't need to have an income to be eligible.
- **Do I need a Social Security Number?** No! As long as your child has a Social Security Number and you have an ITIN, you can get the child checks. If you don't have an ITIN, you may be able to get one. Call 211 to find IRS-certified free tax filing assistance.
- **Families of all kind qualify.** If you are the grandparent or caregiver for a child who lives with you for more than half the year, you can receive the Child Tax Credit.



FAQs

Do I have to file a tax return?

Many families with low incomes are not required to file taxes but that won't stop you from getting the Child Tax Credit. You'll need to share some information with the IRS but you can fill out simplified forms at GetCTC.org/California-benefits.

If I need help filling out the forms, what do I do?

- You can get help in English or Spanish through live chat at GetCTC.org/California-benefits
- You can call 211, a free informatino hub. They can connect you with free IRS-certified tax filing assistance.

Could it impact my immigration status?

Receiving the tax credit will not change your immigration status or your ability to apply for citizenship. You will **not** face public charge consequences.

What if I get other benefits—could those be reduced?

The child checks will not count as income and will not affect your ability to get benefits including Cal-Fresh/SNAP, Medi-Cal, unemployment, TANF, SSI, SSDI, Section 8, WIC, public housing or childcare benefits, nor will these benefits be reduced in any way.

What about other California benefits?

The state of California also has a new law with some extra money for Californians. If you file taxes with a Social Security Number or an ITIN, you can qualify for this money in addition to the child checks. You can learn how to access it at GetCTC.org/California-benefits.

I'm concerned about scams—is it safe to share my info?

You can safely share personal information through GetCTC.org. The IRS will never contact you phone, email or text to ask for any personal information.

Will there be more money next year?

We hope it will, and we think if more people sign up for the CTC now, it will be harder for politicians to end it.

