

2021 Advance Child Tax Credit

Payments start August 31

Filed already?

If you've already filed your 2019 or 2020 tax return, go to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal and provide required information. If you are unable to use the portal, submit Form AdvCTC to DRT to provide your updated information.

Haven't filed yet?

File your 2020 tax return as soon as possible. For individuals with no filing requirement and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, you must file a 2020 tax return to receive payments.

- Eligible families can receive advanced 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 August 31st and will be sent monthly through December 31st.
- 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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