



Advance Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021

Important changes to the Child Tax Credit will help many families get advance payments of the credit starting this summer. The IRS will pay half the total credit amount in advance monthly payments beginning July 15. You will claim the other half when you file your 2021 income tax return. These changes apply to tax year 2021 only.

To qualify for advance Child Tax Credit payments, you — and your spouse, if you filed a joint return — must have:

- Filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return and claimed the Child Tax Credit on the return; **or**
- Given us your information in 2020 to receive the Economic Impact Payment using the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool; **and**
- A main home in the United States for more than half the year (the 50 states and the District of Columbia) or file a joint return with a spouse who has a main home in the United States for more than half the year; **and**
- A qualifying child who is under age 18 at the end of 2021 and who has a valid Social Security number; **and**
- Made less than certain income limits.

We'll use information you provided earlier to determine if you qualify and **automatically enroll you for advance payments**. You do not need to take any additional action to get advance payments.

Manage Payments

Use this tool to:

- Check if you're enrolled to receive payments
- Unenroll to stop getting advance payments
- Provide or update your bank account information for monthly payments starting with the **August payment**

In the coming months you will be able to [make other updates that affect your payment](#).

Manage Payments

Non-Filers: Submit Your Information

If you aren't required to file a tax return and haven't given us your information already, you will need to give us some basic information for the Child Tax Credit.

Enter Your Information

Check If You're Eligible

Check if you may qualify for advance payments.

Use the Eligibility Assistant

Additional Information

- [Publication 5534-E, Advance Payments of the Child Tax Credit: Which Online Tool Should I Use](#) [PDF](#)
- [Questions and Answers About the Advance Child Tax Credit Payments](#)
- [2021 Child Tax Credit and Advance Child Tax Credit Payments: Resources and Guidance](#)
- [Understanding Your Letter 6416 or Letter 6416-A](#)
- [Understanding Your Letter 6417](#)

Here's Who Will Get Advance Payments of the Child Tax Credit YouTube Video

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