

Most Illinois families are eligible for \$3,000 or \$3,600 per child to help with the cost of raising kids!



The Child Tax Credit (CTC) has been expanded for 2021.

- ▶ The credit is now worth \$3,600 per child under 6 and \$3,000 per child age 6-17 for most families.
- ▶ **Non-tax filers, including those with very little or no income, are now eligible for the credit.**
- ▶ Families can receive half of the credit through advance monthly payments for the rest of 2021.
 - Families will claim the other half of the credit when they file their 2021 tax returns.
- ▶ You can receive the credit even if *you* do not have a Social Security Number as long as *your child* has a Social Security Number.
- ▶ The child must have lived with you in the US for more than half of 2021.
- ▶ The Child Tax Credit will NOT affect your Medicare, SNAP, TANF, or other public benefits.

HAVE QUESTIONS? Visit [GetMyPaymentIL.org](https://www.GetMyPaymentIL.org)

for more information from a coalition of local nonprofits, including information on the stimulus checks, how to file your taxes for free, and options for safe, affordable bank accounts.

- ▶ No internet or still have questions?
Call **(888) 553-9777** (disponible en Español)

How Do I Get Signed Up?

- ▶ If you aren't already receiving CTC payments, the deadline to sign up this year is **Nov. 15, 2021**. If you do not sign up by then, you can still claim the full credit when you file taxes next year.
- ▶ Families who have not filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020 should file a 2020 tax return to enroll in the advance payments. They can do so by either:
 - Filing a full tax return (which is a good choice for most families with earned income), or
 - Filing a simplified return **by Nov. 15, 2021**, using **www.GetCTC.org/IL** (disponible en español).

