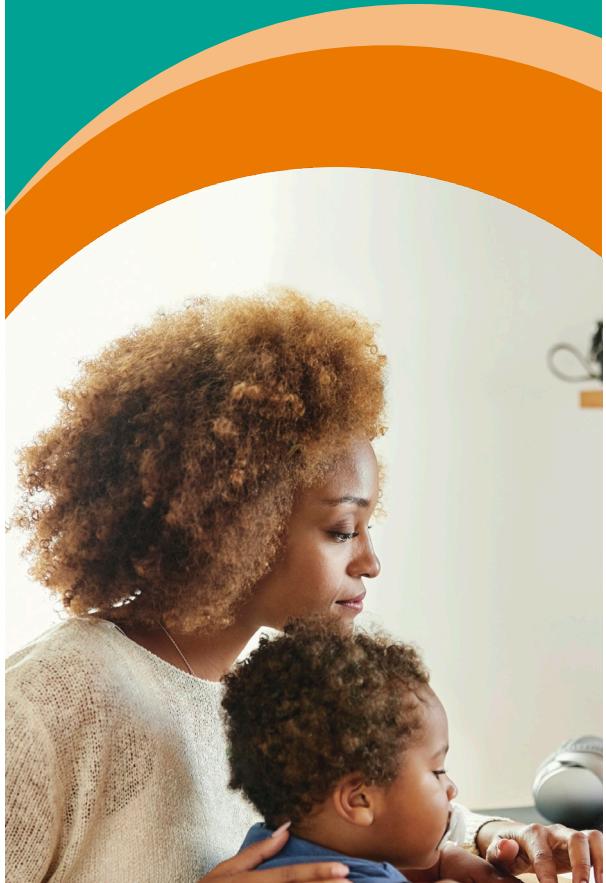


# File a Tax Return to Get Money Back

You could be eligible for a bigger tax refund when you claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.



## How to Get Your Tax Credits:

### 1 See if you qualify

Find out how much you could receive at [TaxOutreach.org/TaxCredits](https://TaxOutreach.org/TaxCredits).

### 2 Find FREE tax help

Go to [GetYourRefund.org](https://GetYourRefund.org) or call 800-906-9887, even if you don't normally file taxes.

### 3 File your taxes

Get free help filing your tax return by April 15, 2026.

## What to bring to a tax appointment:

- Valid picture ID
- Social Security card, Social Security number verification letter, or ITIN for everyone on your tax return
- W-2 or 1099 forms
- Tip income and overtime pay records
- Form 1095-A
- Any IRS notices
- Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN), if you have one



For more information, go to [TaxOutreach.org/TaxCredits](https://TaxOutreach.org/TaxCredits) or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

# Do I Qualify?

At tax time, you could owe less in taxes and get money back with the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit! If you worked in 2025, you may be eligible for these credits.



## Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) Eligibility:

If you don't have children you could qualify for an EITC of up to \$649 if:

- **Age:** You were between 25-64 years old on December 31, 2025.
- **2025 Income:** You earned less than \$19,104 (\$26,214 if married).

### If you are not a U.S. citizen you could qualify if:

- **EITC:** You, your spouse, and any child you claim have a valid Social Security number (SSN).
- **CTC:** Any child you claim has an SSN, and you or your spouse also has an SSN.

## If you have children you could qualify for the EITC and CTC if:

### Residency:

- Your children lived with you for more than half of 2025.

### Age – children must be:

- **EITC:** 18 or under on December 31, 2025 (full-time students can be under 24 and children who have a permanent and total disability can be any age).
- **CTC:** 16 or under on December 31, 2025.

### Income for 2025:

- For the federal CTC, if you earned more than \$2,500, you could claim a credit of up to \$2,200 per child.
- For the federal EITC, your earnings must be lower than the following limits:

Number of Children	Single workers with income less than:	Married workers with income less than:	EITC up to:
1 child	\$50,434	\$57,554	\$4,328
2 children	\$57,310	\$64,430	\$7,152
3 or more children	\$61,555	\$68,675	\$8,046

### Public Benefits

- Claiming these tax credits will not change your eligibility for federal benefits like SNAP (food stamps), SSI, Medicaid, cash assistance, or public housing.
- If you save your tax refund, it will not count against federally funded benefit program resource/asset limits for 12 months after the refund is received.

You may qualify to claim new tax deductions alongside the EITC and Child Tax Credit!

You may qualify for new tax deductions if you have income from tips or overtime pay, a car loan, or are a senior. You can take these deductions while also claiming the EITC and Child Tax Credit. Visit TaxOutreach.org/deduct to learn more.