



# Child Care Tax Credit

For many Pennsylvania families, finding affordable, reliable child care is one of the biggest stressors they face. The pandemic exacerbated our Nation's child care crisis, but it has persisted for years. At a time when many families' budgets are stretched thin, families can find relief this tax season. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, families who paid for child care in 2021 can receive up to \$8,000 back on their taxes.

## WHAT IS THE CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT?

- \* 🇺🇸 \* **NEW:** Families can receive up to \$4,000 per child or a total of \$8,000 to reimburse child care expenses from 2021.
- \* 🇺🇸 \* **NEW:** There is no minimum income required to claim your Child Care Tax Credit.
- \* 🇺🇸 \* This is in addition to the Child Tax Credit. **YOU MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM BOTH.**
- \* 🇺🇸 \* The Child Care Tax Credit will reimburse up to 50% of your child care expenses. \$8,000 in expenses for one child and up to \$16,000 for two or more children.
- \* 🇺🇸 \* Senator Casey fought to include the expanded Child Care Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan.

## WHO CAN RECEIVE THE CREDIT?

You're eligible to receive the Child Care Tax Credit if you:

- \* 🇺🇸 \* Have a child or dependent under the age of 13
- \* 🇺🇸 \* Have an older dependent who is incapable of self-care
- \* 🇺🇸 \* Paid out of pocket for child care
- \* 🇺🇸 \* Earned less than \$425,000 and were working or looking for work
- \* 🇺🇸 \* There is no minimum income—you only need more income than child care expenses

## THE CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT IS GOOD FOR EXPENSES FROM:

- \* 🇺🇸 \* Center-based care
- \* 🇺🇸 \* Family, home-based child care
- \* 🇺🇸 \* Babysitters, relatives, neighbors, or friends
- \* 🇺🇸 \* Before- or after-school care, summer or vacation day camps

## HOW TO RECEIVE THE CREDIT

- \* 🇺🇸 \* **Tip:** To receive \$4,000 per child, you'll need to claim it on your taxes. You can tell your tax preparer or fill out the IRS Form 2441 ([irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-2441](https://irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-2441))
- \* 🇺🇸 \* **Tip:** You'll need a record of your child care expenses for 2021 and your child care provider's name, address and tax ID number.
- \* 🇺🇸 \* **Tip:** File your taxes early and online this year.

## RESOURCES

Frequently asked questions: [irs.gov/newsroom/child-and-dependent-care-credit-faqs](https://irs.gov/newsroom/child-and-dependent-care-credit-faqs)

Tax filing assistance may be available through the IRS' VITA program:  
[irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers](https://irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers)



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