



The American Family Act

The expanded and improved Child Tax Credit (CTC) that was signed into law as part of the American Rescue Plan was the largest tax cut for working families in generations. The expanded CTC reached more than 61 million children and lifted nearly 4 million out of poverty in 2021. Monthly CTC payments helped families get ahead and provided financial security.

To help families tackle rising costs, Representatives Suzan DelBene (WA-01), Rosa DeLauro (CT-03), and Ritchie Torres (NY-15) reintroduced the American Family Act to make the expanded and improved Child Tax Credit permanent.

The American Family Act:

- Provides the full CTC to the children who need it most by making the credit fully refundable.
 - » The current CTC excludes one-third of children from the full credit, disproportionately leaving behind families of color, single-parent families, rural families, and families with young children.
- Expands credit to \$3,600 for kids under 6 years old and \$3,000 for kids 6-17.
 - » The current CTC does not include 17-year-olds.
- Provides the credit monthly so families have access to it as bills arrive.
 - » Between July 2021 and December 2021, the Treasury Department distributed nearly \$93 billion in CTC payments to families. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration found the department accurately sent 98 percent of monthly CTC payments.
- Extends the expanded and improved CTC to the United States Territories.

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