



GO GET YOUR MONEY!!!

Have you filed your taxes yet?

The IRS reports close to one billion dollars in unclaimed tax refunds every year.
Some of that money might be yours.

What you should know...

What is the Earned Income Tax Credit?

The EITC is a refundable federal tax credit for low to moderate income working individuals and families. If you qualify, the credit may increase your federal tax refund or eliminate taxes you owe. For the 2021 tax year, the earned income credit ranges from \$1,502 to \$6,728 depending on tax-filing status, income and number of children. The EITC has been expanded for workers without kids and nearly triples the maximum credit. Eligibility is also extended for a wider range of tax filers, including those who are over 65 or between the ages of 19–25. You must file your federal taxes in order to claim this valuable credit.

What if I haven't filed my taxes for a couple of years and may be eligible for EITC for prior years?

If you haven't filed your taxes for a few years, this is a good time to file your prior tax returns since you may be eligible for EITC in those prior years. If you are due a tax refund, you have three years from the filing deadline to file your tax return for a tax refund or to claim a credit like the Earned Income Tax Credit. So, if you didn't file your 2018 taxes, you would have until April 18, 2022, to file to claim EITC.

What is the Child Tax Credit?

The child tax credit, or CTC, is an annual tax credit available to taxpayers with qualifying dependent children. The tax credit — normally up to \$2,000 per qualifying dependent — was expanded to a maximum of \$3,600 in 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan.

What if I could have been eligible for the Child Tax Credit but I don't normally file taxes?

Low-income families who may not normally file a tax return had the option to sign up for advance payments using the IRS's non-filers sign-up tool. To claim the balance (or the full credit if you didn't receive the advance payments), you'll need to file a return this year.

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FREE Tax Preparation Resources

The IRS's [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\)](#) and [Tax Counseling for the Elderly \(TCE\)](#) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.

The [VITA program](#) offers free tax help to people who make \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and taxpayers who speak limited English.

The [TCE program](#) gives priority to seniors aged 60 and older.

To locate the nearest VITA or TCE site near you **call 800-906-9887**
or go to <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> or
https://www.getyourrefund.org/en/vita_providers

Maryland:

[CASH Campaign of Maryland](#)

To make an appointment **call 410-234-8008**
or go to -- <https://cashmd.org/free-tax-preparationresources/>

District of Columbia:

[Community Tax Aid](#)

To make an appointment **call 202-830-1480**
or send an email to appointments@communitytaxaiddc.org

Virginia:

[NVACASH Tax Preparations](#)

To make an appointment **call 703-533-5702** (leave a message)
or send an email to DFSVITA@FairfaxCounty.gov

Pennsylvania:

[United Way of Pennsylvania](#)

To find free tax assistance near you **call 211**
or go to - <https://myfreetaxes.com/>

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or <https://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/online/free-edition.jsp> (Must file by 2/15)