

DO YOU FILE TAXES WITH AN ITIN?

YOU COULD GET MONEY BACK THROUGH THE CalEITC AND YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT!

What is the CalEITC and Young Child Tax Credit?

- ▶ California's Earned Income Tax Credit, the CalEITC, is a cash-back tax credit that puts money back in the pockets of individuals and families who are working but still living in poverty. It is one of the most powerful tools California currently uses to provide cash assistance to workers and families through our state's tax system. The Young Child Tax Credit is an additional tax credit for families with a child five years old or younger.

Effective January 1, 2021, ITIN filers with a child 5 years old or under can be eligible for the CalEITC and Young Child Tax Credit!

- ▶ If you earned less than \$30,000 in 2020, you file taxes with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (otherwise known as an ITIN), and you have at least one child 5 or under, you could get up to \$2982 through the CalEITC and up to an additional \$1000 through the Young Child Tax Credit. The amount you will receive depends on your income and the number of children in your household.

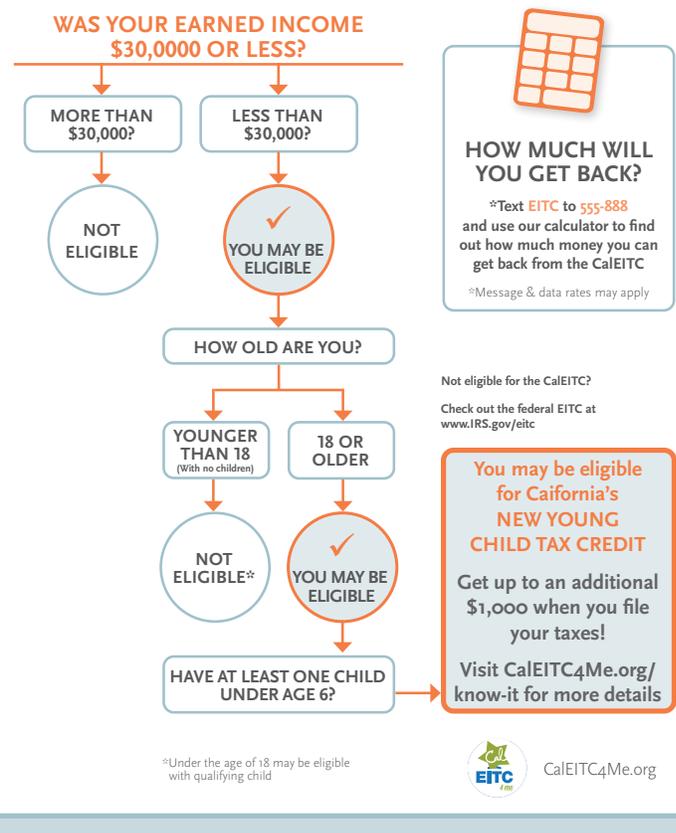
To see how much you could get through these tax credits, and to find out how to file your taxes for free, visit caleitc4me.org or myfreetaxes.org

Information on your tax return is meant to be used for tax purposes only, and there are strong protections in place to ensure that your information remains private, with very limited exceptions. For more information, visit nilc.org or immigrantsrising.org.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE CalEITC?

The California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) and Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) are state tax credits for working Californians. Between CalEITC, YCTC and the federal EITC, you could receive up to \$8,000 depending on your income.

Follow the chart below to find out if you are eligible for this cash back refund!

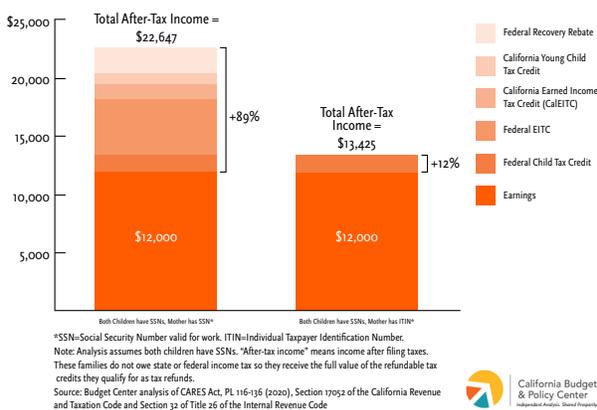


Why are these two credits so important?

- ▶ The COVID-19 pandemic makes the CalEITC and Young Child Tax Credit critical for immigrant families who are “essential workers” but are excluded from federal stimulus payments, unemployment insurance, and other financial support.
- ▶ Historically, ITIN filers in California have been excluded from the CalEITC. This exclusion has created huge disparities between families who work and earn the same amount. It is based on a history of racist and xenophobic policies that came out of the so-called 1996 “welfare reform” laws that imposed severe restrictions on immigrants’ access to public benefits.

Exclusion of Many Immigrants and Their Children From Federal Recovery Rebates Makes Tax System More Unjust

Two Children Whose Mother Works Part-Time at California’s Minimum Wage in 2019

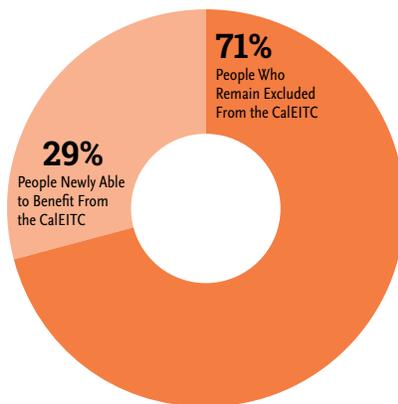


Maria and her husband from San Bernardino have been working hard to advocate for full CalEITC and Young Child Tax Credit inclusion, while running a successful ice cream vending business and raising four children.

However, their youngest child recently turned six, so their family will continue to be excluded. **“I have been working and filing my taxes for the past 16 years...paying into a system that continues to exclude me from even basic financial support just because of the identification number I use,”** Maria said.

Most Californians Living in Immigrant Families Who Could Benefit From the CalEITC Remain Excluded From the Credit

Estimated Share of People With ITINs or Living With Family ITINs Who Could Benefit From the CalEITC



Note: “ITIN” is a federally assigned Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. Analysis uses an income tax simulation model developed for the California Poverty Measures, a joint project of the Stanford Center on Poverty & Inequality and the Public Policy Institute of California. Based on CalEITC parameters as of tax year 2019, modeled in 2017 population data.
 Source: Budget Center analysis of US Census Bureau, American Community Survey data



Even though some ITIN filers will now be able to get the CalEITC and the Young Child Tax Credit, we won’t stop working until all immigrant workers are included!

- ▶ ***We all deserve the ability to provide for and care for our families during the COVID-19 crisis.*** Yet the vast majority of people who file taxes with ITINs are still excluded from the CalEITC because they don’t have a child 5 years old or younger. A Social Security Number is not required to pay the rent, pay taxes, or buy food and medicine. So why should we require a Social Security Number for basic economic support, when families are continuing to work amid the COVID-19 pandemic and struggling to put food on the table?
- ▶ ***Full CalEITC inclusion is a win for all of us.*** People who are undocumented contribute over \$3.2 billion in state and local taxes every year, and represent one in ten workers in California. Full CalEITC inclusion would benefit over 200,000 workers and their families, and would bring revenue to local communities that are currently struggling.

To make a California for All, we need everyone included in the CalEITC, regardless of the number they use to file taxes. To get involved, please visit caimmigrant.org/caleitc, write to the Governor at bit.ly/CALEITCNOW and share your story with us at bit.ly/CALEITCStories!