

File a Tax Return to Get Money Back

You could be eligible for thousands of dollars in your tax refund when you claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit!

How to Get Your Tax Credits:

In order to claim your tax credits, you must file a tax return. To find out if you qualify for free tax preparation assistance for 2023, call the CAN-DO VITA site at 617-906-7293 to schedule an appointment. The site is located at 413 Watertown Street in Newton.

Your tax return must be filed by April 17, 2024.

What to bring to a tax appointment:

- Valid picture ID
- Social security cards or verifications letter or ITIN for all family members
- W-2 or 1099 forms for each job in the relevant year
- Form 1095-A, Affordable Health Care Statements
- Any IRS notices
- Child care providers name, address, tax ID number and amount paid for relevant years
- Bank, credit union, or prepaid card account and routing number
- Voided check





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 \$600 if:

Age:

You were between 25-64 years old on December 31, 2023.

2023 Income:

You earned less than \$17,640 (\$24,210 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. You and your spouse must have an SSN or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

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 2023, you may be eligible for these credits.

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.

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

Residency:

🏠 Your children lived with you for more than half of 2023.

Age – children must be:

🏠 **EITC:** 18 or under on December 31, 2023 (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, 2023.

Income for 2023:

🏠 **For the federal CTC** if you earned more than \$2,500, you could claim a credit of up to \$2,000 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	\$46,560	\$53,120	\$3,995
2 children	\$52,918	\$59,478	\$6,604
3 or more children	\$56,838	\$63,393	\$7,430

It's not too late to claim 2021 expanded tax credits!

Because of the pandemic, the EITC and Child Tax Credit were expanded and made available to more people. That expansion has ended, BUT if you were eligible for the 2021 expanded EITC, the 2021 expanded Child Tax Credit, or any of the three rounds of stimulus checks and didn't claim them, it's not too late! Visit [TaxOutreach.org/expanded](https://www.taxoutreach.org/expanded) to learn more.