

What is Earned Income Tax Credit?

Earned Income Tax Credit, also called EITC, is an important benefit providing extra money to working families. To claim EITC, you need to meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if you have no other filing requirement or owe no tax.

Are You Eligible for EITC?

Answer questions using the EITC Assistant on *irs.gov*. A VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteer can help you file for EITC for free!

You work hard for your family.

Did You Know?

You could receive over:

- \$3500 if you have 1 child
- \$5900 if you have 2 children
- \$6600 if you have 3 or more children

Each year thousands of Michiganders who are eligible for both federal and state EITCs do not claim them!

You earned this credit.

According to the IRS, all people eligible for EITC have seven things in common:

- Have earned income.Have a valid Social Security number.
- Do not file as a married filing separately.
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 Generally, are not an undocumented person.
- Are not a qualifying child of another person.
- Are not filing Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ. (7) Have limited investment income.

Does my income qualify?

You must have income from your employer or someone else, work for yourself, a business or farm you own or operate, or some disability plan to qualify.

You also have to meet income limits to qualify for the EITC. Those limits depend on your filing status and how many qualifying children under age 19 or full-time students and under age 24 you have. **Here are 2021's EITC income limits**:

	Filing Status	Income Limit if No Children	Income Limit if 1 Child	Income Limit if 2 Children	Income Limit if 3+ Children
Income Qualifications	Single, head of household, or widowed	\$15,980	\$42,158	\$47,915	\$51,464
For EITC	Married, joint	\$21,920	\$48,108	\$53,865	\$57,414
	DATA SOUR	CE: IRS. NOTE: THE EITC IS	NOT AVAILABLE TO TH	OSE WHO ARE MARRIEI	D AND FILE SEPARATELY.

Does my child qualify?

- Your child must have the same main home as you (or your spouse if you file jointly) in the United States for more than half of the year.
- Your child must be younger than you (or your spouse filing jointly) and must be under age 19 (age 24 if your child is a "full-time student) at the end of the year or is "permanently and totally disabled."
 Your child must not have filed a joint return, or if your child filed a joint return, your child and their

Your child must not have filed a joint return, or if your child filed a joint return, your child and their spouse filed only to claim a refund of withheld estimated taxes and were not otherwise required to file.
 Your child must be your son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, "eligible foster child," brother, sister,

Who is an eligible foster child?

A foster child is considered eligible if they are placed with you by an authorized placement agency or by judgment decree, or other order of any court of competent jurisdiction.

half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them.

Use the online EITC Assistant to find out if you're eligible for EITC, available in English and Español.

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