

Get Your Refund CT

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Urgency to Support Families to File



Enhanced 2021 tax benefits (more \$ available to more people) *expire April 2025.*



Financial hardship has been increasing for these low-income families (IRS data indicate average household AGI of \$19-20,000)



Goal of **2,000 new filers**

What benefits are available?

- + Federal **Earned Income Tax Credit** – up to **\$6,700-\$7,400*** per family, depending on the number of children and the tax year.
 - + State **Earned Income Tax Credits** – between **30-40%** of the Federal EITC
- + Federal **Child Tax Credit** – Between **\$2,000 and \$3,600** per child, with no work income required in 2021

*Tax years 2021 to 2023

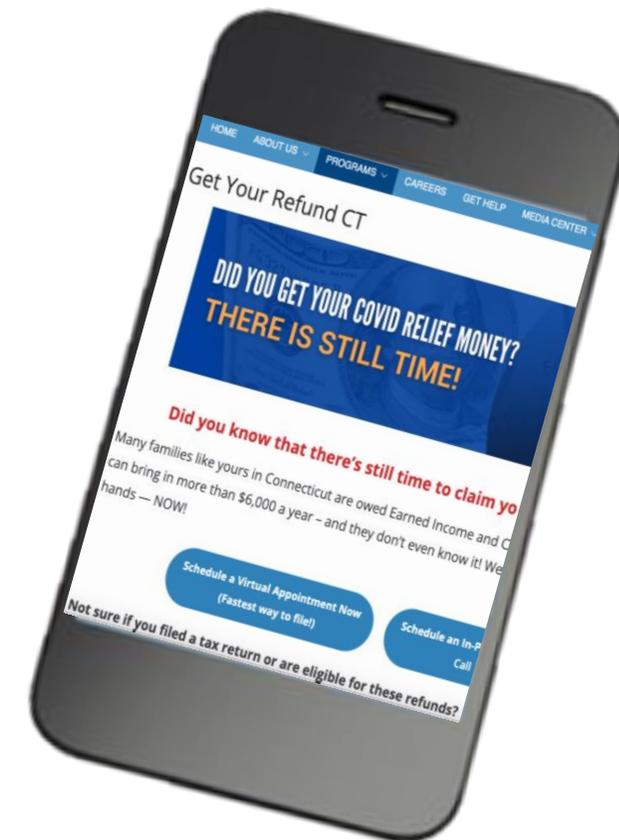


Filer Family 2021 Example



1 Parent + First Grader + Baby Tax Year 2021

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| Federal EITC | \$5,874 |
| State EITC | \$1,762 |
| Federal Child Tax Credit | \$6,600 |
| Tax Preparation Fee | \$0 |
| Total in Family's Wallet | \$14,236 |



Top 10 Towns with Unclaimed Benefits (2019)

| Town | Total EITC | Avg. EITC Per Return | Est. # of Families not Claiming | Est. Amount of Unclaimed EITC |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HARTFORD | \$54,534,073 | \$3,462 | 3,504 | \$12,133,498 |
| BRIDGEPORT | \$51,356,783 | \$3,324 | 3,438 | \$11,426,570 |
| WATERBURY | \$46,218,594 | \$3,517 | 2,924 | \$10,283,355 |
| NEW HAVEN | \$40,717,425 | \$3,286 | 2,757 | \$9,059,378 |
| NEW BRITAIN | \$28,329,964 | \$3,397 | 1,856 | \$6,303,244 |
| STAMFORD | \$17,781,754 | \$2,812 | 1,407 | \$3,956,332 |
| MERIDEN | \$16,958,233 | \$3,301 | 1,143 | \$3,773,103 |
| EAST HARTFORD | \$15,971,347 | \$3,148 | 1,129 | \$3,553,527 |
| DANBURY | \$14,775,693 | \$3,041 | 1,081 | \$3,287,501 |
| NORWALK | \$13,739,263 | \$2,855 | 1,071 | \$3,056,902 |

Are the people you serve likely eligible to benefit from the Get Your Refund CT Campaign?





How can people get these benefits?



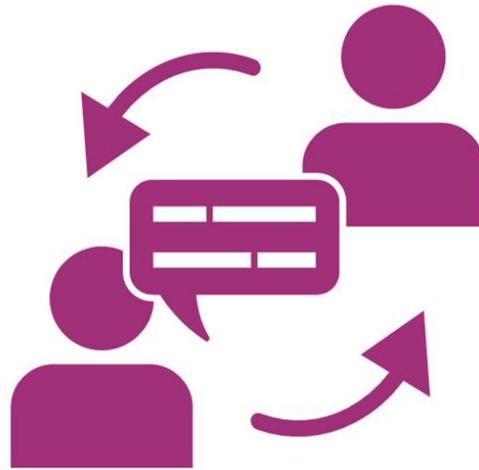
How can people get these benefits?

- Work with IRS-certified free tax prep services
 - In-person with **VITA** volunteers
 - Virtual through **GetYourRefund**



Support is available no matter how you file

- The SimplifyCT team is available Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, to answer questions about eligibility for these benefits and how to navigate the process by calling **860-590-8910**



Who qualifies for free tax prep services?

Filers who...

- Make up to \$64,000
 - Have a disability, or
 - Speak limited English
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- An IRS-certified tax preparer is ready to work with filers to get their unclaimed cash benefits. They will work with filers every step of the way to get them the refund they are owed.

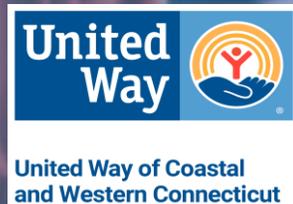


What information is needed to file taxes?

- Filers will need materials including:
 - **Social Security card** or **Individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN)** (for themselves and dependents, if any)
 - A government-issued **photo ID**
 - Any income documents received, such as **W2s/1099 forms**



How we can work together to Get Your Refund!



Help Families Get Their Refund!

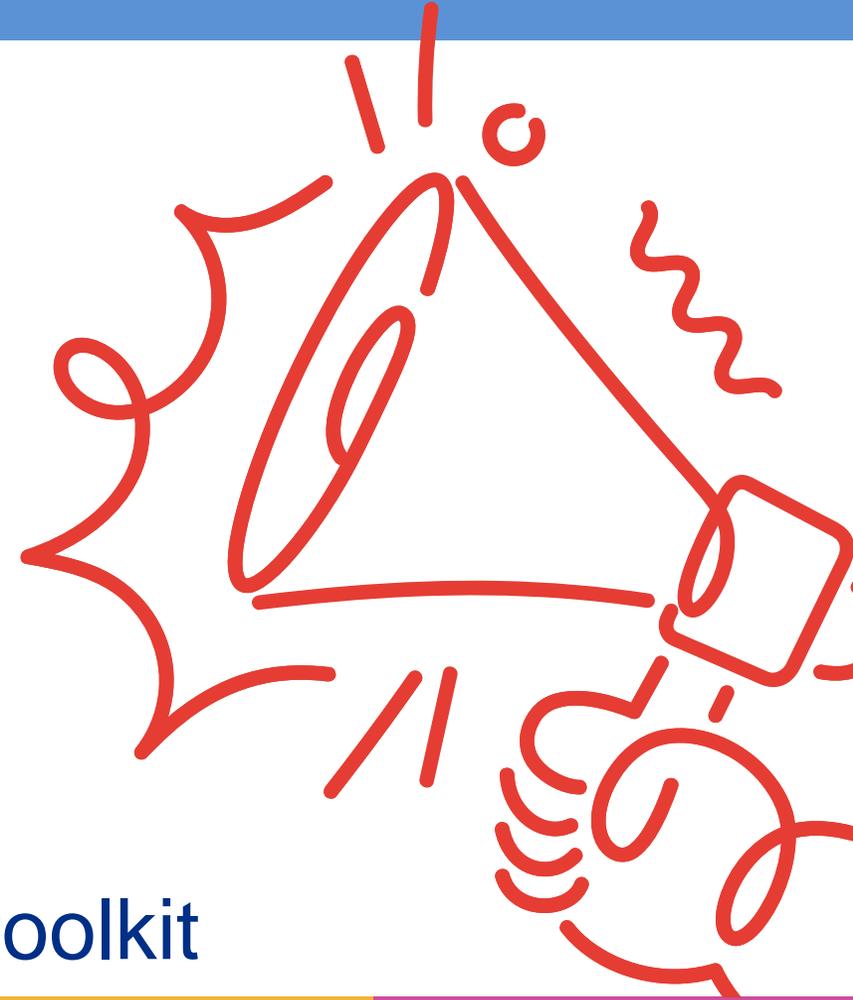
Spread the word **now!**

- Share the flyer
- Share social posts
- Share your **trust**



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Did you know that there's still time to claim your COVID relief money?

Many families like yours in Connecticut are owed Earned Income and Child Tax Credits – cash benefits that can bring in more than \$6,000 a year – and they don't even know it! We want to get this money into YOUR hands — NOW!



Schedule a Virtual Appointment Now
(Fastest way to file!)

Schedule an In-Person Appointment Now
Call 860-590-8910



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Frequently Asked Questions



FAQs

- Does filing taxes affect any other government-provided benefits?
- Can immigrants file taxes?
- Will filing impact someone's immigration status?



Are you ready to partner with us and promote this effort?



+ Create CT Child Tax Credit



Sign our petition

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Share information

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Contact your legislators

↳ alice.ctunitedway.org/ct-ctc

ALICE IN THE CROSSCURRENTS
AN UPDATE ON FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN CONNECTICUT

In 2022, hardship in Connecticut continued to be shaped by the conflicting economic forces of the pandemic, and remained substantially undercounted by official measures.

These powerful crosscurrents – COVID-19, inflation, wage growth, and the expansion and expiration of pandemic public assistance – impacted how many Connecticut households were below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival.

Between 2021 and 2022, the number of households in poverty in Connecticut increased by 1,145 (to 11% of all households) and the number of ALICE households increased by 6,557 (to 29% of all households), continuing a decade-long trend in the growth of this population. In 2022, of the 1,430,904 households in Connecticut, 563,312 – 39% – were below the ALICE Threshold.

With the latest data from the American Community Survey (2022), the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey (2022), and the Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking (SHED) (2022), this Update highlights the conflicting forces that continue to present opportunities for, and barriers to, financial stability in Connecticut.

*In Connecticut in 2022, out of 4,810,000 households, there were 151,100 (3.1%) in poverty (at \$12,870) and 1,258,900 (26.2%) below the ALICE Threshold, which is rounded to 39% in this report.

Total Households in Connecticut = 1.4 Million

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| Above ALICE Threshold | 61% |
| Poverty | 11% |
| Below ALICE Threshold | 29% |

KEY TERMS

- ALICE:** Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) but cannot afford the basic cost of living in their county. Despite struggling to make ends meet, ALICE households often do not qualify for public assistance.
- ALICE Household Survival Budget:** Reflects the minimum costs of household necessities in Connecticut (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology) plus taxes, adjusted for different counties and household types.
- ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival:** Derived from the Household Survival Budget, the minimum average income that a household needs to afford basic costs, calculated for all U.S. counties.
- Below ALICE Threshold:** Includes households in poverty and ALICE households combined.
- ALICE Essentials Index:** A measure of the average change over time in the costs of essential goods and services.

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Si se aprueba, el Crédito Tributario por Hijos de CT proporcionará \$600 por niño para ayudar con el creciente costo de criar a su familia.

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