

# **2021 Tax Year Information**

All federal IRS forms and instruction booklets are available at <u>www.IRS.gov/forms-instructions</u> or call the IRS at 800-829-3676 to order forms. The local IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center at 200 West Second Street is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alternative Taxpayer Assistance Centers can be found at https://apps.irs.gov/app/officeLocator/index.jsp.

For information and tax help, call the IRS help line at 800-829-1040 or TeleTax at 800-829-4477. E-file federal taxes at <u>https://www.irs.gov/Filing/E-File-Options</u>.

### FILE FEDERAL & STATE TAXES FOR FREE

if household income is \$72,000 or less at: https://www.irs.gov/uac/Free-File:-Do-Your-Federal-Taxes-for-Free

### State of Ohio Department of Taxation

Download forms or file online at <u>https://www.tax.ohio.gov/forms.aspx</u> Call the State of Ohio Department of Taxation at: Individual tax assistance 800-282-1780 Business tax assistance 888-405-4039 Ohio Relay for the Hearing Impaired 800-750-0750 Income tax refund hotline 800-282-1784

City of Dayton 101 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402 Customer service line 937-333-3500, press 2 Tax form order line 937-333-3501 or download forms at: <u>http://www.daytonohio.gov/279/Tax-Forms</u>

**City Forms** for all cities and villages in Ohio with municipal tax <u>https://tax.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/tax/business/municipalities/08municipal-income-tax-forms</u> Also R.I.T.A. (Regional Income Tax Authority) <u>https://www.ritaohio.com/</u> R.I.T.A. 800-860-7482; TDD 440-526-5332

### State Tax Forms for All States: <u>http://www.taxadmin.org/state-tax-forms</u>

# EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC) is a refundable tax credit for low-to-moderate-income working individuals and couples, particularly those with children.

EITC is for workers whose income did not exceed the following limits in 2021:

- \$51,464 (\$57,414 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children
- \$47,915 (\$53,865 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children
- \$42,158 (\$48,108 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
- \$21,430 (\$27,380 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

To receive the EITC you must file a tax return, even if you do not owe any tax or are not required to file. If you qualify for EITC, you may also be able to claim Child Tax Credits.

More at: <u>http://www.irs.gov/EITC</u> or contact a VITA site listed on reverse.

https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit/earned-income-and-earned-income-tax-credit-eitc-tables

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## FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR QUALIFYING TAXPAYERS



Call these organizations to confirm when free tax help is being offered, if you qualify, what items you need to bring, and to schedule an appointment.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** offers free tax help to people who generally make \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some sites may not offer face-to-face appointments, and tax information will need to be dropped off at those locations. For more information, call the United Way of Greater Dayton, Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4:30 pm at 937-913-2000. Find sites at https://www.irs.gov/individuals/find-a-location-for-free-tax-prep

Beavercreek Senior Center 3868 Dayton Xenia Road Beavercreek, OH 45432 937-426-6166

Dayton Children's Hospital 1010 Valley Street Dayton, OH 45404 937-641-3716

Fairborn Senior Center 325 N. Third Street Fairborn, OH 45324 937-878-4141

Greene County Xenia Library 76 E. Market St Xenia, OH 45383 937-352-4000

The Job Center\*\*\* 1133 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd. Dayton, OH 45417

\*\*\*Note: Do Not Contact Directly. Call 937-913-2000, Mon-Fri, 9-4:30 to schedule The Life Enrichment Center 425 N. Findlay St. Dayton, OH 45404 937-252-5700

Miamisburg Senior Adult Center 305 E. Central Ave. Dayton, OH 45342 937-866-8999

Northwest Branch Library 2410 Philadelphia Dr. Dayton, OH 45406 Walk-In Only: Wed, Thu, & Fri from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Partners in Hope 180 E. Race St. Troy, OH 45373 937-335-0448

St. Paul United Methodist Church 101 Huffman Ave. Dayton, OH 45403 937-252-4467

Trotwood Branch Library\*\*\* 855 E. Main St. Trotwood, OH 45426

**The AARP Foundation** offers free tax preparation for low-to-moderate income individuals, especially those over 50. Call for appointment: 888-OUR-AARP (888-687-2277); TTY: 877-434-7598 or visit: <a href="http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp">http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp</a> taxaide/

**Essex & Associates, Inc**. offers free tax preparation assistance for widows and single parents at 7501 Paragon Road STE 100, Dayton, OH 45459. Call 937-432-1040.

#### BE SURE TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO APPOINTMENTS:

- State-issued Photo ID, W-2 forms, and Social Security cards for those included on your tax return
- IRS correspondence in 2021 and any appropriate IRS forms, such as 1098 and 1099 forms (if any).
- If you had child care expenses, bring provider's social security number (or EIN), address, and proof of payment.
- If married filing jointly, both parties must be present in order to process the tax return.
- If you want direct deposit of refund, bring bank account and routing numbers with you.



# **2021 Tax Year Information** Stimulus Payment and Recovery Rebate Credit

#### Where can I find information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Economic Impact (2021 stimulus) Payment?

To check, go to https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment

Use Get My Payment to:

- Confirm your stimulus payment.
- Confirm your payment type: direct deposit or mail.

Data is updated once per day overnight, so there's no need to check back more than once per day. Please do not call the IRS about the payment; phone assistors do not have additional information beyond what's available on IRS.gov and in the Get My Payment application.

#### Where can I find information about the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Economic Impact (2020 stimulus) Payments?

"The first and second Economic Impact Payments no longer appear in Get My Payment. To find the amounts of these payments, view or create your online account. https://www.irs.gov/payments/your-online-account

You can also refer to Notice 1444 for the first payment and Notice 1444-B for the second payment. The IRS mailed these notices to the address we have on file." Notice 1444-C is for the third payment (2021).

#### I received my 3<sup>rd</sup> Stimulus Payment. What is a Letter 6475?

Letter 6475 "confirm[s] the total amount of the third Economic Impact Payment and any plus-up payments you received for tax year 2021." https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment

"Letter 6475 only applies to the third round of Economic Impact Payments, which were issued in March through December of 2021. The third round of Economic Impact Payments, including "plus-up" payments, were advance payments of the 2021 recovery rebate credit that would be claimed on a 2021 tax return. Most eligible people already received the payments. However, people who are missing stimulus payments should review information on IRS.gov to determine their eligibility and whether they need to claim a recovery rebate credit for 2020 or 2021. This includes people who don't normally need to file a tax return." https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-sending-information-letters-to-recipients-of-advance-child-tax-creditpayments-and-third-economic-impact-payments

#### What if I did not receive an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus) check (3rd Payment) in 2021? Or I only received a partial payment?

"If you received the full amount of the third Economic Impact Payment, you don't need to include any information about your payment when you file your 2021 tax return.

If you didn't qualify for a third Economic Impact Payment or got less than the full amount, you may be eligible to claim the 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit based on your 2021 tax year information. If you're eligible, you'll need to file a 2021 tax return even if you don't usually file a tax return. Your 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit will reduce any tax you owe for 2021 or be included in your tax refund.

Any third Economic Impact Payments you received will reduce the amount of the credit you're eligible for. You will need the total amount of your third Economic Impact payment and any plus-up payments to claim the 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit and avoid a processing delay that can slow a tax refund.

Do not include amounts of missing first or second stimulus payments on your 2021 tax return." https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/recovery-rebate-credit

"The 2021 recovery rebate credit is figured like the economic impact payment except that the credit eligibility and the credit amount are based on your 2021 tax year information. If you didn't receive the full amount of the 2021 recovery rebate credit as an economic impact payment, you may be able to claim the recovery rebate credit on your 2021 Form 1040 or 1040-SR. Use the Recovery Rebate Credit Worksheet [in the Instructions for Form 1040 or 1040-SR] to figure the credit, if any, you can claim."

Instructions: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf



# 2021 Tax Year Information Child Tax Credit and Unemployment

#### I received a Child Tax Credit. What is a Letter 6419?

"To help taxpayers reconcile and receive all the 2021 child tax credits to which they are entitled, the IRS started sending Letter 6419, 2021 [Advance Child Tax Credit], in late December 2021 and will continue into January. This letter includes the total amount of advance child tax credit payments taxpayers received in 2021 and the number of qualifying children used to calculate the advance payments. People should keep this and any other IRS letters about advance child tax credit payments with their tax records.

Families who received advance payments need to file a 2021 tax return and compare the advance payments they received in 2021 with the amount of the child tax credit they can properly claim on their 2021 tax return." https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-sending-information-letters-to-recipients-of-advance-child-tax-credit-

payments-and-third-economic-impact-payments

To check your payment amount, see the Child Tax Credit Update Portal: <u>https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal</u>

For more information about the Advance Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021: <u>https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021</u>

#### What if I received unemployment in 2021:

The American Rescue Plan exempted federal taxes for the first \$10,200 in unemployment benefits for 2020 (within certain income restrictions). Unfortunately, at this time, there is not an exemption for unemployment benefits collected in 2021. For questions about whether your unemployment benefit is taxable, see IRS website. https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/are-payments-i-receive-for-being-unemployed-taxable

If you received unemployment, then you should receive a Form 1099-G, Certain Government Payments. The benefits paid should be reported when you file your 2021 taxes. <u>https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc418</u>