**I’m convinced.
Where can I file?**

You can go to a free tax assistance site. These sites have trained volunteers who will check your eligibility and then help you fill out your tax forms.

**To find a free tax site near you:**

* Visit <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>
or
* Download IRS2Go - the official mobile app of the IRS, available on all major platforms:
* Check your refund status, make a payment, find free tax preparation assistance, sign up for helpful tax tips, and more!
* IRS2Go is available in both English and Spanish.

or

* Call the IRS at 1-800-906-9887

**Some families can get a
child tax credit (CTC),
too!**

Your family may qualify for the
CTC, which may reduce your tax
by as much as $2,000 for each
qualifying child.

**Extra state benefit**

When you qualify for the federal
EITC, you automatically qualify
for a Massachusetts tax credit
(EIC) that will give you an extra
30% of your EITC check.

$3,526 turns into $4,583!

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**It’s That Easy.**

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**How much money can I get back?**

Your EITC check depends mainly on your family size and your 2019 earned income.

**How do I know if I qualify for EITC?**

* You must have worked and earned income
* The household members you claim must have Social Security numbers that are valid for employment
* You cannot be counted as a “child” by someone else

**What is the EITC, and how can it help me?**

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is for people who work and meet certain income guidelines. You may **get money back** when you file your taxes and keep more of what you earned. It can make a big difference!

Learn more details and file for your tax credits at a **free tax assistance** **site** near you. There are about 300 in Massachusetts open during tax season. You may even get tax credits for the last two years.

**Note:** AGI means Adjusted Gross Income, MFJ means Married Filing Jointly.

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| **A “qualifying child” can be your:**• Biological or adopted child, stepchild, foster  child, or a descendent of any of them, such  as your grandchild;• Brother, half-brother, sister or half-sister,  stepbrother or stepsister, or a descendent of  any one of them, such as a niece or nephew. | **At the end of 2019, a “qualifying child” must:**• Be younger than you;• Not have filed a joint return other than to  claim a refund;• Be under 19, unless they are a full-time  student under 24; or• Be any age and permanently disabled. |

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| **If your family has** | **And your AGI and earned income is less than** | **Then you may get up to** |
| No “qualifying children” (see box) | $15,570($21,370 if MFJ) | $529 |
| One qualifying child | $41,094($46,884 if MFJ) | $3,526 |
| Two qualifying children | $46,703($52,493 if MFJ) | $5,828 |
| Three or more qualifying children | $50,162($55,952 if MFJ) | $6,557 |

There are more rules about relationship, age, citizenship, disabilities and foreign income. A **free** tax preparer can explain these rules; or visit www.irs.gov/eitc for more information.

**What if I file, but don’t owe any tax?**

No problem. You may still be eligible to get the tax credits.

**Will the EITC affect my benefits?**

In Massachusetts, getting the federal EITC and the state EIC tax credit **will not affect your eligibility** for TAFDC, SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, or low-income housing.

*(EITC and EIC do not count as income in determining eligibility for these benefits.)*

**Note:** TAFDC, alimony and child support payments are not earned income and do not count towards the income limits.