

Need Help Filing Your Taxes?

If you use a paid preparer, on average you can expect to pay a fee between \$100 and \$200. A great way to save money is to go to a no-cost tax preparation site. These sites are available across eastern Idaho. The AARP Tax-Aid program trains volunteers to prepare federal and state tax returns for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention given to people 60 and older. **AARP Tax-Aid sites are open from early February through April 15th.** AARP Tax-Aid has tax preparation sites in 11 communities in eastern Idaho and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

What to bring with you:

- Valid picture ID, Social Security card, current record of your SSN or your prior year return
- Social Security cards for dependents
- Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) from each employer
- Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV (to report interest and dividends)

For dates, times and locations of AARP Tax-Aid sites, contact the Idaho Careline by calling 211 or visit www.p4peid.org/cash.

For information on the Tax Credits & no-cost tax preparation sites:

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Idaho Careline representative
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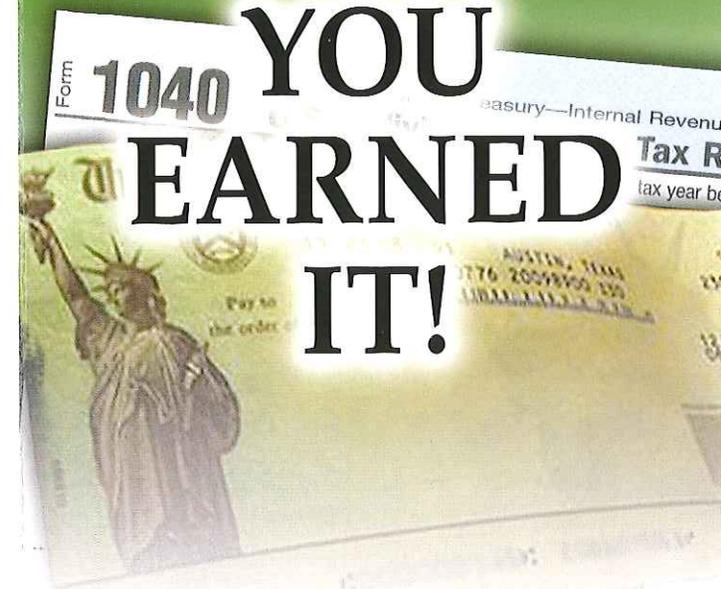
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What Tax Credits Can You Claim?

The Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit are refundable tax credits for eligible working individuals and families. If you qualify, you'll owe less in taxes and may even qualify for a cash refund. Even if you don't owe income tax you can still get the Earned Income Tax Credit, but you must file for the credits with your tax return! **These tax credits do not count as income in determining eligibility for public benefits like food stamps, SSI, TANF, Medicaid, & public housing.**

Who is Eligible for the Tax Credits?

- Families with three or more qualifying children who earn less than \$43,998 (or less than \$49,078 for married filing jointly) may be eligible for a refund of up to **\$5,751**.
- Families with two qualifying children who earn less than \$40,964 (or less than \$46,044 for married filing jointly) may be eligible for a refund of up to **\$5,112**.
- Families with one qualifying child who earn less than \$36,052 (or less than \$41,132 for married filing jointly) may qualify for a refund of up to **\$3,094**.
- Workers between the ages of 25 & 64, without children, who earn less than \$13,660 (or less than \$18,740 for married filing jointly) may qualify for a refund of up to **\$464**.
- Families earning more than \$3,000 may also be eligible for the Child Tax Credit, up to \$1,000 for each child.

To claim the Earned Income Tax Credit, you must have a Social Security Number (SSN), worked full- or part-time, earned at least one dollar, and have investment income of less than \$3,150. To claim the Child Tax Credit, you can substitute the SSN with the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

HOW THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT WORKS

The Tax Year 2010, the EITC threshold for families who earned less than \$40,363 (filing single) with three or more qualifying children, may qualify for a refund up to \$5,666. In **bold** is the current U.S. minimal wage.

Hourly Wage	Annual Income	EITC w/ 3+ Children	Total Income w/ EITC	Hourly Wage w/ EITC
\$5.15	\$10,712	\$4,820	\$15,532	\$7.47
5.50	11,440	5,140	16,580	7.97
5.75	11,960	5,380	17,340	8.34
6.00	12,480	5,610	18,090	8.70
6.50	13,520	5,660	19,180	9.22
7.25	15,080	5,660	20,740	9.97
7.50	15,600	5,660	21,260	10.22
8.00	16,640	5,620	22,260	10.70
8.50	17,680	5,400	23,080	11.10
9.00	18,720	5,180	23,900	11.49

Amend Previous Tax Returns

If you believe you may have qualified for the Earned Income Tax Credit in the past but did not apply for it, you may amend previous tax returns for the past two years to receive the tax credit refund.

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How To File

- To file for the Earned Income Tax Credit with dependents (single or married), file federal tax return Form 1040 or 1040A. For those with no dependents (single or married), use Form 1040EZ, if you are eligible to use this form. Attach Schedule Earned Income Tax Credit with your tax return.
- To file for the Child Tax Credit, same requirements stated above but attach Form 8812 with your tax return.

For More Information on the Tax Credits:

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