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# Child Tax Credit

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## Introduction

The purpose of this publication is:

1. To figure the child tax credit you claim on Form 1040, line 51, or Form 1040A, line 33, and
2. To figure the amount of taxable earned income you enter on line 4a of Form 8812, Additional Child Tax Credit.

This publication is intended primarily for individuals sent here by the instructions to Forms 1040, 1040A, and 8812. Even if you were not sent here by the instructions to one of the forms, you can still choose to use this publication to figure your credit. However, most individuals can use the simpler worksheet in their tax form instructions.

This publication includes a detailed example of a taxpayer who figures the child tax credit and the additional child tax credit.

**If you were sent here from your Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions.** Go to page 4 of this publication and complete the Child Tax Credit Worksheet.

**If you were sent here from your Form 8812 instructions.** Go to page 8 of this publication and complete the 1040 Filers – Taxable Earned Income Worksheet.

**If you have not read your Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions.** Read the explanation of who must use this publication next. If you find that you are not required to use this publication to figure your child tax credit, you can use the simpler worksheet in the Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions to figure your credit.

**Who must use this publication.** If you answer “Yes” to any of the following questions, you must use this publication to figure your child tax credit.

1. Are you excluding income from Puerto Rico or are you filing any of the following forms?
  - a. Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (relating to foreign earned income)
  - b. Form 4563 (exclusion of income for residents of American Samoa)
2. Is the amount on Form 1040, line 37, or Form 1040A, line 22, more than the amount shown next for your filing status?

- a. Married filing jointly – \$110,000
  - b. Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) – \$75,000
  - c. Married filing separately – \$55,000
3. Are you claiming any of the following credits?
- a. Adoption credit, Form 8839
  - b. Mortgage interest credit, Form 8396
  - c. District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit, Form 8859

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## Child Tax Credit

This credit is for people who have a qualifying child as defined on this page. It is in addition to the credit for child and dependent care expenses (on Form 1040, line 47, or Form 1040A, line 29) and the earned income credit (on Form 1040, line 65a, or Form 1040A, line 41a).

The maximum amount you can claim for the credit is \$1,000 for each qualifying child.

## Qualifying Child

A qualifying child for purposes of the child tax credit must be all of the following.

1. Claimed as your dependent on line 6c of Form 1040 or Form 1040A.
2. Under age 17 at the end of 2004.
3. Your:
  - a. Son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your grandchild);
  - b. Brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your niece or nephew), whom you cared for as you would your own child;
  - c. Foster child (any child placed with you by an authorized placement agency whom you cared for as you would your own child).
4. A U.S. citizen or resident alien.



*The above requirements are not the same as the requirements to be a qualifying child for the earned income credit.*

**Adopted child.** An adopted child is always treated as your own child. An adopted child includes a child placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption even if the adoption is not final. An authorized placement agency includes any person or court authorized by state law to place children for legal adoption.

## Limits on the Credit

You must reduce your child tax credit if either (1) or (2) applies.

1. The amount on Form 1040, line 45, or Form 1040A, line 28, is less than the credit. If this amount is zero, you cannot take this credit because there is no tax to reduce. But you may be able to take the additional child tax credit. See *Additional Child Tax Credit*, later.
2. Your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is above the amount shown below for your filing status.
  - a. Married filing jointly – \$110,000.
  - b. Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) – \$75,000.
  - c. Married filing separately – \$55,000.

**Modified AGI.** For purposes of the child tax credit, your modified AGI is your AGI plus the following amounts that may apply to you.

- Any amount excluded from income because of the exclusion of income from Puerto Rico.
- Any amount on line 43 or line 48 of Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income.

- Any amount on line 18 of Form 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion.
- Any amount on line 15 of Form 4563, Exclusion of Income for Bona Fide Residents of American Samoa.

If you do not have any of the above, your modified AGI is the same as your AGI.

**AGI.** Your AGI is the amount on Form 1040, line 37, or Form 1040A, line 22.

## Claiming the Credit

To claim the child tax credit, you must file Form 1040 or Form 1040A. You cannot claim the child tax credit on Form 1040-EZ. You must provide the name and identification number (usually a social security number) on your tax return for each qualifying child.

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## Taxable Earned Income

You will need to figure your taxable earned income using one of the worksheets in this publication if you are completing the Line 11 Worksheet (page 6) or Form 8812. Form 1040 filers, use the worksheet on page 8 to figure your taxable earned income. Form 1040A filers, use the worksheet on page 9.

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## Additional Child Tax Credit

This credit is for certain individuals who get less than the full amount of the child tax credit. The additional child tax credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

**How to claim the additional child tax credit.** To claim the additional child tax credit, follow the steps below.

1. Make sure you figured the amount, if any, of your child tax credit.
2. If you answered "Yes" on line 4 or line 5 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet in the Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions (or on line 13 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet in this publication), use Form 8812 to see if you can take the additional child tax credit.
3. If you have an additional child tax credit on line 13 of Form 8812, carry it to Form 1040, line 67 or Form 1040A, line 42.

# Child Tax Credit Worksheet

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To be a qualifying child for the child tax credit, the child must be **under age 17** at the end of 2004 and meet the other requirements listed on page 2.



## Part 1

1. Number of qualifying children: \_\_\_\_\_ × \$1,000. Enter the result. **1**

2. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 37, or Form 1040A, line 22. **2**

3. **1040 Filers.** Enter the total of any—  
 • Exclusion of income from Puerto Rico, and  
 • Amounts from Form 2555, lines 43 and 48; Form 2555-EZ, line 18; and Form 4563, line 15.  
**1040A Filers.** Enter -0-.

**3**

4. Add lines 2 and 3. Enter the total. **4**

5. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status.  
 • Married filing jointly - \$110,000  
 • Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) - \$75,000  
 • Married filing separately - \$55,000

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6. Is the amount on line 4 more than the amount on line 5?  
 **No.** Leave line 6 blank. Enter -0- on line 7.  
 **Yes.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.  
 If the result is not a multiple of \$1,000, increase it to the next multiple of \$1,000.  
 For example, increase \$425 to \$1,000, increase \$1,025 to \$2,000, etc.

**6**

7. Multiply the amount on line 6 by 5% (.05). Enter the result. **7**

8. Is the amount on line 1 more than the amount on line 7?  
 **No.** You cannot take the child tax credit on Form 1040, line 51, or Form 1040A, line 33. You also cannot take the additional child tax credit on Form 1040, line 67, or Form 1040A, line 42. Complete the rest of your Form 1040 or 1040A.  
 **Yes.** Subtract line 7 from line 1. Enter the result. **8**   
*Go to Part 2 on the next page.*

**Part 2**

9. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 45, or Form 1040A, line 28.

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10. Add the amounts from—

Form 1040	or	Form 1040A	
Line 46			_____
Line 47		Line 29	+ _____
Line 48		Line 30	+ _____
Line 49		Line 31	+ _____
Line 50		Line 32	+ _____

Enter the total.

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11. Are you claiming any of the following credits?

- Adoption credit, Form 8839
- Mortgage interest credit, Form 8396
- District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit, Form 8859

**No.** Enter the amount from line 10.

**Yes.** Complete the Line 11 Worksheet on the next page to figure the amount to enter here.

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12. Subtract line 11 from line 9. Enter the result.

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13. Is the amount on line 8 of this worksheet more than the amount on line 12?

**No.** Enter the amount from line 8.

**Yes.** Enter the amount from line 12. See the **TIP** below.

**This is your child tax credit.**

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Enter this amount on Form 1040, line 51, or Form 1040A, line 33.



You may be able to take the **additional child tax credit** on Form 1040, line 67, or Form 1040A, line 42, only if you answered “Yes” on line 13.

- First, complete your Form 1040 through line 66, or Form 1040A through line 41a.
- Then, use Form 8812 to figure any additional child tax credit.

**Before you begin:** ✓ Complete the Taxable Earned Income Worksheet on page 8 or 9 that applies to you.



Use this worksheet only if you answered “Yes” on line 11 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 5.

1. Enter the amount from line 8 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 4.	1	
2. Enter your taxable earned income from the worksheet on page 8 or 9 that applies to you.	2	
3. Is the amount on line 2 more than \$10,750? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b> Leave line 3 blank, enter -0- on line 4, and go to line 5. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> Subtract \$10,750 from the amount on line 2. Enter the result.	3	
4. Multiply the amount on line 3 by 15% (.15) and enter the result.	4	
5. Is the amount on line 1 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 4 \$3,000 or more? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b> If line 4 above is zero, <b>stop.</b> Do not complete the rest of this worksheet. Instead, go back to the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 5 and do the following. Enter the amount from line 10 on line 11 and complete lines 12 and 13. If line 4 above is more than zero, leave lines 6 through 9 blank, enter -0- on line 10, and go to line 11 on the next page. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> If line 4 above is equal to or more than line 1 above, leave lines 6 through 9 blank, enter -0- on line 10, and go to line 11 on the next page. Otherwise, see <i>1040 filers</i> and <i>1040A filers</i> on page 7 and then go to line 6.		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 5px;">                 If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours when completing lines 6 and 7.             </div> 6. Enter the total of the following amounts from Form(s) W-2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Social security taxes from box 4, and</li> <li>● Medicare taxes from box 6.</li> </ul> Railroad employees, see the bottom of page 7.	6	
7. <b>1040 filers.</b> Enter the total of any— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amounts from Form 1040, lines 30 and 58, and</li> <li>● Uncollected social security and Medicare or tier 1 RRTA taxes shown in box 12 of your Form(s) W-2 with codes A, B, M, and N.</li> </ul> <b>1040A filers.</b> Enter -0-.	7	
8. Add lines 6 and 7. Enter the total.	8	
9. <b>1040 filers.</b> Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 65a and 66. <b>1040A filers.</b> Enter the total of any— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amount from Form 1040A, line 41a, and</li> <li>● Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA taxes withheld that you entered to the left of Form 1040A, line 43.</li> </ul>	9	
10. Subtract line 9 from line 8. If the result is zero or less, enter -0-. <i>Go to line 11 on the next page.</i>	10	

11. Enter the **larger** of line 4 or line 10.

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12. Is the amount on line 11 of this worksheet more than the amount on line 1?

**No.** Subtract line 11 from line 1. Enter the result.

**Yes.** Enter -0-.

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**Next**, figure the amount of any of the following credits that you are claiming. Use the amount from line 12 above when you are asked to enter the amount from Form 1040, line 51, or Form 1040A, line 33.

- Adoption credit, Form 8839
- Mortgage interest credit, Form 8396
- District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit, Form 8859

*Then, go to line 13.*

13. Enter the total of the amounts from—

- Form 8839, line 18, and
- Form 8396, line 11, and
- Form 8859, line 11.

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14. Enter the amount from line 10 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 5.

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15. Add lines 13 and 14. Enter the total.

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*Enter this amount on line 11 of the Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 5.*

**1040 filers.** Complete lines 58, 65a, and 66 of your return if they apply to you.

**1040A filers.** Complete line 41a of your return if it applies to you. If you, or your spouse if filing jointly, had more than one employer for 2004 and total wages of over \$87,900, figure any excess social security and railroad retirement (RRTA) taxes withheld. See the instructions for Form 1040A, line 43.

**Railroad employees.** Include the following taxes in the total on line 6 of the Line 11 Worksheet.

- ✓ Tier 1 tax withheld from your pay.  
This tax should be shown in box 14 of your Form(s) W-2 and identified as “Tier 1 tax.”
- ✓ If you were an employee representative, 50% of the total Tier 1 tax and Tier 1 Medicare tax you paid for 2004.



# 1040 Filers - Taxable Earned Income Worksheet

## Before you begin:

- ✓ Use this worksheet only if you were sent here from the Line 11 Worksheet on page 6 of this publication or line 4a of Form 8812, Additional Child Tax Credit.
- ✓ Disregard community property laws when figuring the amounts to enter on this worksheet.
- ✓ If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours when completing this worksheet.

1. **a.** Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 7 ..... **1a.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**b.** Enter the amount of any nontaxable combat pay received. Also enter this amount on Form 8812, line 4b. This amount should be shown in Form(s) W-2, box 14, with code Q. .... **1b.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Next**, if you are filing Schedule C, C-EZ, F, or SE, or you received a Schedule K-1 (Form 1065 or Form 1065-B), go to line 2a. Otherwise, skip lines 2a through 2e and go to line 3.
2. **a.** Enter any statutory employee income reported on line 1 of Schedule C or C-EZ ..... **2a.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**b.** Enter any net profit or (loss) from Schedule C, line 31; Schedule C-EZ, line 3; Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A (other than farming); and Schedule K-1 (Form 1065-B), box 9, code K1.\* Reduce this amount by any unreimbursed nonfarm partnership expenses you deducted on Schedule E. **Do not** include any statutory employee income or any other amounts exempt from self-employment tax. Options and commodities dealers must add any gain or subtract any loss (in the normal course of dealing in or trading section 1256 contracts) from section 1256 contracts or related property ..... **2b.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**c.** Enter any net farm profit or (loss) from Schedule F, line 36, and from farm partnerships, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A.\* Reduce this amount by any unreimbursed farm partnership expenses you deducted on Schedule E. **Do not** include any amounts exempt from self-employment tax ..... **2c.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**d.** If you used the farm optional method to figure net earnings from self-employment, enter the amount from Schedule SE, Section B, line 15. Otherwise, skip this line and enter on line 2e the amount from line 2c. .... **2d.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**e.** If line 2c is a profit, enter the **smaller** of line 2c or line 2d. If line 2c is a (loss), enter the (loss) from line 2c. **2e.** \_\_\_\_\_
3. Combine lines 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, and 2e. If zero or less, **stop**. Do not complete the rest of this worksheet. Instead, enter -0- on line 2 of the Line 11 Worksheet on page 6 or line 4a of Form 8812, whichever applies . . **3.** \_\_\_\_\_
4. Enter any amount included on line 1a that is:
  - a.** A scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on Form W-2 ..... **4a.** \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.** For work done while an inmate in a penal institution (enter "PRI" and this amount on the dotted line next to line 7 of Form 1040) ..... **4b.** \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.** A pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental section 457 plan (enter "DFC" and this amount on the dotted line next to line 7 of Form 1040). This amount may be shown in box 11 of your Form W-2. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity. .... **4c.** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **a.** Enter any amount included on line 3 that is also included on Form 2555, line 41, or Form 2555-EZ, line 18. **Do not** include any amount that is also included on line 4a, 4b, or 4c above ..... **5a.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**b.** Enter the amount, if any, from Form 2555, line 42, that is also deducted on Schedule C, C-EZ, or F, or included on Schedule E in partnership net income or (loss) ..... **5b.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**c.** Subtract line 5b from line 5a ..... **5c.** \_\_\_\_\_
6. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 30 ..... **6.** \_\_\_\_\_
7. Add lines 4a through 4c, 5c, and 6 ..... **7.** \_\_\_\_\_
8. Subtract line 7 from line 3 ..... **8.** \_\_\_\_\_
  - If you were sent here from the Line 11 Worksheet on page 6, enter this amount on line 2 of that worksheet.
  - If you were sent here from Form 8812, enter this amount on line 4a of that form.

*\*If you have any Schedule K-1 amounts and you are not required to file Schedule SE, complete the appropriate line(s) of Schedule SE, Section A. Put your name and social security number on Schedule SE and attach it to your return.*

# 1040A Filers - Taxable Earned Income Worksheet



**Before you begin:**

- ✓ Use this worksheet only if you were sent here from the Line 11 Worksheet on page 6 of this publication.
- ✓ Disregard community property laws when figuring the amounts to enter on this worksheet.

- 1. a.** Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 7 . . . . . **1a.** \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** Enter the amount of any nontaxable combat pay received. Also enter this amount on Form 8812, line 4b. This amount should be shown in Form(s) W-2, box 14, with code Q. . . . . **1b.** \_\_\_\_\_
- c.** Add lines 1a and 1b. . . . . **1c.** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.** Enter any amount included on line 1a that is:
- a.** A scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on Form W-2 . . . . . **2a.** \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** For work done while an inmate in a penal institution (enter "PRI" and this amount next to line 7 of Form 1040A) . . . . . **2b.** \_\_\_\_\_
- c.** A pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental section 457 plan (enter "DFC" and this amount next to line 7 of Form 1040A). This amount may be shown in box 11 of your Form W-2. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity . . . . . **2c.** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.** Add lines 2a through 2c . . . . . **3.** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.** Subtract line 3 from line 1c. Enter the result here and on line 2 of the Line 11 Worksheet on page 6 . . . . . **4.** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Detailed Example

Steve and Gretchen Leaf have four children who are all qualifying children for the child tax credit. Steve and Gretchen's adjusted gross income (AGI) (Form 1040, line 37) is \$112,000. This amount represents Steve's salary and is considered taxable earned income. They will file a joint return. Assume that their tax (Form 1040, line 45) is \$2,000.

Steve and Gretchen have the 2004 Form 1040 tax package and instructions. They want to see if they qualify for the child tax credit, so they follow the steps for line 51 in the instructions.

**Step 1.** In Step 1 of those instructions Steve and Gretchen determine all four children qualify for the child tax credit.

**Step 2.** The Leafs check the box in column (4) of line 6c on Form 1040 for each child.

**Step 3.** In Step 3 the Leafs find out they must use Publication 972 to figure their child tax credit because their AGI is more than \$110,000. When they read Publication 972, they find out they must complete the Child Tax Credit Worksheet that begins on page 4.

**Completing the Child Tax Credit Worksheet.** Steve and Gretchen fill out the worksheet (shown here) to find out how much child tax credit they can claim.

1. Steve and Gretchen enter the number of qualifying children (4), multiply 4 by \$1,000, and enter the result (\$4,000) in the box for line 1.
2. They enter their AGI (\$112,000) in the box for line 2.
3. They enter -0- in the box for line 3 since they did not exclude any income from Puerto Rico or any income on Form 2555, Form 2555-EZ, or Form 4563.
4. They add \$112,000 and \$0 and enter the result (\$112,000) in the box for line 4.
5. They enter \$110,000 in the box for line 5 since they will file a joint return.
6. They check the "Yes" box in line 6 since the amount on line 4 (\$112,000) is more than the amount on line 5 (\$110,000). They subtract line 5 (\$110,000) from line 4 (\$112,000) and enter the result (\$2,000) in the box for line 6.
7. They multiply the amount on line 6 (\$2,000) by 5% (.05) and enter the result (\$100) in the box for line 7.
8. They check the "Yes" box in line 8 since the amount on line 1 (\$4,000) is more than the amount on line 7 (\$100). They subtract line 7 (\$100) from line 1 (\$4,000) and enter the result (\$3,900) in the box for line 8.
9. They enter the amount from line 45 of their Form 1040 (\$2,000) in the box for line 9.

10. Steve and Gretchen did not have any of the credits on lines 46, 47, 48, 49, or 50 of Form 1040, so they enter -0- in the box for line 10.
11. They check the "No" box on line 11 because they are not claiming any of the credits shown on line 11. They enter -0- in the box for line 11.
12. They subtract the amount on line 11 (\$0) from the amount on line 9 (\$2,000) and enter the result (\$2,000) in the box for line 12.
13. They check the "Yes" box in line 13 since the amount on line 8 (\$3,900) is more than the amount on line 12 (\$2,000). They enter the amount from line 12 (\$2,000) in the box for line 13. Their child tax credit is \$2,000. They enter \$2,000 on line 51 of their Form 1040.

Steve and Gretchen read the *TIP* in the worksheet and find that they may be able to take the additional child tax credit because they checked the "Yes" box in line 13.

Steve and Gretchen complete their Form 1040 through line 66 and use Form 8812 to see if they can claim the additional child tax credit.

### Completing Form 8812.

1. They enter the amount from line 8 of their Child Tax Credit Worksheet (\$3,900) on line 1.
2. On line 2, they enter the amount of their child tax credit (\$2,000) from line 51 of their Form 1040.
3. Steve and Gretchen subtract the amount on line 2 (\$2,000) from the amount on line 1 (\$3,900) and enter the result (\$1,900) on line 3.
4. Before completing line 4, they read the instructions on the back of the form and answer "No" to each of the four questions. They enter the amount from line 7 of their Form 1040 (\$112,000) on line 4a.
5. Since the amount on line 4a (\$112,000) is more than \$10,750, they check the "Yes" box and subtract \$10,750 from the amount on line 4a (\$112,000) and enter the result (\$101,250) on line 5.
6. They multiply the amount on line 5 (\$101,250) by 15% (.15) and enter the result (\$15,188) on line 6. Next, they are asked if they have three or more qualifying children. Steve and Gretchen check the "Yes" box. Since line 6 (\$15,188) is more than line 3 (\$1,900), they skip *Part II* and enter the amount from line 3 (\$1,900) on line 13. This \$1,900 is their additional child tax credit. They also enter this amount on line 67 of their Form 1040.

Steve and Gretchen will get a child tax credit of \$2,000 and an additional child tax credit of \$1,900 for the year.



To be a qualifying child for the child tax credit, the child must be **under age 17** at the end of 2004 and meet the other requirements listed on page 2.



**Part 1**

1. Number of qualifying children: 4 × \$1,000. Enter the result. **1** 4,000

2. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 37, or Form 1040A, line 22. **2** 112,000

3. **1040 Filers.** Enter the total of any—  
 • Exclusion of income from Puerto Rico, and  
 • Amounts from Form 2555, lines 43 and 48; Form 2555-EZ, line 18; and Form 4563, line 15.  
**1040A Filers.** Enter -0-.

**3** 0

4. Add lines 2 and 3. Enter the total. **4** 112,000

5. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status.  
 • Married filing jointly - \$110,000  
 • Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) - \$75,000  
 • Married filing separately - \$55,000

**5** 110,000

6. Is the amount on line 4 more than the amount on line 5?  
 **No.** Leave line 6 blank. Enter -0- on line 7.  
 **Yes.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.  
 If the result is not a multiple of \$1,000, increase it to the next multiple of \$1,000 (for example, increase \$425 to \$1,000, increase \$1,025 to \$2,000, etc.).

**6** 2,000

7. Multiply the amount on line 6 by 5% (.05). Enter the result. **7** 100

8. Is the amount on line 7 more than the amount on line 1?  
 **No.** You cannot take the child tax credit on Form 1040, line 51, or Form 1040A, line 33. You also cannot take the additional child tax credit on Form 1040, line 67, or Form 1040A, line 42. Complete the rest of your Form 1040 or 1040A.  
 **Yes.** Subtract line 7 from line 1. Enter the result. **8** 3,900  
*Go to Part 2 on the next page.*

**Leafs' filled-in worksheet continued**

**Part 2**

9. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 45, or Form 1040A, line 28.

<b>9</b>	2,000
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10. Add the amounts from—

Form 1040	or	Form 1040A	
Line 46			_____
Line 47		Line 29	+ _____
Line 48		Line 30	+ _____
Line 49		Line 31	+ _____
Line 50		Line 32	+ _____

Enter the total.

<b>10</b>	0
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11. Are you claiming any of the following credits?

- Adoption credit, Form 8839
- Mortgage interest credit, Form 8396
- District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit, Form 8859

**No.** Enter the amount from line 10.

**Yes.** Complete the Line 11 Worksheet on the next page to figure the amount to enter here.

<b>11</b>	0
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12. Subtract line 11 from line 9. Enter the result.

<b>12</b>	2,000
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13. Is the amount on line 8 of this worksheet more than the amount on line 12?

**No.** Enter the amount from line 8.

**Yes.** Enter the amount from line 12. See the **TIP** below.

**This is your child tax credit.**

<b>13</b>	2,000
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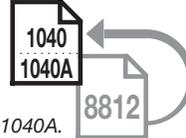
Enter this amount on  
Form 1040, line 51, or  
Form 1040A, line 33.



You may be able to take the **additional child tax credit** on Form 1040, line 67, or Form 1040A, line 42, only if you answered "Yes" on line 13.

- First, complete your Form 1040 through line 66, or Form 1040A through line 41a.
- Then, use Form 8812 to figure any additional child tax credit.

# Additional Child Tax Credit



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Complete and attach to Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

Name(s) shown on return *Steve and Gretchen Leaf* Your social security number *678 00 4444*

## Part I All Filers

<b>1</b>	Enter the amount from line 1 of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 38 of the Form 1040 instructions or page 37 of the Form 1040A instructions. If you used Pub. 972, enter the amount from line 8 of the worksheet on page 4 of the publication . . . . .	<b>1</b>	<i>3,900</i>
<b>2</b>	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 51, or Form 1040A, line 33 . . . . .	<b>2</b>	<i>2,000</i>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero, <b>stop</b> ; you cannot take this credit . . . . .	<b>3</b>	<i>1,900</i>
<b>4a</b>	Enter your total earned income. See the instructions on back . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	<i>112,000</i>
<b>b</b>	Nontaxable combat pay included on line 4a . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Is the amount on line 4a more than \$10,750? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b> Leave line 5 blank and enter -0- on line 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> Subtract \$10,750 from the amount on line 4a. Enter the result . . . . .	<b>5</b>	<i>101,250</i>
<b>6</b>	Multiply the amount on line 5 by 15% (.15) and enter the result . . . . . <b>Next.</b> Do you have three or more qualifying children? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b> If line 6 is zero, <b>stop</b> ; you cannot take this credit. Otherwise, skip Part II and enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 3 or line 6 on line 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> If line 6 is equal to or more than line 3, skip Part II and enter the amount from line 3 on line 13. Otherwise, go to line 7.	<b>6</b>	<i>15,188</i>

## Part II Certain Filers Who Have Three or More Qualifying Children

<b>7</b>	Enter the total of the withheld social security and Medicare taxes from Form(s) W-2, boxes 4 and 6. If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours. If you worked for a railroad, see the instructions on back . . . . .	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>1040 filers:</b> Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 30 and 58, plus any uncollected social security and Medicare or tier 1 RRTA taxes included on line 62. <b>1040A filers:</b> Enter -0-.	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Add lines 7 and 8 . . . . .	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>1040 filers:</b> Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 65a and 66. <b>1040A filers:</b> Enter the total of the amount from Form 1040A, line 41a, plus any excess social security and tier 1 RRTA taxes withheld that you entered to the left of line 43 (see the instructions on back).	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b>	Enter the <b>larger</b> of line 6 or line 11 here . . . . . <b>Next,</b> enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 3 or line 12 on line 13.	<b>12</b>	

## Part III Your Additional Child Tax Credit

<b>13</b>	This is your additional child tax credit . . . . .	<b>13</b>	<i>1,900</i>
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Enter this amount on  
Form 1040, line 67, or  
Form 1040A, line 42.

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