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U.S. Poverty – Policy Forum

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Welcome!

RESULTS Anti-Oppression Values

The RESULTS logo consists of the word "results" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, positioned inside a red speech bubble shape that points downwards.

RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people. Together we use our voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. Poverty cannot end as long as oppression exists.

We commit to opposing all forms of oppression, including racism, classism, colonialism, white saviorism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, and religious discrimination.

At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn't fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

There are no saviors — only partners, advocates, and allies. We agree to help make the RESULTS movement a respectful, inclusive space.

Find all our anti-oppression resources at: <https://results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression/>

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**Renter's Tax Credit &
Achieving Economic Justice**

State-Level Renter's Tax Credits

- 23 states currently offer some type of renter's tax credit or deduction
 - Deductions: IN, MA, NJ
 - Non-Refundable Credits: AZ, CA, HI, MD, MI, MO, RI, UT
 - Categorical Eligibility (only for elderly and/or disabled): AZ, CO, CT, IA, MO, MT, NM, ND, PA, RI, UT
 - Others have refundable credits, but often they are not enough: CA: \$60, HI: \$50
 - Noteworthy states: MN, DC
 - Two states recently introduced legislation: KY, NE

Elements of RTC

- Eligibility
 - Income requirements/caps
 - Age, (dis)ability, geographical area
- Delivery
 - Landlord or tenant?
 - Periodic or annually?
- Required Documents
 - Lease, rent receipts, proof of residency
- **Amount Calculation**
 - Universal payment or relationship between income, rent payment, and/or local fair market rent

Why is renter's tax credit needed?

- Unaffordable rents
- Housing shortage



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Bipartisanship

- Seeing support for state-level renter's tax credits from ***BOTH*** Democrats and Republicans
 - Bipartisan bills in state legislature to expand and increase credits in CA, MN, and MO
 - Republican support for programs that use categorical eligibility (CA, CT, MN, MT)
- Main source of contention will likely be cost, work requirements

POLITICS

In Defense of Rent Subsidies

Helping people pay rent is far more efficient than building and managing housing.

Who needs RTC? How can it help?

- Low-income tenants
- Families with children
- Students, young people
- Employees
- People with disabilities
- Senior / Elderly
- Landlords



U.S. Poverty Guest Speaker

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California Renters' Credit

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The CA renters' credit is \$60 for single filers and \$120 for joint filers. The last time the credit increased was in 1979.

*Adjusted for inflation, today the tax credit should be worth about \$245 and \$490, respectively.

When the tax credit was established decades ago, in 1972, it was meant to help tenants manage the cost of their rent.

The proposed legislation aimed to increase the existing tax credit. If SB843 had passed, California renters would've seen the tax credit increase from:

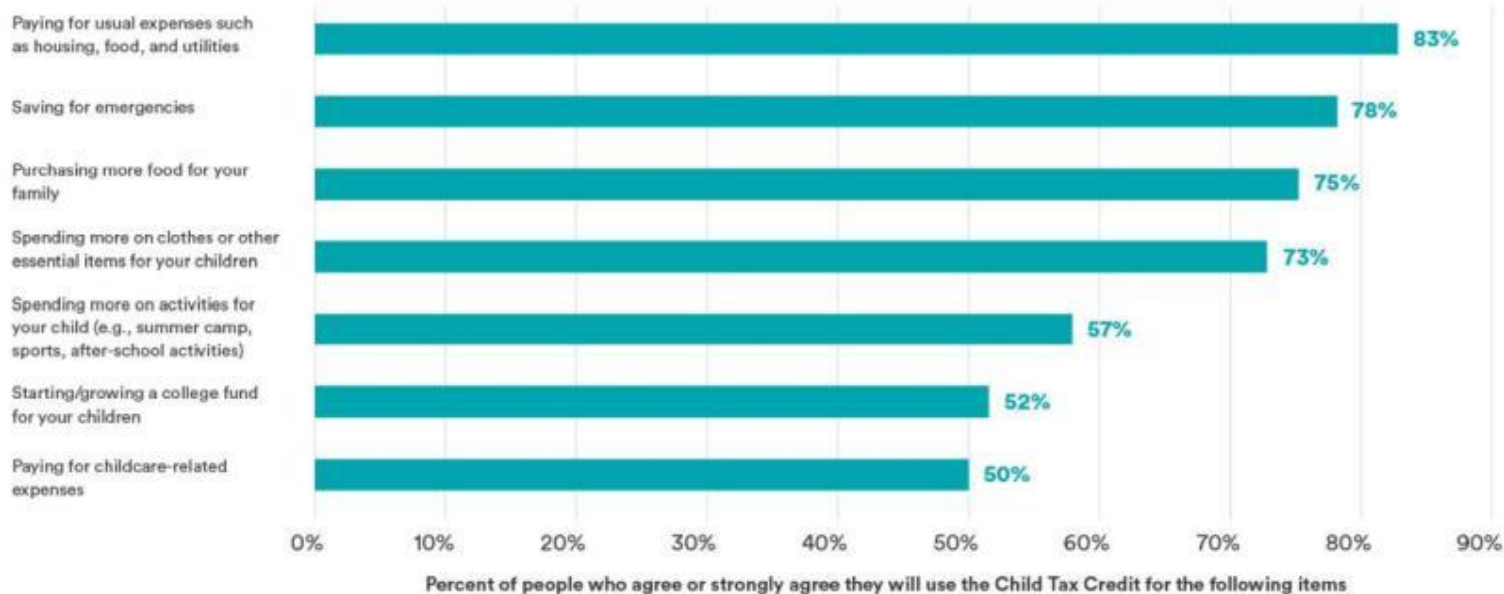
\$60 → \$500 (single filers making \$43,533 or less)

\$120 → \$1,000 (joint filers making \$87,066 or less AND single filers of dependents)

CA Renters' Tax Credit (SB843) update

- As the bill was introduced in the Senate, it looked good for passage in the Senate
- The biggest hurdle was in the Assembly Appropriations
- SB843 was reduced to a research bill, meaning there's currently no funding behind it

The Child Tax Credit is Helping Parents Make Ends Meet



*Based on a poll of 600 SaverLife members who've indicated they have dependent children under the age of 18. Poll was taken from 8/19 - 8/29. These responses were limited to 322 individuals indicating they've received the full payment they were expecting.

Source:  SaverLife



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SaverLife member Tiffany said housing is her biggest monthly expense

Prior to July 2021, the rent for her two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment cost \$1,385. Last summer, her rent increased to a staggering \$2,100. That's a 41% increase in rent.

- 2021 median rent in FL for a 2BR: \$1,321 (RentData.org)
- 2022 median rent in FL for a 2BR: \$1,530 (RentData.org)
 - A 14.7% increase in price



Background

- SaverLife recently partnered with Commonwealth and Neighborhood Trust to develop a [deep dive tax refund + CTC overview](#)
- Over half said their tax refund—which includes the remainder of the CTC—will make it more likely that they're able to make **full housing payment**



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How can we come together to address the multi-faceted housing affordability and availability issues?

Rent and mortgage payments are rising quicker than wages, and people spend a disproportionate amount of their paychecks on housing. Something's gotta give...

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***RESULTS Post-Election Webinar: What's next
in the fight against poverty?***



Thursday, November 17, 8:30-9:30 pm ET

This is a fantastic opportunity for new and current advocates to get informed, energized, and motivated to move our U.S. and global poverty agenda forward!

Register at:

<https://results.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAufu6upj8sG9c2Hx6HFenFh3vC3lgsLcqO>

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