

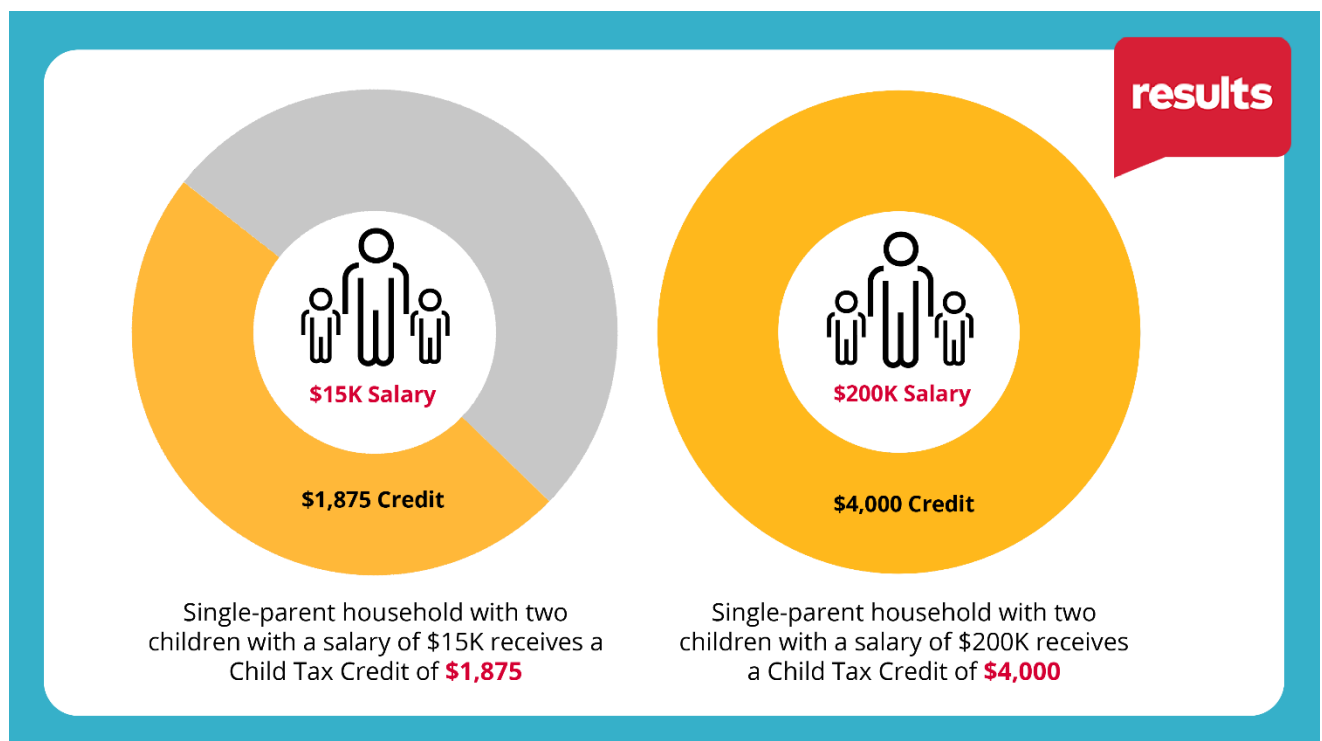
U.S. Poverty Policy Request

Expand the Child Tax Credit to include working families with low incomes

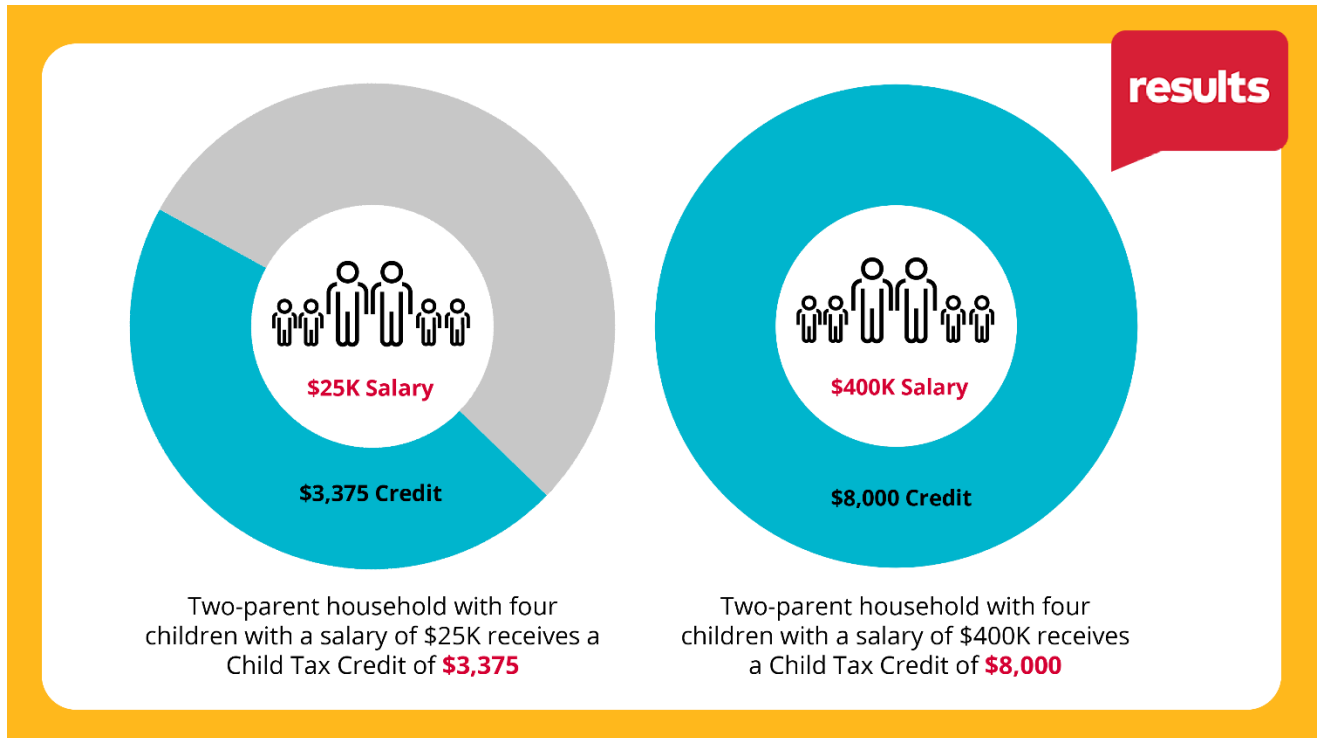
The Child Tax Credit (CTC) is a tax credit designed to help parents with the costs of raising children. **Unfortunately, under current law, working families with low incomes do not receive the full benefit.** There are 19 million kids who are left out of the full CTC benefit and 17 million of those kids come from families who work every year.

Let's compare the following family situations and the CTC:

- Single-parent households: A single parent with two kids making \$15,000 per year (for example, as a nursing home caregiver) receives only a \$1,875 credit while a single parent with two kids earning \$200,000 per year (for example, as an attorney) receives the full \$4,000 credit.



- Dual-parent households: A married couple with four kids where one parent earns \$25,000 per year (for example, as a construction worker) while the other parent works inside the home caring for children and managing the household receives only a \$3,375 credit while a similar married couple with four kids where one parent earns \$400,000 per year (for example, working in finance) receives the full \$8,000 credit.



These examples show how out of touch our tax code is with the needs of working families. **Will you speak to your colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee or Senate Finance Committee about expanding the CTC so that more families with low incomes receive the full benefit?** While RESULTS is in favor of providing the full credit to all families regardless of income, there is an opportunity in any tax legislation this year for bold, bipartisan action that would extend the full CTC to families left out simply because they work in low-wage jobs.