

Child Support

The Child Support Program helps strengthen families by placing the responsibility for supporting children on parents with the financial resources to provide such support. The program helps people establish paternity, and obtain, modify and enforce financial and medical support obligations.

In New York State

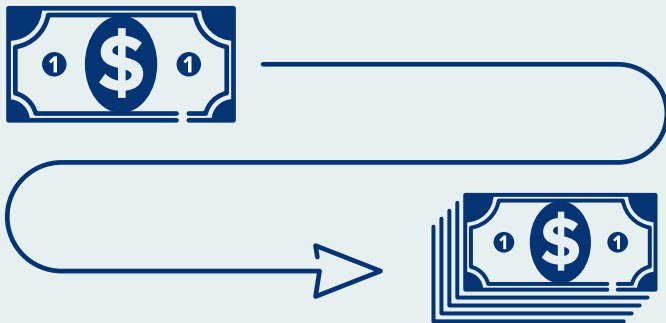


\$2.02 billion

was collected on behalf of custodial parents and their children in calendar year 2020.

Cost Effectiveness

Child support is one of the most cost-effective government programs. For every *dollar spent*, the Child Support Program *collects \$5.14*.



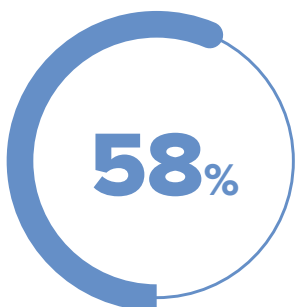
Of that \$2.02 billion

91% Went to families



9% Reimbursed public assistance dollars

Employers play an important role in collecting child support



of child support collections in New York State were withheld from an employee's paycheck during calendar year 2020.



Tax Credit for Noncustodial Parents

New York was the first state to enact a Noncustodial Parent Earned Income Tax Credit.

In tax year 2018,

4,240 noncustodial parents



received a total of

\$2.1 million



from this tax credit.

What services are provided?

New York State can provide parents with a range of child support services, including:



Establishing paternity



Locating noncustodial parents



Establishing or modifying a support order



Enforcing a support order

How is the amount of child support decided?

The court uses a standard guideline to determine what the noncustodial parent will pay. A fixed percentage of the parents' combined income is used, based on the number of children involved.

Number of Children: Percentage of Income:

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| | 17% |
| | 25% |
| | 29% |
| | 31% |
| | 35% + |

Who receives child support services?

There were approximately **718,000 cases** in calendar year 2020.

94,000

Current Temporary Assistance Recipients

295,000

Former Temporary Assistance Recipients

329,000

Have Never Received Temporary Assistance

Paternity

93%

of children participating in the Child Support Program have had their paternity established.

Support Order

89%

of open cases have a child support order established.

www.childsupport.ny.gov

For more information, call the Child Support Helpline
1-888-208-4485 (TTY: 1-866-875-9975) Monday through Friday, 8am – 7pm



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