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### What counts as Earned Income?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
+ Wages, salaries	- SSI
+ Union strike benefits	- Food Stamps
+ Long-term disability pay	- Low-income housing payments
+ Net earnings from self-employment	- Worker's compensation
+ Military pay & allowances	- Child support
+ Cash wages	- Alimony
+ Earnings from W-2 trial job	- Social Security benefits
	- Payments from a W-2 transitional grant or a W-2 community service job.

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### How do I get the Earned Income Credit?

You can obtain Earned Income Credit benefits only by filing both Federal and Wisconsin Income Tax Returns. A person must have had a job or been self-employed during the year to receive the credit. It's not too late to file or amend your tax returns for 2014, 2015 and 2016 and claim the EITC and other important tax benefits if you were eligible.

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For more detailed information, VITA sites and to download tax forms, see <http://fyi.uwex.edu/eitc/resources/>

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## 2016 Earned Income Credit (EIC) Information Guide

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## Get the Credit You Deserve!

2016 Tax Year	Qualifying Rules	Maximum Credit	Qualifying Children*	2016 Earnings	Tax Forms Needed		
<b>Federal Earned Income Tax Credit</b>	Worked in 2016 and had a qualifying child living with you at least 6 months in 2016.	\$6,269	3+	up to \$47,955 (\$53,505 married filing jointly)	Federal tax return (Form 1040 or 1040A), including Schedule EIC		
		\$5,572	2	up to \$44,648 (\$50,198 married filing jointly)			
		\$3,373	1	up to \$39,296 (\$44,846 married filing jointly)			
		\$506	No children and worker between 25-64	up to \$14,880 (\$20,430 married filing jointly)			
<b>Wisconsin Earned Income Credit</b>	Worked in 2016 and had a qualifying child living with you at least 6 months in 2016.	% of Federal EIC:	3+ 2 1 0	Families with qualifying children who claim the Federal EIC are automatically eligible for the Wisconsin EITC.	Wisconsin tax return (Form 1 or 1A)		
		34%					
		11%					
		4%					
<b>Federal Child Tax Credit</b>	Worked in 2016 and had a qualifying child living with you at least 6 months in 2016.**	\$1,000 per child	per child	Earned at least \$3,000 in taxable income.	Federal tax return (Form 1040 or 1040A) and Form 8812		
						0%	
							N/A
<b>Wisconsin Homestead Credit</b>	Live in Wisconsin for all of 2016 and be over age 18.	\$1,168	N/A	Wisconsin Schedule H or H-EZ (and Rent Certificate if you're a renter)			

\*A qualifying child is a biological or adopted or step child, grandchild, niece, nephew, sibling, or authorized foster child. For the EITC, children must be under 19, or under 24 if fulltime student, or any age if disabled; for the Child Credit they must be under 17 AND claimed as a dependent on your tax form.

\*\* For the Federal Child Tax Credit noncustodial parents with a divorce agreement allowing them to claim the child as a dependent do not have to live with the child for 6 months.

