

Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
Additional Child Tax Credit

Reporting Period
Q1 2021

Change from Previous FY (\$M)

-\$2,719M

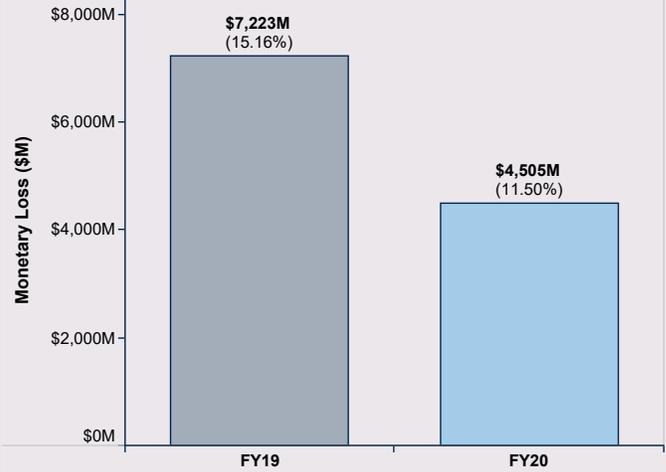


Treasury
Additional Child Tax Credit

Brief Program Description:

The ACTC is a refundable tax credit for working families to offset the cost of raising children. Taxpayers may receive the ACTC if their Child Tax Credit is greater than the total amount of income taxes owed.

Monetary Loss (\$M)
(Overpayment as Percentage of Total Outlays)



Key Milestones		Status	ECD
1	Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	On-Track	Aug-21
2	Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	At Risk	Sep-21
3	Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	At Risk	Sep-21
4	Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Oct-21
5	Analyze results of implementing new strategies	On-Track	Sep-21
6	Achieved compliance with PIIA	On-Track	Sep-21
7	Identified any data needs for mitigation	On-Track	Sep-21

Goals towards Reducing Monetary Loss			Status	ECD
1	Q1 2021	Reject electronic returns with missing or inconsistent information via math error.	On-Track	Sep-21
2	Q1 2021	Conduct pre-refund audits.	On-Track	Sep-21

Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments
1 Recovery Activity	IRS conducts post refund audits selected by Dependent Database (DDB) to recapture payments that were made to ineligible taxpayers or payments in the wrong amount that were made to eligible taxpa..
2 Recovery Activity	IRS matches payer information in the Information Returns Master file with taxpayer return information in the Individual Master File to verify the taxpayer reported all income as required.
3 Recovery Activity	IRS sends letters to alert taxpayers that a qualifying child for the ACTC claimed on their returns had also been claimed by another person. Taxpayers are informed to file amended returns if the cred..

Accomplishments in Reducing Monetary Loss			Date
1	Refundable Credits Summit - The IRS hosted its annual summit attended by over fifty stakeholders including representatives from various tax professional industries, federal agencies, consumer advocacy groups, and non-governmental		Sep-20
2	2021 ACTC Annual Communication Plan Meetings - The IRS continued its collaboration with key internal stakeholders in developing and implementing an annual ACTC Communication Plan.		Oct-20
3	Software Developer Working Group - The IRS continued its partnership with members of key tax software associations to reduce refundable credit errors and assist preparers in meeting their due diligence requirements.		Dec-20

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Monetary Loss	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
\$4,234M	Inability to authenticate eligibility: data needed does not exist	Approx. 94% of ACTC overclaims are from the inability to authenticate qualifying child eligibility requirements and taxpayer income misreporting because the data needed does not exist at the time of filing.	The IRS will continue examinations, math error notices, return preparer initiatives, etc. IRS will continue outreach/education programs, and work with Treasury on legislative proposals to improve compliance and reduce overclaims.	Reduce taxpayer filing errors, educate taxpayers and paid preparers on the law and common filing errors.
\$270M	Other reason	Approximately \$0.27 billion, or 6%, of ACTC overclaims are from program design limitations. Errors caused by program design occur when information needed to confirm payment accuracy is not available at the time the return is processed.	The IRS will continue current efforts such as examinations, math error, criminal investigation, etc. IRS will also continue outreach/education programs, and work with Treasury on legislative proposals to improve compliance and reduce overclaims.	Reduce taxpayer filing errors, educate taxpayers and paid preparers on the law and common filing errors.

Monetary Loss - Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.