

Child Support Enforcement and Child Support Collections— CBO’s Baseline as of March 6, 2020

The Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program is a joint federal, state, and local effort to secure financial support from noncustodial parents. People who receive benefits from certain other federal assistance programs automatically receive the CSE program’s services; others may apply for them. The federal government makes incentive payments to states to operate CSE programs efficiently, and it reimburses states for 66 percent of their programs’ operating expenses. There is no limit on federal spending to defray those state expenditures. The federal government also makes grants to states to support services for children and families under the program.

States also collect child support payments on behalf of families that receive cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. The receipts are used to reimburse those states and to return funds to the federal government for TANF payments to families.

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Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

March 19, 2020

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Child Support Enforcement											
Child Support Administration	3,539	3,560	3,581	3,601	3,614	3,628	3,632	3,649	3,665	3,680	3,700
Incentive Payments	598	612	627	643	660	676	691	707	720	740	760
Payments to Territories; Repatriation	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	4,157	4,192	4,228	4,265	4,294	4,324	4,344	4,376	4,405	4,440	4,480
Child Support Collections											
TANF Collections Retained by Federal Government	-571	-563	-556	-548	-539	-531	-523	-514	-505	-496	-487

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Components may not sum to totals because of rounding. TANF = Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.