



## **Child Support Enforcement and Child Support Collections**

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 some 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 program. The collections are used to reimburse the states and the federal government for assistance provided to families under the program. The portion retained by the federal government is recorded as negative outlays.

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By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars

|  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  | 2025  | 2026  | 2027  | 2028  | 2029  | 2030  | 2031  | 2032  | 2023-2027 | 2023-2032 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |           |
| <b>Estimated Outlays for Components of the Child Support Enforcement Program</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |           |
| Child Support Administration   | 3,574 | 3,583 | 3,596 | 3,611 | 3,626 | 3,642 | 3,657 | 3,673 | 3,689 | 3,705 | 3,721 | 18,058    | 36,503    |
| Incentive Payments   | 626   | 665   | 691   | 709   | 726   | 743   | 760   | 778   | 796   | 815   | 834   | 3,534     | 7,517     |
| Payments to Territories; Repatriation  | 19    | 18    | 18    | 19    | 19    | 19    | 20    | 20    | 21    | 21    | 23    | 93        | 198       |
| Sequestration <sup>a</sup>   | -1    | -1    | -1    | -1    | -1    | -1    | -1    | -1    | -1    | -1    | 0     | -5        | -9        |
| <b>Child Support Collections<sup>b</sup></b>                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |           |
| TANF Collections Retained by the Federal Government                              | -758  | -672  | -545  | -539  | -533  | -527  | -521  | -514  | -507  | -500  | -500  | -2,816    | -5,358    |

TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

- a. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act extended sequestration for mandatory spending through fiscal year 2031.
- b. Collections are recordered as negative outlays.