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Baseline Projections
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 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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Child Support Enforcement and Collections

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022-2026	2022-2031
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Estimated Outlays for Components of the Child Support Enforcement Program	4,315	4,278	4,312	4,350	4,379	4,405	4,428	4,462	4,495	4,528	4,560	**21,724**	**44,197**
Child Support Administration	3,688	3,640	3,662	3,686	3,700	3,711	3,718	3,735	3,751	3,766	3,780	**18,399**	**37,149**
Incentive Payments	607	618	630	644	659	674	690	707	724	742	760	**3,225**	**6,848**
Payments to Territories; Repatriation	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	**100**	**200**
Estimated Outlays for Child Support Collections	-677	-668	-550	-545	-539	-533	-527	-521	-514	-507	-500	**-2,835**	**-5,404**
PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of People)	17	15	14	14	13	10	10	10	10	10	10	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit Per Participant (Dollars)	120	130	140	150	150	160	166	162	173	180	187	n.a.	n.a.