

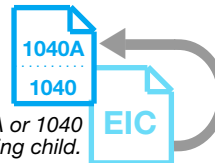
**SCHEDULE EIC**  
**(Form 1040A or 1040)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)  
Name(s) shown on return

**Earned Income Credit**

**Qualifying Child Information**

Complete and attach to Form 1040A or 1040  
only if you have a qualifying child.



OMB No. 1545-0074

**2009**

Attachment  
Sequence No. **43**

Your social security number

**Before you begin:**

- See the instructions for Form 1040A, lines 41a and 41b, or Form 1040, lines 64a and 64b, to make sure that (a) you can take the EIC, and (b) you have a qualifying child.
- Be sure the child's name on line 1 and social security number (SSN) on line 2 agree with the child's social security card. Otherwise, at the time we process your return, we may reduce or disallow your EIC. If the name or SSN on the child's social security card is not correct, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.



- If you take the EIC even though you are not eligible, you may not be allowed to take the credit for up to 10 years. See back of schedule for details.
- It will take us longer to process your return and issue your refund if you do not fill in all lines that apply for each qualifying child.

**Qualifying Child Information**

**Child 1**

**Child 2**

**Child 3**

	First name	Last name	First name	Last name	First name	Last name
<b>1 Child's name</b> If you have more than three qualifying children, you only have to list three to get the maximum credit.						
<b>2 Child's SSN</b> The child must have an SSN as defined on page 45 of the Form 1040A instructions or page 51 of the Form 1040 instructions unless the child was born and died in 2009. If your child was born and died in 2009 and did not have an SSN, enter "Died" on this line and attach a copy of the child's birth certificate, death certificate, or hospital medical records.						
<b>3 Child's year of birth</b>	Year _____ <small>If born after 1990 and the child was younger than you (or your spouse, if filing jointly), skip lines 4a and 4b; go to line 5.</small>		Year _____ <small>If born after 1990 and the child was younger than you (or your spouse, if filing jointly), skip lines 4a and 4b; go to line 5.</small>		Year _____ <small>If born after 1990 and the child was younger than you (or your spouse, if filing jointly), skip lines 4a and 4b; go to line 5.</small>	
<b>4a</b> Was the child under age 24 at the end of 2009, a student, and younger than you (or your spouse, if filing jointly)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/> No.
	<i>Go to line 5.</i>	<i>Continue.</i>	<i>Go to line 5.</i>	<i>Continue.</i>	<i>Go to line 5.</i>	<i>Continue.</i>
<b>b</b> Was the child permanently and totally disabled during any part of 2009?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/> No.
	<i>Continue.</i>	The child is not a qualifying child.	<i>Continue.</i>	The child is not a qualifying child.	<i>Continue.</i>	The child is not a qualifying child.
<b>5 Child's relationship to you</b> (for example, son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, foster child, etc.)						
<b>6 Number of months child lived with you in the United States during 2009</b>  • If the child lived with you for more than half of 2009 but less than 7 months, enter "7."  • If the child was born or died in 2009 and your home was the child's home for the entire time he or she was alive during 2009, enter "12."	_____ months <i>Do not enter more than 12 months.</i>		_____ months <i>Do not enter more than 12 months.</i>		_____ months <i>Do not enter more than 12 months.</i>	

## Purpose of Schedule

After you have figured your earned income credit (EIC), use Schedule EIC to give the IRS information about your qualifying child(ren).

To figure the amount of your credit or to have the IRS figure it for you, see the instructions for Form 1040A, lines 41a and 41b, or Form 1040, lines 64a and 64b.

**Taking the EIC when not eligible.** If you take the EIC even though you are not eligible and it is determined that your error is due to reckless or intentional disregard of the EIC rules, you will not be allowed to take the credit for 2 years even if you are otherwise eligible to do so. If you fraudulently take the EIC, you will not be allowed to take the credit for 10 years. You may also have to pay penalties.

### TIP

You may also be able to take the additional child tax credit if your child was your dependent and under age 17 at the end of 2009. For more details, see the instructions for line 42 of Form 1040A or line 65 of Form 1040.

## Qualifying Child

**A qualifying child for the EIC is a child who is your . . .**

Son, daughter, stepchild, foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your grandchild, niece, or nephew)

**AND**

**was . . .**

Under age 19 at the end of 2009 and younger than you (or your spouse, if filing jointly)  
or

Under age 24 at the end of 2009, a student, and younger than you (or your spouse, if filing jointly)  
or

Any age and permanently and totally disabled

**AND**

Who is not filing a joint return for 2009  
(or is filing a joint return for 2009 only as a claim for refund)

**AND**

Who lived with you in the United States for more than half of 2009. If the child did not live with you for the required time, see *Exception to time lived with you* on page 44 of the Form 1040A instructions or page 50 of the Form 1040 instructions.



*If the child was married or meets the conditions to be a qualifying child of another person (other than your spouse if filing a joint return), special rules apply. For details, see page 45 of the Form 1040A instructions or page 51 of the Form 1040 instructions.*



Do you want part of the EIC added to your take-home pay in 2010? To see if you qualify, get Form W-5 from your employer, call the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676), or go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).