

# 2021 CHILD SUPPORT: MORE MONEY FOR FAMILIES

## COLLECTIONS\*

In FY2021, the child support program collected **\$32.7 billion**



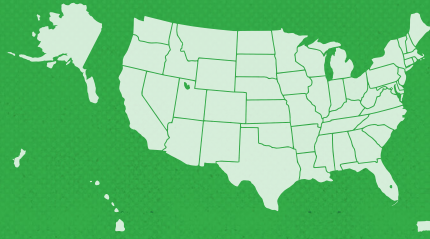
**66%** of child support was collected by income withholding from an employee's paycheck  
(34% other sources)



**96%** of child support collected went to families  
(4% reimbursed public assistance dollars)

The child support program served **13.2 million children**  
**1 in 5 children** in the U.S.

Child support nearly doubles the average income of recipients below the poverty line — lifting 750,000 people out of poverty\*\*



## COST-EFFECTIVENESS

One of the most cost-effective government programs

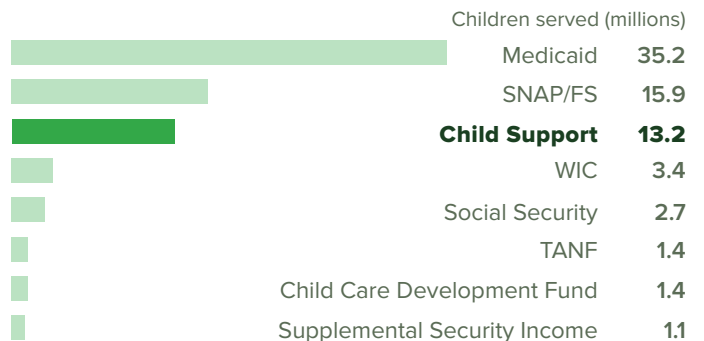
**\$5.27**

collected by the child support program for every **\$1.00** spent



## CASELOAD COMPARISON

Children served compared to other programs\*\*\*



Source: Office of Child Support Enforcement

\* Includes IV-D and non-IV-D payments.

\*\* Characteristics of Custodial Parents and Their Children, 2018. (hhs.gov)

\*\*\* Combined CHIP Enrollment Total Report and Form CMS-64.EC, 2021; FY 2019 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation and Costs; WIC Program Monthly Data – State Level Participation, FY 2021; Social Security Annual Statistical Supplement, Dec. 2020; TANF: Total Number of Child Recipients, FY 2021; CCDF Preliminary Data Table 1, 2019; SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2020.



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