

# Child Support Received: 2023

## Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots

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### 4.0 million parents received child support in the form of cash payments.

This money can be legally mandated by a court, arranged informally between parents, or gifted in the absence of any arrangement. About 80.8 percent of the parents who received cash child support payments had a legal or informal agreement with the child's other parent.

### 2.6 million parents received in-kind support from a nonresident parent.

In-kind support may include groceries, clothes, or diapers. It can also include payments for medical expenses, child care, or other costs associated with the child.

### \$28.0 billion in cash child support payments was received by parents in 2023.

The average monthly reported amount was \$671.

### Child Support in the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

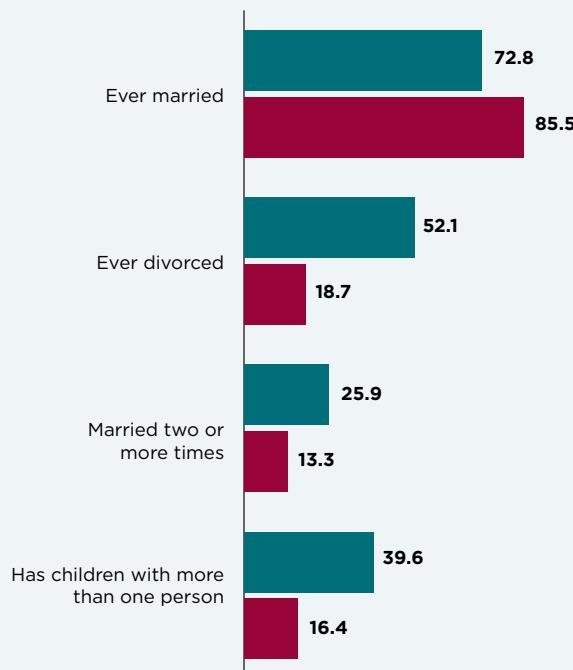
Child support is generally understood to be cash payments made to custodial parents to support children with whom a parent does not live. However, child support can also include in-kind support, which includes noncash transfers of goods such as groceries or clothes. Since child support can be ordered by a court in some states until a child is 21 years old, the SIPP measures child support for parents living with children under the age of 21.

**More information** on child support and other social safety net programs is available in [fact sheets](#), [detailed program participation tables](#), [data visualizations](#), [reports](#), and [topic pages](#).

### Marriage and Fertility Patterns of Parents Living With a Child Under the Age of 21 by Receipt of Cash Child Support: 2023

(In percent)

■ Parents who received any child support payments during the year  
■ All parents



### Educational Attainment of Parents Aged 25 and Over Who Received Child Support by Type of Child Support: 2023

(In percent)

■ Received only cash child support payments  
■ Received only in-kind support  
■ Received both in-kind support and cash child support payments

