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**Dependent and Child Care Tax Credit:
Number of Families and Amount of Credit, 1976-2020**

Year	Number of returns claiming credit (thousands)	Total amount of credit claimed (millions of dollars)	Average amount of credit per return claiming credit (dollars)
1976	2,660	\$548.0	\$206
1977	2,910	\$521.0	\$179
1978	3,431	\$654.0	\$191
1979	3,833	\$793.0	\$207
1980	4,231	\$956.0	\$226
1981	4,578	\$1,148.0	\$251
1982	5,004	\$1,501.0	\$300
1983	6,367	\$2,051.0	\$322
1984	7,456	\$2,649.0	\$355
1985	8,417	\$3,127.0	\$372
1986	8,950	\$3,398.0	\$380
1987	8,520	\$3,438.0	\$404
1988	9,023	\$3,813.0	\$423
1989	6,028	\$2,440.0	\$405
1990	6,144	\$2,549.0	\$415
1991	5,896	\$2,521.0	\$428
1992	5,980	\$2,527.0	\$423
1993	6,090	\$2,559.0	\$420
1994	6,012	\$2,526.0	\$420
1995	5,964	\$2,518.0	\$422
1996	6,003	\$2,663.0	\$444
1997	5,796	\$2,464.0	\$425
1998	6,128	\$2,661.0	\$434
1999	6,182	\$2,675.1	\$433
2000	6,368	\$2,793.9	\$439
2001	6,185	\$2,721.1	\$440
2002	6,186	\$2,706.5	\$438
2003	6,313	\$3,206.9	\$508
2004	6,317	\$3,338.0	\$528
2005	6,501	\$3,462.1	\$533
2006	6,467	\$3,486.6	\$539
2007	6,492	\$3,483.2	\$537
2008	6,587	\$3,526.7	\$535
2009	6,286	\$3,317.4	\$528
2010	6,338	\$3,397.6	\$536
2011	6,333	\$3,425.5	\$541
2012	6,340	\$3,412.0	\$538
2013	6,316	\$3,458.9	\$548
2014	6,341	\$3,505.0	\$553
2015	6,344	\$3,585.4	\$565
2016	6,469	\$3,635.2	\$562
2017	6,469	\$3,718.8	\$575
2018	6,461	\$3,789.2	\$586
2019	6,375	\$3,779.0	\$593
2020	5,050	\$2,826.9	\$560

Source: 1976-2000: Joint Committee on Taxation, Ways and Means Committee, 2004 Greenbook, Table 13-15.
2001-2014: IRS, Statistics of Income Division.
2015-2020: IRS SOI Complete Report Table 1.3.