

Attitudes Toward the Expanded Child Tax Credit

A Tracking Survey from Fighting Chance for Families

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July 2021 to February 2022



Methodology

From July 23, 2021 to February 14, 2022, Data for Progress conducted thirty-two surveys totaling 42,862 interviews of likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, parent status, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error for each survey is ± 3 percentage points.

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53% **Female** | 47% **Male**

11% **Black** | 74% **White** | 9% **Latino/a**

39% **College** | 61% **Non-college**

36% **Under 45** | 64% **Over 45**

2020 Vote: 51% **Biden** | 47% **Trump**

17% **Child Tax Credit Recipients** | 83% **Not Child Tax Credit Recipients**

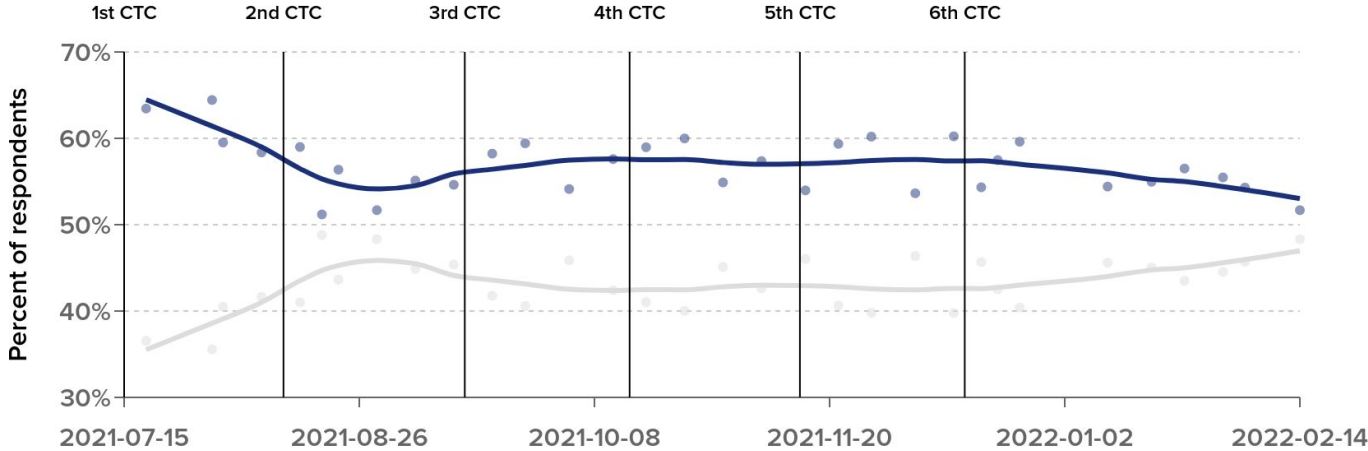
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Awareness of the Expanded
Child Tax Credit

Awareness of the Expanded Child Tax Credit Over Time

The expanded **Child Tax Credit** provides families up to \$250 per month for each child 17 and under – and \$300 per month for each child they have under 6 years of age. The proposal would be available to all middle-class and low-income families of most incomes. Those who report no income would also be eligible.

How much have you heard about the expanded Child Tax Credit?



Awareness around the Child Tax Credit peaked when the first checks were distributed.

Since July, awareness has decreased. A low point of awareness occurred during the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan.

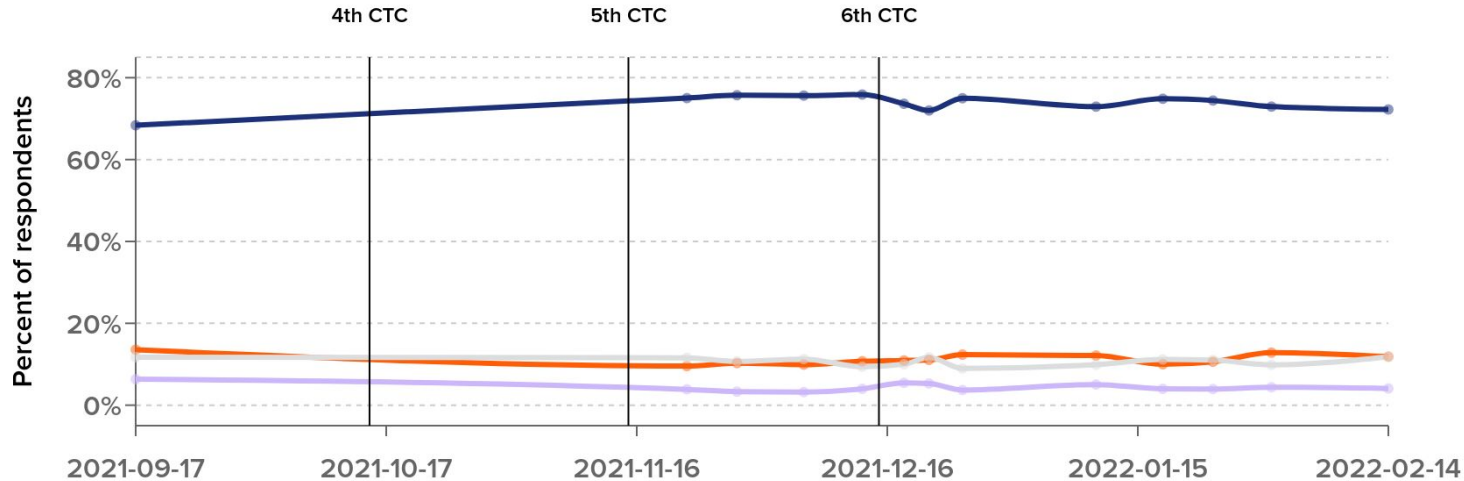
After that, awareness had increased modestly, but decreased once again after check distributions ended.

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Who do you think is responsible for the expanded Child Tax Credit?



Since mid-September, awareness that President Biden and Democrats in Congress are responsible for the expansion of the Child Tax Credit has risen modestly.

In general, likely voters overwhelmingly identify Democrats, be it President Biden or members of Congress, as being responsible for the expansion of the Child Tax Credit.

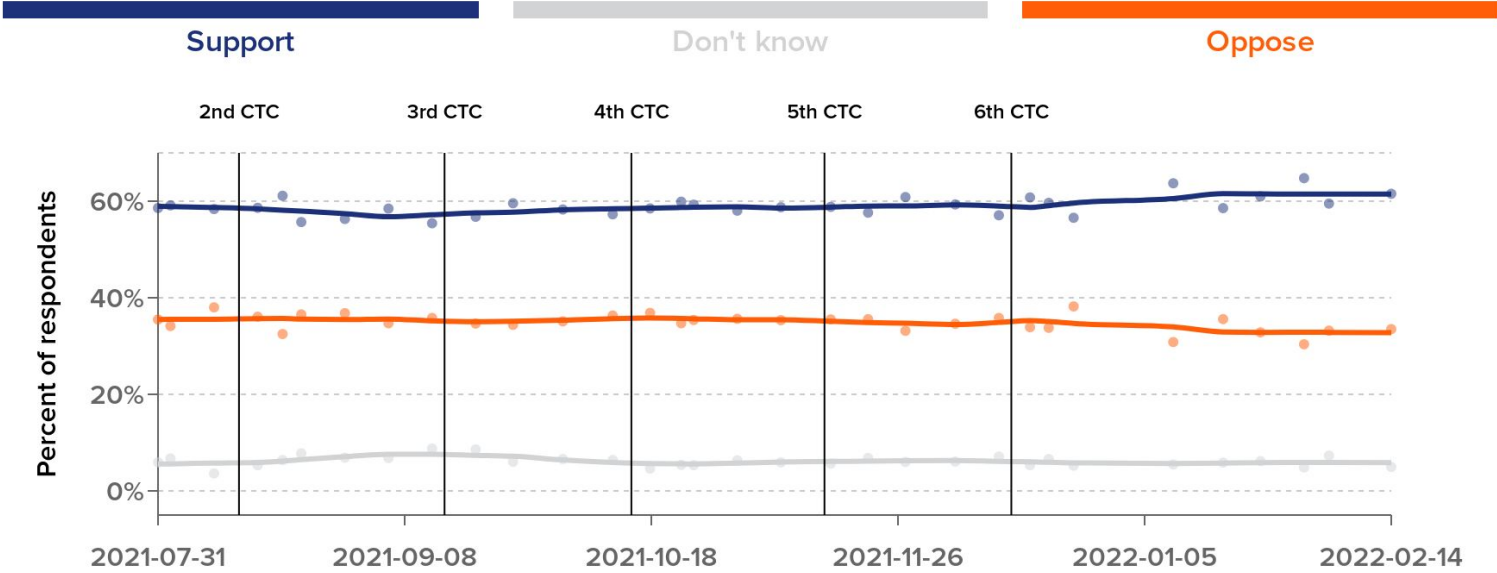
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Support for the Expanded
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Support for the Expanded Child Tax Credit Over Time

The expanded Child Tax Credit provides most families tax credits worth up to \$300 per month for each child they have age 6 or under – and \$250 per month for each child they have age 17 or under.

Do you support or oppose this program?



Support for the expanded Child Tax Credit has generally been stable over time, trending slightly upward since the end of December.

Across the whole time series, averaged support for the expanded Child Tax Credit sits at 59 percent among all likely voters, with 35 percent opposed.

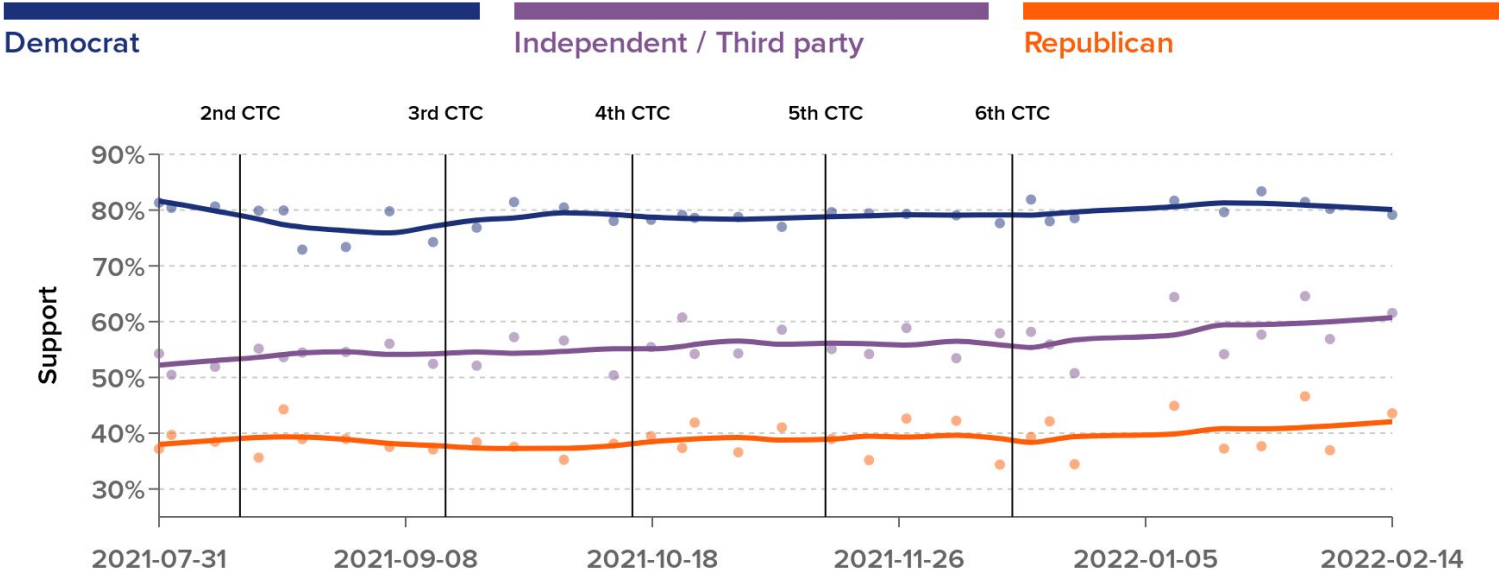
The core policy, monthly checks to families with children, is popular.

Support for the Expanded Child Tax Credit by Self-Identified Partisanship

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Do you support or oppose this program?

Support for the expanded Child Tax Credit is sorted along self-identified partisan lines.



Among likely voters who self-identify as Democrats, Independent/third-party, and Republican, averaged support sits at 79 percent, 56 percent and 39 percent, respectively.

That the program has made gains in support from self-identified Independent/third-party voters suggests it could become a politically durable program.

Support for the Expanded Child Tax Credit by Parent Status

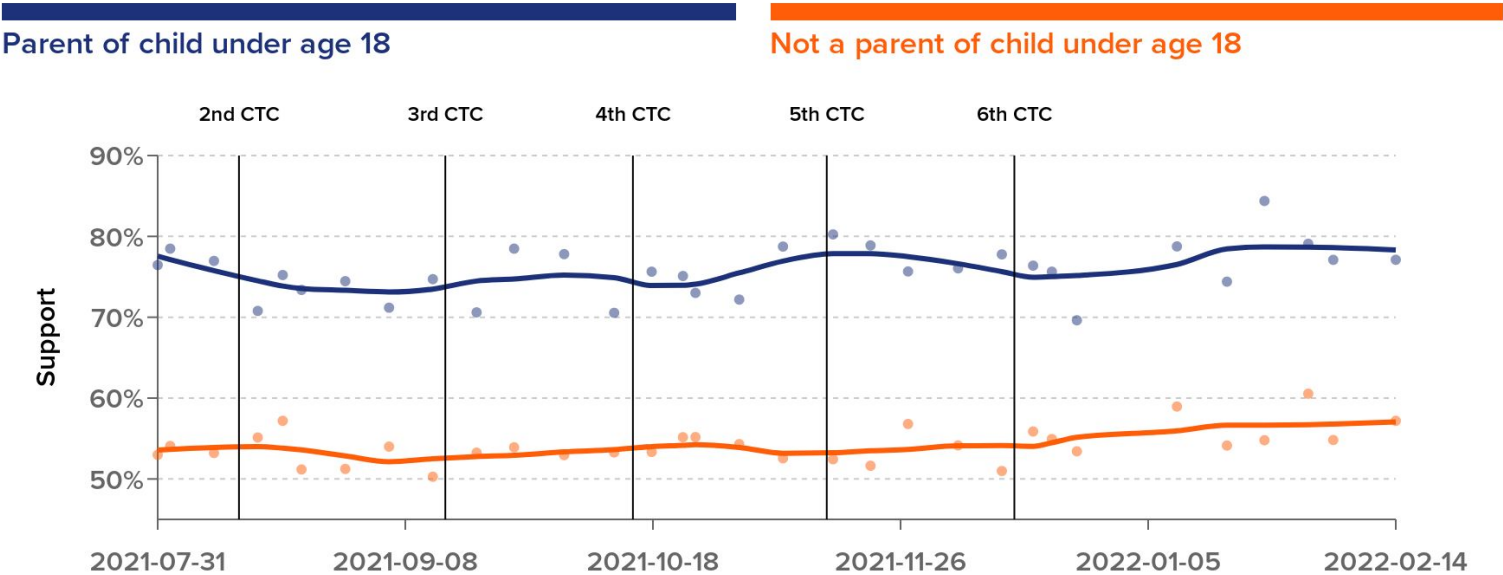
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Support for the expanded Child Tax Credit is higher among parents with children than non-parents.

Averaged support among parents sits at 76 percent, compared to 54 percent among non-parents.

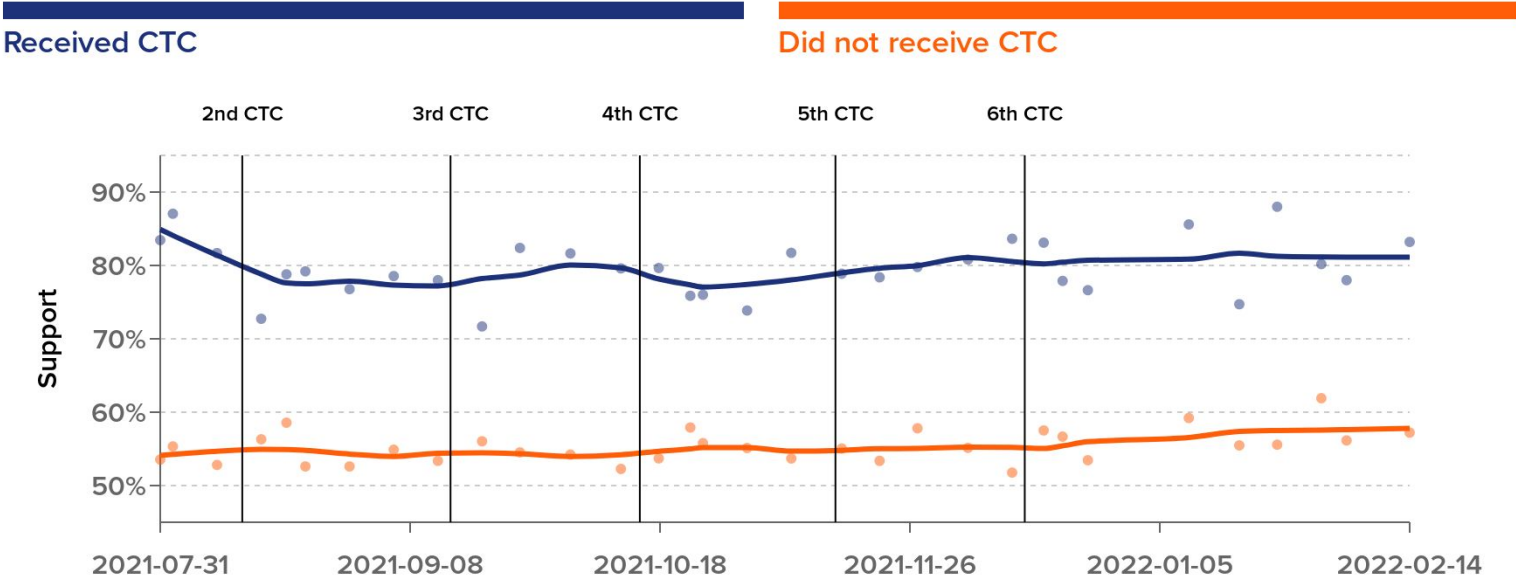
There is a cyclical character to opinions of the Child Tax Credit among parents, with support rising and falling around the distribution of payments.



Support for the Expanded Child Tax Credit by CTC Recipient Status

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Do you support or oppose this program?



Support for the expanded Child Tax Credit was highest among those who received monthly Child Tax Credit payments at the end of July, right after the first round of payments were distributed.

Averaged support among recipients sits at 80 percent, compared to 56 percent among non-recipients.

Those that benefit from the program, support it strongly. Surprisingly, those that don't receive it *also* support it.

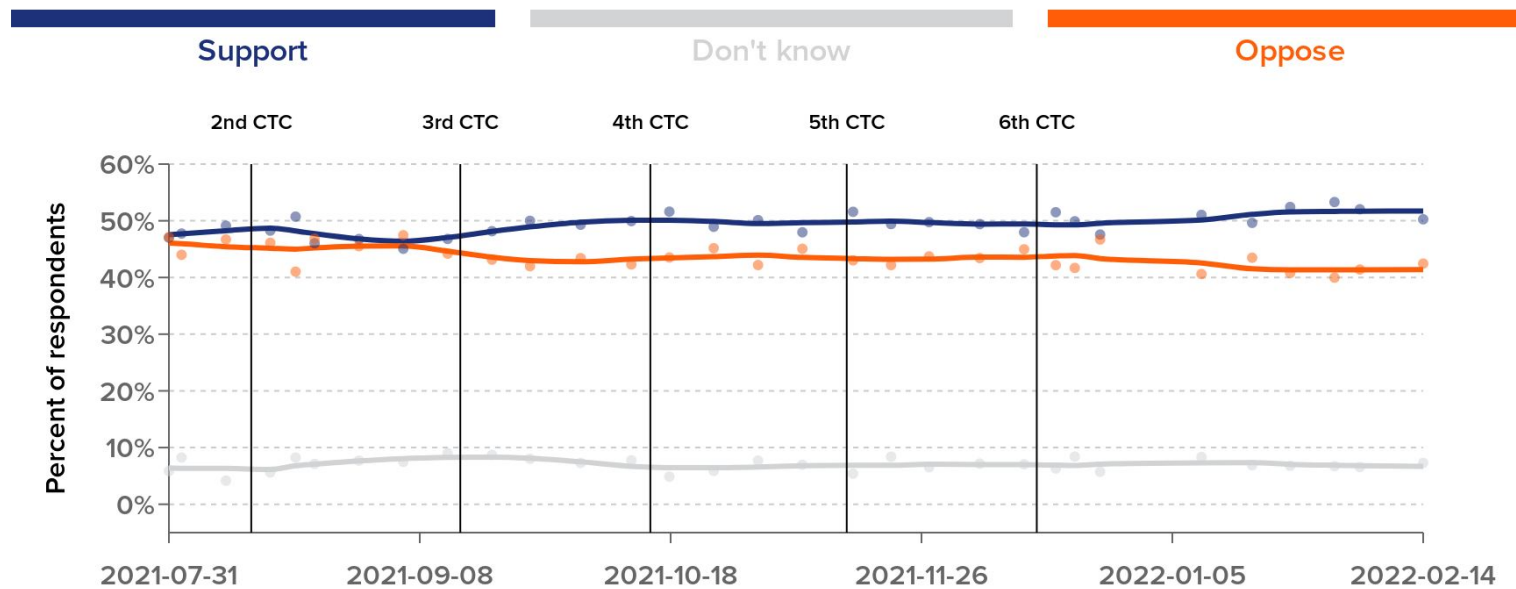
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Do you support or oppose making this program permanent?



Support for making the expanded Child Tax Credit permanent has increased since the first round of monthly payments. Since early January, we find that a majority of voters support making the the program permanent

Averaged support for making this program permanent sits at 49 percent. Meanwhile, averaged opposition sits at 43 percent.

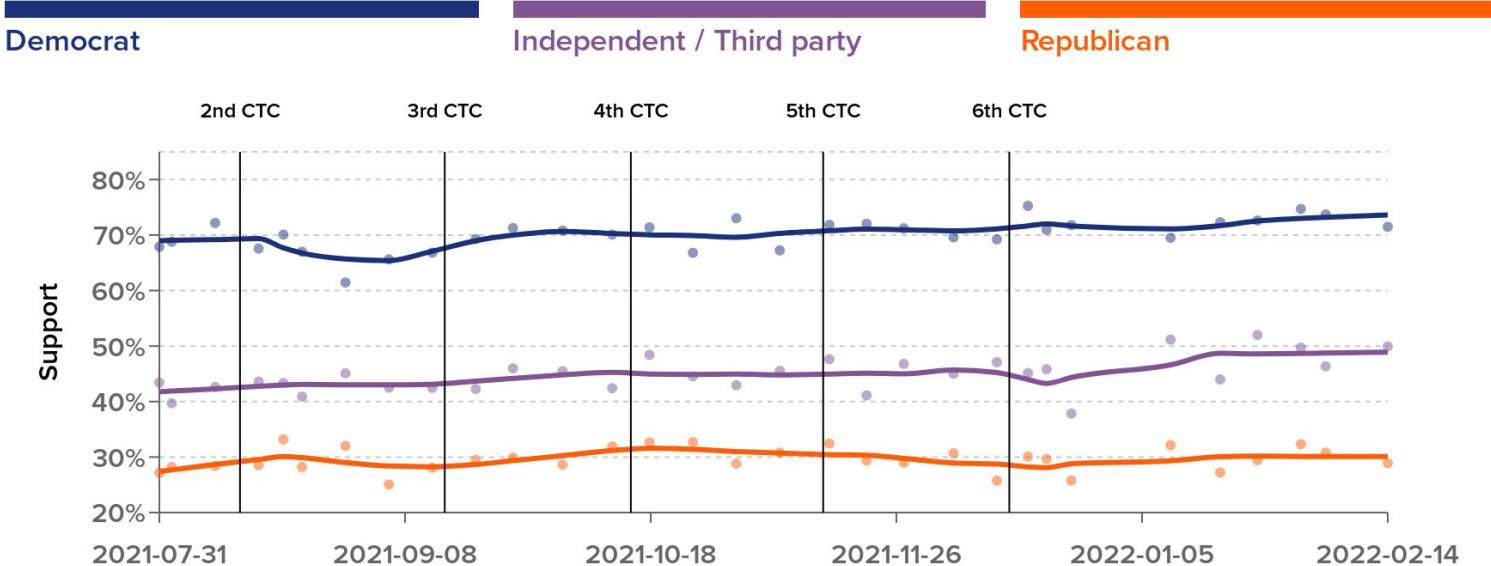
The expanded Child Tax Credit represents a large shift in policy-making, and support for making the program permanent is gradually rising.

Support for Making the Expanded Child Tax Credit Permanent by Partisanship

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Do you support or oppose making this program permanent?

Support for making the expanded Child Tax Credit permanent is sorted by self-identifying partisanship.



The attitudes of self-identifying Democrats and Republicans have largely been stable over time, while Independents/third-party voters have increased their support gradually.

Averaged support for making this program permanent among Democrats, Independent/third-party voters, and Republicans sits at 70 percent, 45 percent, and 30 percent.

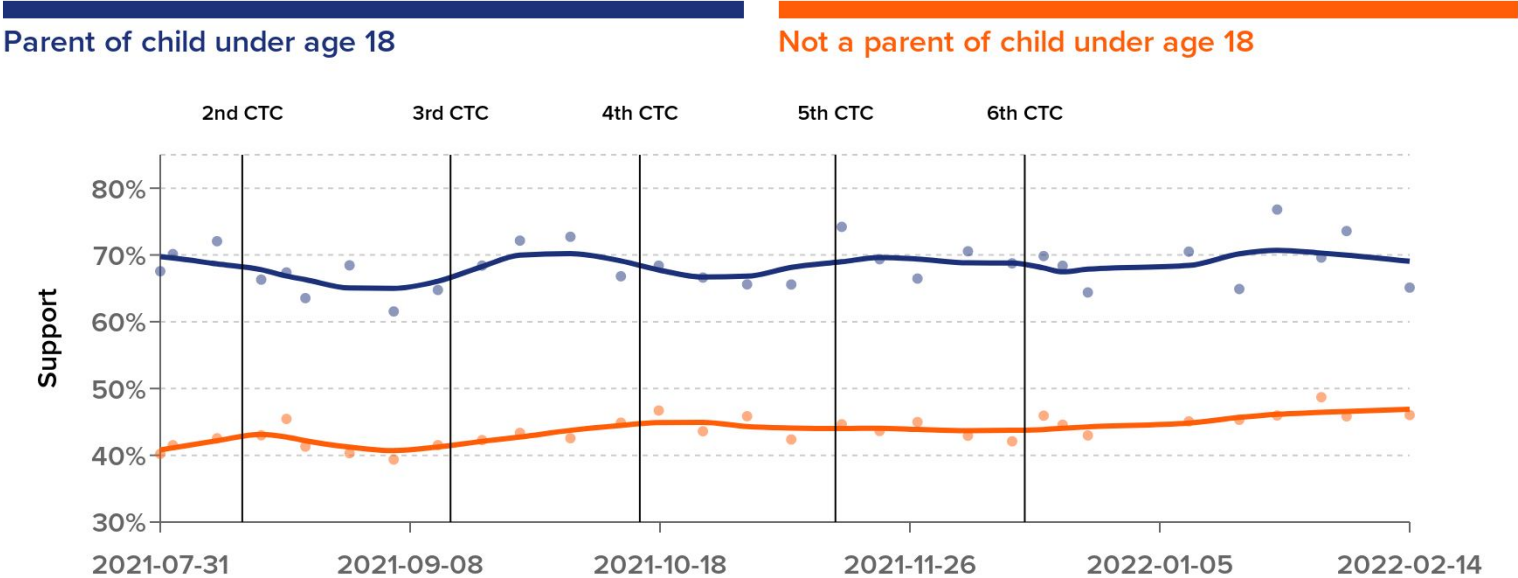
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Do you support or oppose making this program permanent?

Parents' support for making the expanded Child Tax Credit permanent has averaged 69 percent since July.

Among non-parents, averaged support for making this program permanent sits at 44 percent.



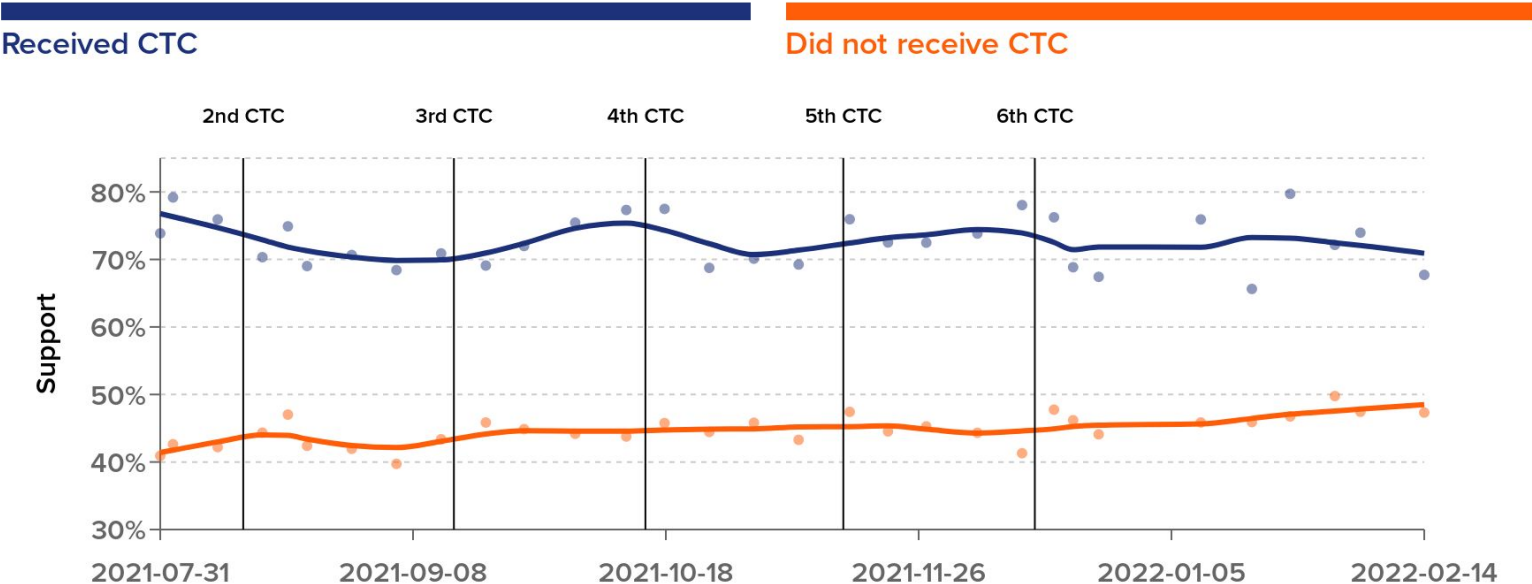
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Do you support or oppose making this program permanent?

CTC recipients strongly support making the program permanent. Since July, support for making the program permanent has averaged 73 percent.

Meanwhile, averaged non-recipient support sits at 45 percent.



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About Fighting Chance for Families

Fighting Chance for Families is a collaboration between Groundwork Collaborative and Data for Progress advocating for the permanent expansion of the Child Tax Credit.

Learn more at fightingchanceforfamilies.org or follow Fighting Chance for Families on Twitter at [@ExpandCTC](https://twitter.com/ExpandCTC).

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