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Before you begin: $\sqrt{ }$ See your tax return instructions for the year for which you are filing this form to make sure you can take the earned income credit (EIC) and to find out who is a qualifying child.
$\checkmark$ Do not use this form for a year prior to 2002. Instead, use the November 2000 revision of Form $\mathbf{8 8 6 2}$.

## Part I All Filers

1 Enter the year, after 2001, for which you are filing this form (for example, 2002)
2 Were you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, a qualifying child of another person during the year entered on line 1?


Next, if you do not have a qualifying child, go to Part II. If you do have a qualifying child, go to Part III.

## Part II Filers Without a Qualifying Child

Caution. See your tax return instructions for the year entered on line 1 to be sure you can take the EIC.
3a Enter the dates during the year shown on line 1 that your home was in the United States
b If married filing a joint return, enter the dates during the year shown on line 1 that your spouse's home was in the United States
Part III Filers With a Qualifying Child or Children
Caution. If you have two qualifying children, complete lines $4-8$ for one child before going to the next column. List your children here in the same order as you did on Schedule EIC.

4 Is the child your son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, or grandchild?
Next, if you checked "Yes" for this child, go to line 6a. If you checked "No," continue.

5a Are you related to the child or was the child placed with you by an authorized placement agency?
Next, if you checked "No" on line 5a for this child, go to line 6a. If you checked "Yes," continue.
b Enter the child's relationship to you or the name of the placement agency. Enter both items if the child is related and was also placed with you by an agency.
c Did you care for the child as if he or she were your own child?

6a Did the child live with you in the United States for more than half of the year entered on line 1 ?
b Enter the address(es) where you and the child lived during the year entered on line 1
c If the child attended school or day care, enter the name(s) of the school(s) or care provider(s)


