## **HOW WIC HELPS**

# THE EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE



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Assuring healthy pregnancies, birth outcomes, growth and development for mothers, babies, and young children to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. Providing nutritious supplemental foods. breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare and critical social services.



OF INFANTS BORN IN 40% THE UNITED STATES **PARTICIPATE IN WIC** 



51%

OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES **PARTICIPATE IN WIC** 

# WHO **PARTICIPATES** IN WIC IN THE **EASTERN** SHOSHONE TRIBE?

**WIC PARTICIPANTS** 

Women..... 12

Infants..... 21

Children..... 39

#### **BREASTFEEDING IN WIC**

The Eastern Shoshone Tribe WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by **76 percent** between 1998 and 2020.



Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in the Eastern Shoshone Tribe in 2020, 40 percent continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

## CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN WIC IN THE EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE

Childhood obesity rate, WIC toddlers, 2020..... 33%



Fruit and Vegetable Benefit: Congress enhanced WIC's fruit and vegetable benefit to align with scientific recommendations. Current monthly benefit amounts are \$26 for children, \$47 for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$52 for breastfeeding participants. In FY 2023, WIC provided an estimated \$18,335 in fruit and vegetable benefits to **51** participants in the Eastern Shoshone Tribe.

### THE EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE **WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS**

\$21,216

**AVERAGE FAMILY** INCOME

**RECEIVED MEDICAID**  \$104.02

**AVERAGE MONTHLY FOOD COST IN FY 2023** 

#### **HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE ECONOMY IN FY 2023**

\$90,602

TO SPEND AT **FOOD RETAILERS**  \$204,731

NUTRITION. **BREASTFEEDING SERVICES & ADMIN** 

Sources: WIC eligible individuals participating from USDA WIC Eligibility Estimates report for 2021 (https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/eligibility-and-program-reachestimates-2021). WIC participants and economic impact from USDA WIC Data Tables for fiscal year (FY) 2023 [https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program] as of January 30, 2024. Participant characteristics for 2020 and WIC breastfeeding and rates for years displayed from USDA WIC Participant and Program Characteristics reports (https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/participant-program-characteristics-2020). WIC fruit and vegetable benefit calculated as the sum of FY 2023 issuance rates multiplied by average participation rates for each participant category from USDA WIC Data Tables. Maternal mortality from America's Health Rankings [https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/maternal\_mortality\_c]. Infant mortality and preterm birth rate from CDC (https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ pressroom/stats\_of\_the\_states.html. Obesity outcomes from CDC (https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/obesity-among-WIC-enrolled-young-children).