

HOW WIC HELPS THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA



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Mission of WIC

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.



40%

OF INFANTS BORN IN
THE UNITED STATES
PARTICIPATE IN WIC



51%

OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS
IN THE UNITED STATES
PARTICIPATE IN WIC

WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC IN THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA?

6,569
WIC PARTICIPANTS

Pregnant women.....	424
Breastfeeding women.....	397
Postpartum women.....	344
Infants.....	1,302
Children.....	4,104

BREASTFEEDING IN WIC

The Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by **206 percent** between 2000 and 2020.



Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona in 2020, **20 percent** continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN WIC IN THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA

Childhood obesity rate, WIC toddlers, 2020..... **24%**



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 **\$1.9M** in fruit and vegetable benefits to **5,268** participants in the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona.

THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

\$20,709

AVERAGE FAMILY
INCOME

85%

RECEIVED
MEDICAID

\$46.13

AVERAGE
MONTHLY FOOD
COST IN FY 2023

HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE ITCA ECONOMY IN FY 2023

\$3.6M

TO SPEND AT
FOOD RETAILERS

\$1.5M

FORMULA
REBATES
RECEIVED

\$3.6M

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-reach-estimates-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.htm). Obesity outcomes from CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/obesity-among-WIC-enrolled-young-children>).