## **Predicting Issues in WIC**

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# **Social Safety Net**

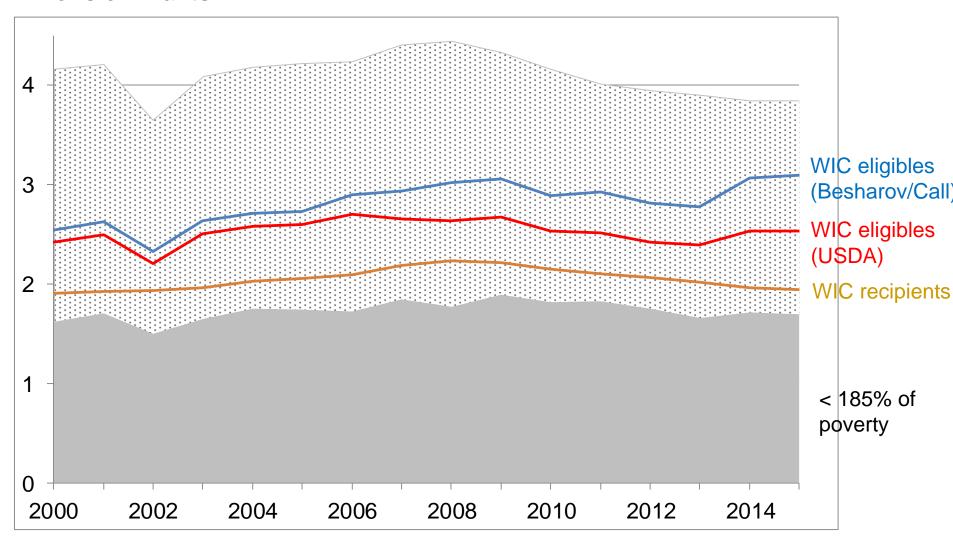
- Social Security and Medicare
- Affordable Care Act
- Block granting Medicaid
- Mandated work activities
  - TANF!
  - SNAP?
  - Medicaid??
  - WIC???

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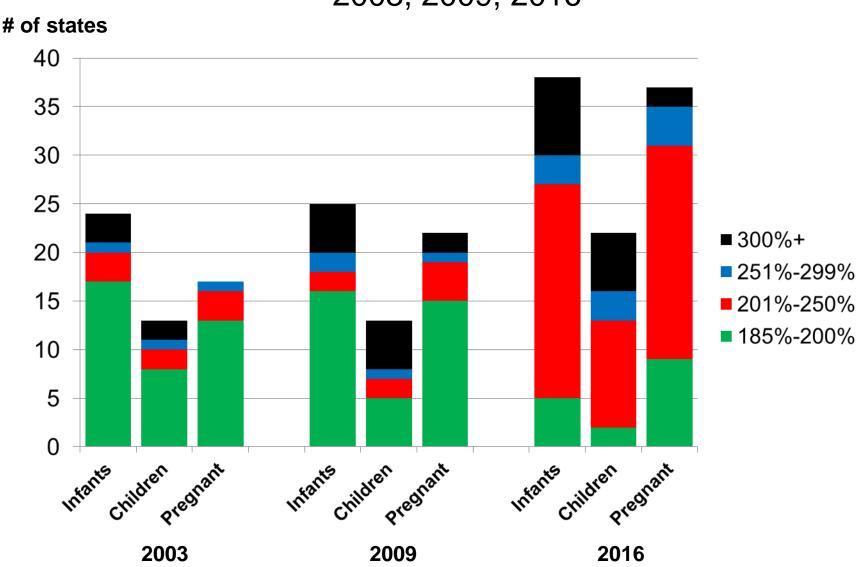
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# # of States with Medicaid Income Eligibility above 185% of Poverty

2003, 2009, 2016



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# **Murphy Brown**

\$1 Million a year but no paid maternity leave



www.alamy.com - BKJRTT

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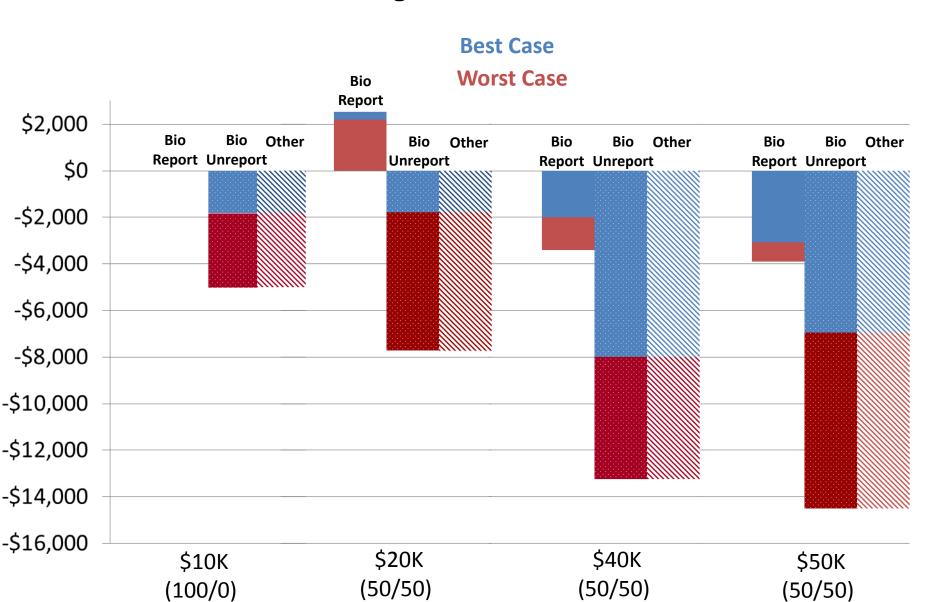
# **WIC Eligibility**

### Married vs. cohabiting couple

	Married Couple w/2 children	Cohabiting Couple w/2 children
Female income	\$30,000	\$30,000
Male income	\$70,000	\$70,000
Measured income for eligibility determination	\$100,000	\$30,000
Eligibility threshold (185% of poverty)	\$45,027	\$45,027
Eligible?	No	Yes

### **Effect of Marriage on Means-Tested Benefits**

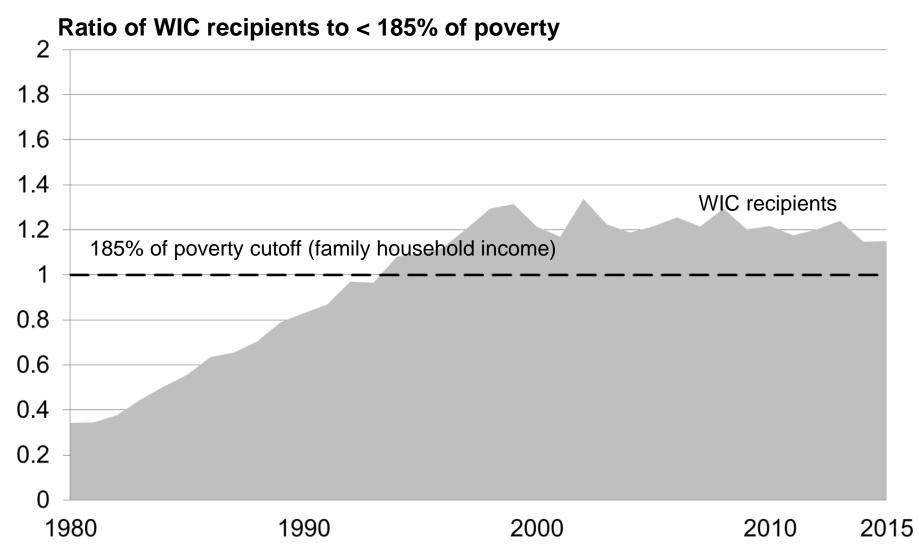
If the woman marries biological father of children vs. someone else



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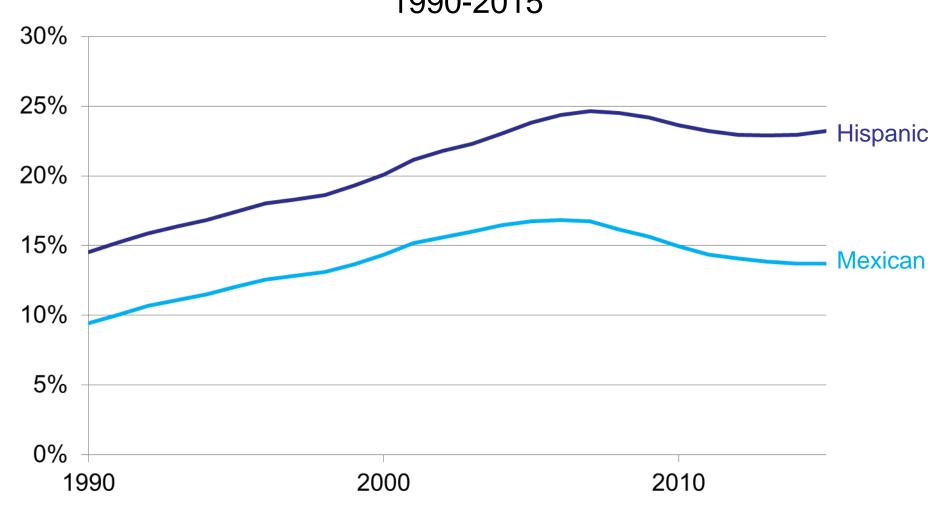
# Ratio of Infants On WIC to # of Infants Below 185% of Poverty

(2014-2015 estimated)



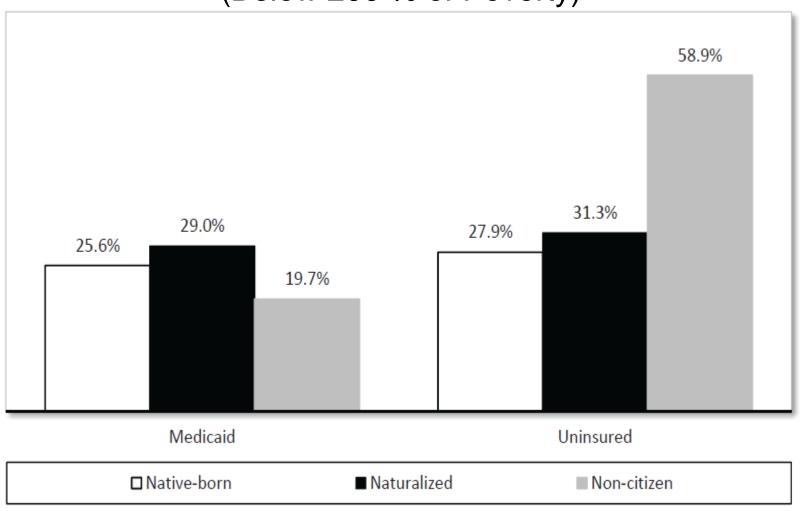
# Increase in Percent of Hispanic Infants

1990-2015



# Health Insurance Coverage for Low-Income Adults 19 or older, 2011

(Below 200 % of Poverty)



### A Black Market?

\* Similac Advance Formula 12 cans. 170S obo - \$170 (Baltimore) 🗵





make / manufacturer; Similac advanced

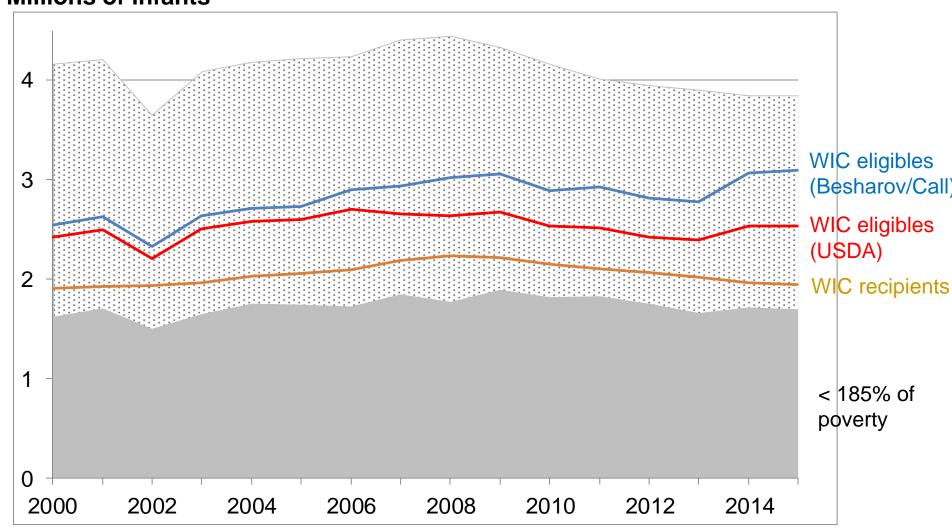
size / dimensions: 12.4 oz

Everyone's asking if it's wic. No it's not. I work for my own. I bought this while pregnant because it was recommended to stock up before the baby comes. But he doesn't like this type.

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### **Main Points**

- Much bigger forces at work
- Across the board discretional cuts?
- Immigration
- Medicaid block grant vs. adjunctive eligibility
- Marriage penalties
- Changing economy

How likely? I don't know . . . but we are in challenging times

## **WIC Eligibility**

#### Married couple with one child and pregnant wife

	During pregnancy	At birth
Female income	\$50,000	\$0
Male income	\$70,000	\$70,000
Measured income for eligibility determination	\$120,000	\$70,000
Eligibility Threshold (185% of poverty)	\$45,027	\$45,027
Eligible at 185% of poverty (\$45,027)?	No	No
Eligible in 8 states at 300% of poverty (\$73,017)?	No	Yes

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#### \* SIMILAC MILK BASED/POWDER - \$10 🐵





condition: new

I am selling 12.4 oz( 352g) similar advance, complete nutrition for your baby's first year for only \$10

I have 10 box extra that I bought recently, the expiration date will be on 2020, and paid \$18 for each one with taxes, so do not miss this deal for your baby's first year formula (birth-12months)

if you are interested please feel free to contact me at show contact informance for viewing