HOW WIC HELPS

UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE

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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.



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 UTE MOUNTAIN **UTE TRIBE?**

140 **WIC PARTICIPANTS**

Pregnant women..... 17

Breastfeeding women..... 8

Postpartum women...... 9

Infants..... 30

Children..... 76

BREASTFEEDING IN WIC

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by 36 percent between 2000 and 2020.



CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN WIC IN UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE

Childhood obesity rate, WIC toddlers, 2020..... 41%



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 \$41,056 in fruit and vegetable benefits to 110 participants in Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

\$10,384

AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME

RECEIVED MEDICAID \$60.13

AVERAGE MONTHLY FOOD **COST IN FY 2023** **HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE ECONOMY IN FY 2023**

\$100,772

TO SPEND AT **FOOD RETAILERS** \$227,014

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).