

HOW WIC HELPS THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS



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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.

COVID-19 Response

MBCI WIC received at least 2 waivers, including physical presence and remote benefit issuance.



45%

of infants born in the United States participated in WIC in 2017



51%

of eligible individuals in the United States participated in WIC in 2017

WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC?

774

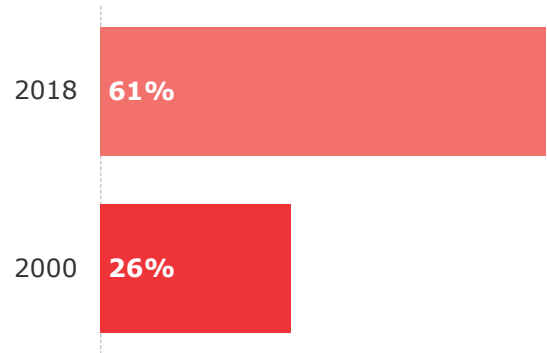
WIC PARTICIPANTS

Pregnant women	97
Breastfeeding women	26
Postpartum women	62
Infants	183
Children	406

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians WIC participation in 2018

BREASTFEEDING IN WIC

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by **35 percentage points** between 2000 and 2018.



MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

\$9,838
average family income in 2018

55%
received Medicaid in 2018

\$33.53
average monthly food cost in FY 2019

HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS ECONOMY IN FY 2019

\$261,094
to spend at food retailers

\$402,372
nutrition, breastfeeding services & admin

Sources: USDA 2017 WIC Eligibility Estimates report (fns.usda.gov/wic/national-and-state-level-estimates-wic-eligibility-and-wic-program-reach-2017) for percent of eligible individuals participating. USDA FNS WIC Program Data FY 2019 (fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program) as of January 19, 2021. USDA WIC Participant and Program Characteristics reports for years displayed.

