

HOW WIC HELPS NEVADA



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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

Nevada WIC received at least 7 waivers, including physical presence and aggregate family purchasing for whole grains and cheese.



51%

of infants born in Nevada participated in WIC in 2017



48%

of eligible individuals in Nevada participated in WIC in 2017

WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC?

73,301

WIC PARTICIPANTS

Pregnant women	5,182
Breastfeeding women	5,322
Postpartum women	6,423
Infants	18,396
Children	37,978

Nevada WIC participation in 2018

BREASTFEEDING IN WIC

Nevada WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by **4 percentage points** between 1998 and 2018.



Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in Nevada in 2018, **13 percent** continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN WIC IN NEVADA

The obesity rate among WIC toddlers in Nevada decreased by **3 percentage points** between 2010 and 2016.

Obesity rate among WIC toddlers, 2016 **12%**

MORTALITY AND BIRTH OUTCOMES IN NEVADA

Maternal mortality per 100,000 births, 2010–2015 **6.2**

Infant mortality per 1,000 live births, 2017 **5.8**

Preterm birth rates, 2017 **11%**

NEVADA WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

\$18,887
average family income in 2018

36%
received Medicaid in 2018

\$36.46
average monthly food cost in FY 2019

HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE NEVADA ECONOMY IN FY 2019

\$25.7M
to spend at food retailers

\$16.5M
formula rebates received

\$15.8M
nutrition, breastfeeding services & admin

Sources: CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2019;68:1057-1061 (cdc.gov/mmwr/) for childhood obesity in WIC. CDC WONDER (wonder.cdc.gov) for mortality and birth outcomes. National WIC Association (nwica.org) for total infants participating in state. 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.

