## **HOW WIC HELPS**

# THE NORTHERN ARAPAHO

#### 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.



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OF INFANTS BORN IN 45% THE UNITED STATES **PARTICIPATE IN WIC** 



54%

OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATE IN WIC

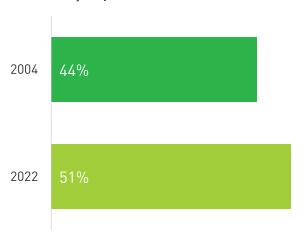
#### WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC IN THE NORTHERN ARAPAHO?

206 **PARTICIPANTS** 

Pregnant women	18
Breastfeeding women	20
Postpartum women	12
Infants	56
Children	100

#### **BREASTFEEDING IN WIC**

The Northern Arapaho WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by 17 percent between 2004 and 2022.



Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in the Northern Arapaho in 2022, 18 percent continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

## THE NORTHERN ARAPAHO WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

\$4,039

**AVERAGE FAMILY** INCOME

S65.33

**AVERAGE MONTHLY FOOD COST IN 2024** 

78%

**RECEIVED MEDICAID** 

### HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE NORTHERN **ARAPAHO ECONOMY IN FY 2024**

\$161,292

TO SPEND AT FOOD **RETAILERS** 

\$382,133

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Sources: WIC eligible individuals participating from USDA WIC Eligibility Estimates report for 2022 (https://www.fns.usda.gov/research/wic/eer-2022). WIC participants and economic impact from USDA WIC Data Tables for fiscal year (FY) 2024 (https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program) as of January 21, 2025. Participant characteristics for 2022 and WIC breastfeeding and rates for years displayed from USDA WIC Participant and Program Characteristics reports (https://www.fns.usda.gov/research/wic/participant-program-characteristics-2022). 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).