

HOW WIC HELPS

THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX 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.



41%

OF INFANTS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATE IN WIC



56%

OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATE IN WIC

WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC IN THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE?

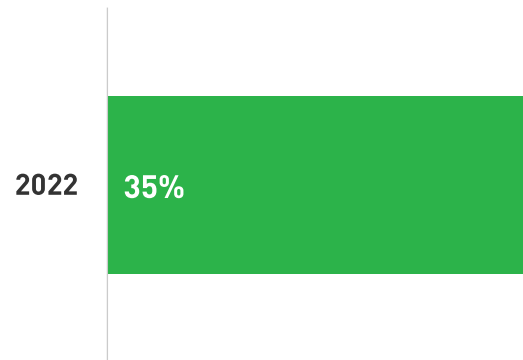
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 WIC PARTICIPANTS

Pregnant women.....	42
Breastfeeding women.....	18
Postpartum women.....	28
Infants.....	93
Children.....	268

BREASTFEEDING IN WIC

In 2022, **34 percent** of 6- to 13-month-old infants and children in the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe initiated breastfeeding.



Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in 2022, **15 percent** continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

\$9,246

AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME

\$98

AVERAGE MONTHLY FOOD COST IN FY 2025

64%

RECEIVED MEDICAID

HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE ECONOMY IN FY 2025

\$562,111

WIC FOOD AND FORMULA BENEFITS

\$991,047

NUTRITION, BREASTFEEDING SERVICES, AND PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Sources: WIC eligible individuals participating from USDA WIC Eligibility Estimates report for 2023 (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/research/wic/eer-2023>). WIC participants and economic impact from USDA WIC Data Tables for fiscal year (FY) 2025 (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program>) as of January 20, 2026. 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>).