

HOW WIC HELPS

THE SANTEE SIOUX NATION



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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 SANTEE SIOUX NATION?

64

 WIC PARTICIPANTS

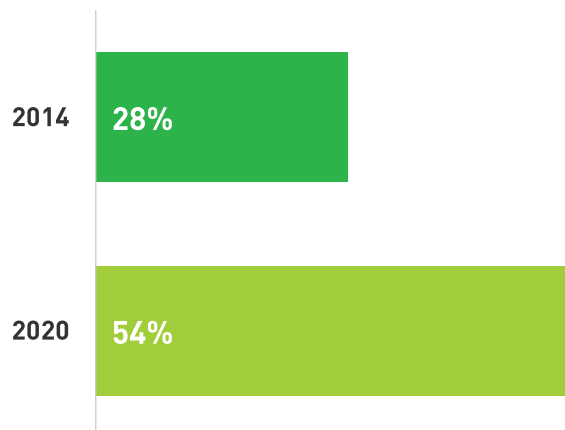
Women..... 15

Infants..... 16

Children..... 33

BREASTFEEDING IN WIC

The Santee Sioux Nation WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by **92 percent** between 2014 and 2020.



Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in the Santee Sioux Nation in 2022, **50 percent** continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

THE SANTEE SIOUX NATION WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

\$8,375

AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME

\$87

AVERAGE MONTHLY FOOD COST IN FY 2025

51%

RECEIVED MEDICAID

HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE SANTEE SIOUX NATION ECONOMY IN FY 2025

\$66,250

WIC FOOD AND FORMULA BENEFITS

\$151,872

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>).