## **HOW WIC HELPS**

# OMAHA SIOUX

#### 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 40% THE UNITED STATES **PARTICIPATE IN WIC** 



51%

OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES **PARTICIPATE IN WIC** 

## WHO **PARTICIPATES** IN WIC IN **OMAHA** SIOUX?

237

**WIC PARTICIPANTS** 

Women..... 37

Infants.....

Children.....

In 2022, 31 percent of 6- to 13-month-old infants and children in Omaha Sioux initiated breastfeeding.

2022

**BREASTFEEDING IN WIC** 

Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in Omaha Sioux in 2022, 4 percent continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN WIC IN OMAHA SIOUX

Childhood obesity rate, WIC toddlers, 2020..... 26%



Fruit and Vegetable Benefit: Congress enhanced WIC's fruit and vegetable benefit to align with scientific recommendations. Current monthly benefit amounts are \$26 for children, \$47 for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$52 for breastfeeding participants. In FY 2023, WIC provided an estimated \$62,436 in fruit and vegetable benefits to 179 participants in Omaha Sioux.

58

142

### **OMAHA SIOUX WIC PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS**

3%

**RECEIVED MEDICAID** 

\$71.70

**AVERAGE MONTHLY FOOD COST IN FY 2023**  **HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE OMAHA SIOUX ECONOMY IN FY 2023** 

\$203,922

TO SPEND AT **FOOD RETAILERS**  \$337,687

NUTRITION, **BREASTFEEDING SERVICES & ADMIN** 

Sources: WIC eligible individuals participating from USDA WIC Eligibility Estimates report for 2021 (https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/eligibility-and-program-reachestimates-2021). WIC participants and economic impact from USDA WIC Data Tables for fiscal year (FY) 2023 (https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program) as of June 20, 2024. 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]. WIC fruit and vegetable benefit calculated as the sum of FY 2023 issuance rates multiplied by average participation rates for each participant category from USDA WIC Data Tables. 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). Obesity outcomes from CDC (https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/obesity-among-WIC-enrolled-young-children).