

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office
"Nassir Notes": Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)

Program:

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, commonly known as WIC, is a 100% federally funded program that provides nutritious foods to supplement the diets of limited income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under age 5 who have been determined to be at nutritional risk. At WIC participants get access to good healthy foods, advice on good nutrition, health screening, information on health care services like immunizations, prenatal care, and family planning, and information about other family support services available in their community.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be (1) an infant or child under five years of age, (2) a pregnant woman, (3) a postpartum woman (up to 6 months after giving birth), or (4) a breastfeeding woman (up to the breastfed infants first birthday). Must be a Nevada resident and physically live in Nevada at the time of application. Must be at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. Last, but not least, the applicant must be at nutritional risk as determined by a Competent Professional Authority (CPA) at the WIC clinic.

Other:

Fiscal Year Participant Data

Fiscal Year	Total Women	Infants (birth to age 1)	Children (ages 1 to 5)	Average Monthly Participants	Total Food Dollars Expended	Monthly Average Food Voucher Cost
FFY04	138,890	157,027	242,940	44,907	\$28,650,258	\$53.17
FFY05	146,198	163,169	257,709	47,256	\$28,838,311	\$50.89
FFY06	162,977	176,866	262,045	50,157	\$30,036,415	\$49.90
FFY07	166,575	172,419	263,744	50,232	\$31,913,823	\$52.89
FFY08	189,681	193,183	328,154	59,252	\$40,237,744	\$56.57
FFY09	199,913	199,034	394,219	66,097	\$41,965,835	\$52.95

Caseload History:

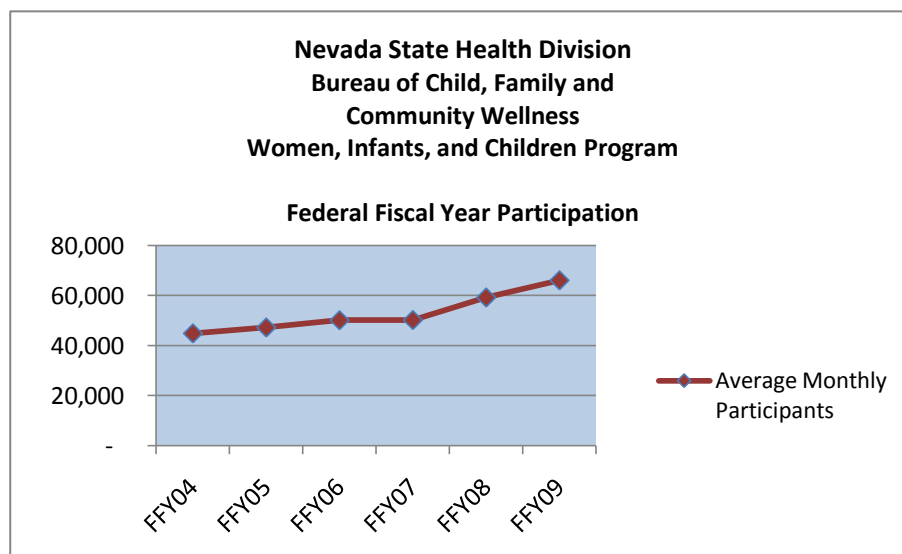
Graphic representation of participation by federal fiscal year (FFY) October 1 - September 30.

FFY08

Quarter 1 **168,295**
Quarter 2 **173,925**
Quarter 3 **182,555**
Quarter 4 **186,243**

FFY09

Quarter 1 **193,278**
Quarter 2 **197,065**
Quarter 3 **197,888**
Quarter 4 **204,935**



Trends

As one of the fastest growing states in the country, Nevada has experienced a WIC participation growth of 32% from FFY04 to FFY08. Further, food funding for the WIC program for the same period has increased over 40%, from a total of \$28,650,258 in FFY04 to \$40,237,744 in FFY08.

Another key aspect of the WIC program is the current initiative, through a contract with JP Morgan, to fully automate the system for the purchase of authorized WIC food items. The WIC program has completed issuance of an Electronic Benefits Card (EBT) to all participants that can be used at any of WIC's 220 authorized grocery stores.

Contact Info:

Details on the WIC program may be accessed by going to the State of Nevada website at: www.nv.gov or by calling 1-800-8 NV WIC.