

National and State-Level Estimates of Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Eligibles and Program Reach, 2011

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The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides nutritious foods, nutrition education, and referrals to other services. WIC eligibility is restricted to infants, children under age 5, and pregnant and postpartum women with low incomes. This project uses survey data to estimate WIC eligibility for the

nation, states, the District of Columbia, and territories. In 2011, 14.3 million individuals were eligible for WIC benefits in an average month, including 63 percent of all infants. Overall, 63 percent of eligible people participated, with the highest coverage rate for infants (83 percent) and widely varying rates across states.

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