



# Wisconsin WIC Program Information & Income Eligibility Guidelines

## Purpose:

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a nutrition program for pregnant women, infants, women who are breastfeeding, postpartum women, and children younger than 5. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, supplemental nutritious foods, and connections to other community services.

Wisconsin families want to raise strong and healthy kids, and WIC is here to help. Health benefits of WIC have reduced premature births, low birthweight, and long-term medical expenses.

## Who is Eligible for WIC?

**To qualify for WIC benefits in Wisconsin, a person must:**

- Live in Wisconsin
- Meet the income guidelines (*listed on the next page*)
- Have a health or nutrition need. A nutrition assessment will be completed at the WIC clinic.
- Be pregnant; be breastfeeding a baby under 1 year of age; had a baby in the past six months; be a baby under age 1; or be a child younger than 5 years of age
- A person may qualify if someone in their family is receiving WI FoodShare, Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, Wisconsin Works Program (W2), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Foster children, Kinship Care recipients under age 5, and pregnant foster teens are eligible for WIC

## Benefits Received by WIC Participants

**All participants receive:**

- Screening for nutrition and health needs
- Information on how to use WIC foods to improve health
- Benefits to buy foods that help keep you and your children healthy and strong
- Referrals to doctors; dentists; programs like FoodShare, Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, W-2, Head Start

**Women receive:**

- [WIC foods](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/approved-foods.htm) (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/approved-foods.htm>)
- Information on healthy eating during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Help with starting or continuing breastfeeding

**Infants receive:**

- Help with starting or continuing breastfeeding
- Infant formula, if needed
- Immunization referrals

Parents/caretakers receive information on taking care of babies

**Children receive:**

- [WIC foods](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/approved-foods.htm) (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/approved-foods.htm>)
- Immunization referrals

Parents/caregivers receive information on food shopping, recipes, and feeding your child

Go to [DHS Wisconsin](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/local-projects.htm) (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/local-projects.htm>) to locate your local WIC office to apply:

For other health information and referral services contact *Well Badger Resource Center*: Call 800-642-7837, email [help@wellbadger.org](mailto:help@wellbadger.org) or go to [Well Badger Resource Center](https://wellbadger.org/) (<https://wellbadger.org/>)

# Wisconsin WIC Program - Income Eligibility Table

The income levels are based on 185% of the US Dept. of Health and Human Services Nonfarm Income Poverty Guidelines for Gross Income (*before deductions*). Applicants exceeding 185% are not eligible.

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Family Size	Income Levels				
	Weekly \$	Every Two Weeks \$	Twice Per Month \$	Monthly \$	Annual \$
ONE	519	1,038	1,124	2,248	26,973
TWO	702	1,404	1,521	3,041	36,482
THREE	885	1,769	1,917	3,833	45,991
FOUR	1,068	2,135	2,313	4,625	55,500
FIVE	1,251	2,501	2,709	5,418	65,009
SIX	1,434	2,867	3,105	6,210	74,518
SEVEN	1,616	3,232	3,502	7,003	84,027
EIGHT	1,799	3,598	3,898	7,795	93,536
ADDITIONAL	183	366	397	793	9,509

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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. **email:**  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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