Participation in Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) decreases

The number of Ohio WIC participants declined from 244,000 in FFY 2015 to 164,000 in FFY 2021, or 32.7%.

The average monthly benefit per person ranged from a high of $34.76 in FFY 2015 to a low of $30.37 in FFY 2017.

WIC eligibility includes pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to five years of age with household income up to 185% FPL.

Approved foods include whole grains, cereal, eggs, iron-fortified infant formula, and milk.

Ohio WIC sought approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to cover eight additional types of infant formula during the national formula shortage of 2022.

*Data for 2019 through 2021 are preliminary.
Source: United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service