MISSION OF WIC

To assure healthy pregnancies, healthy birth outcomes and healthy growth and development for women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk, by providing nutritious supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare and critical social services.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC?

American Samoa WIC Participation FY 2017

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Coverage (% eligible)

NA


MARCH 2019

Please direct all questions to NWA at 202.232.5492
**EBT STATUS**

American Samoa has implemented WIC EBT/eWIC statewide. All state WIC programs must transition from paper vouchers to electronic benefit transfer cards (EBT) by 2020.

**WIC SUPPORTS MILITARY FAMILIES**

American Samoa WIC serves families who are in the Army Reserve unit, and are also residents.

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**WIC IS EFFICIENT**
American Samoa Food and Nutrition Services Benefits FY 2017

Average monthly food value per participant $74.57
Net federal food cost $508,668
Competitive bidding savings $973,116
Nutrition, client services, and program management $1,573,762
Total funds to state $3,055,546

Source: USDA FNS WIC Program Data FY2017 https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program

**BREASTFEEDING**

Source: USDA 2016 WIC Participant and Program Characteristics (PC) Report. PC data allows for standardized comparisons to demonstrate overall progress. Some states collect more data than required by the PC Report and may yield different and more current results than shown.