Children have always been the largest category of WIC participants. Of the 7.7 MILLION people who received WIC benefits each month in FY 2016,

- 3.98 MILLION CHILDREN
- 1.88 MILLION INFANTS
- 1.84 MILLION WOMEN

the number of women, infants, & children receiving WIC benefits each month during FY 2016.

WIC PARTICIPATION BY YEAR

- 88,000 in 1974
- 1.9 million in 1980
- 3.1 million in 1985
- 4.5 million in 1990
- 7.2 million in 2000
- 8 million average monthly participants
- 7.7 million the number of women, infants, & children receiving WIC benefits each month during FY 2016

55% of pregnant WIC participants enrolled during their first trimester

53% of infants born in the U.S. are served by WIC

There were 119,849 WIC participants in Missouri as of February 2017