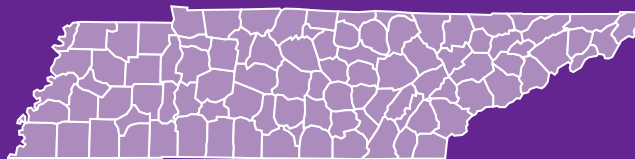


# Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): A Profile of Tennessee



WIC benefits thousands of people and is a vital source of support in Tennessee. However, too few eligible people are reached.

Over **112,000** women, infants, and children in Tennessee participated in WIC in 2019

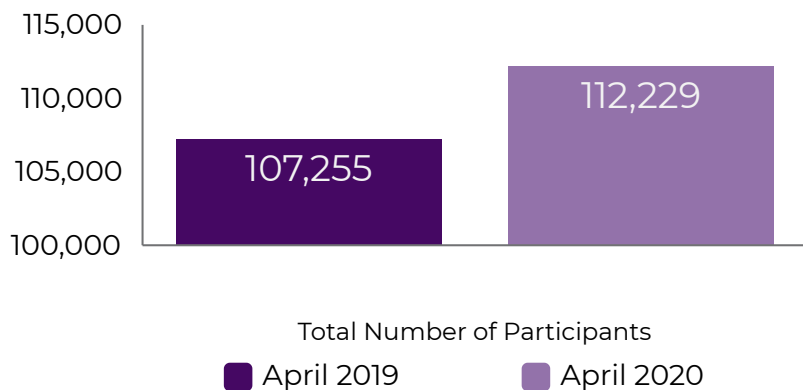
Less than half (42.9%) of eligible people are enrolled in Tennessee (2017), less than the U.S. average (51.1%)



**\$109**  
Million

in federal funding flowed into Tennessee in 2019 for WIC. Strengthening WIC has brought additional funding to the state. More needs to be done.

The total number of participants in Tennessee WIC has increased 4.6% from April 2019 to April 2020



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Reduces Food Insecurity



Improves Dietary Intake and Health



Protects Against Obesity



Boosts Learning and Development



Supports Economic Security



Lifts Families out of Poverty



Acts as Stimulus for Local Economies

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