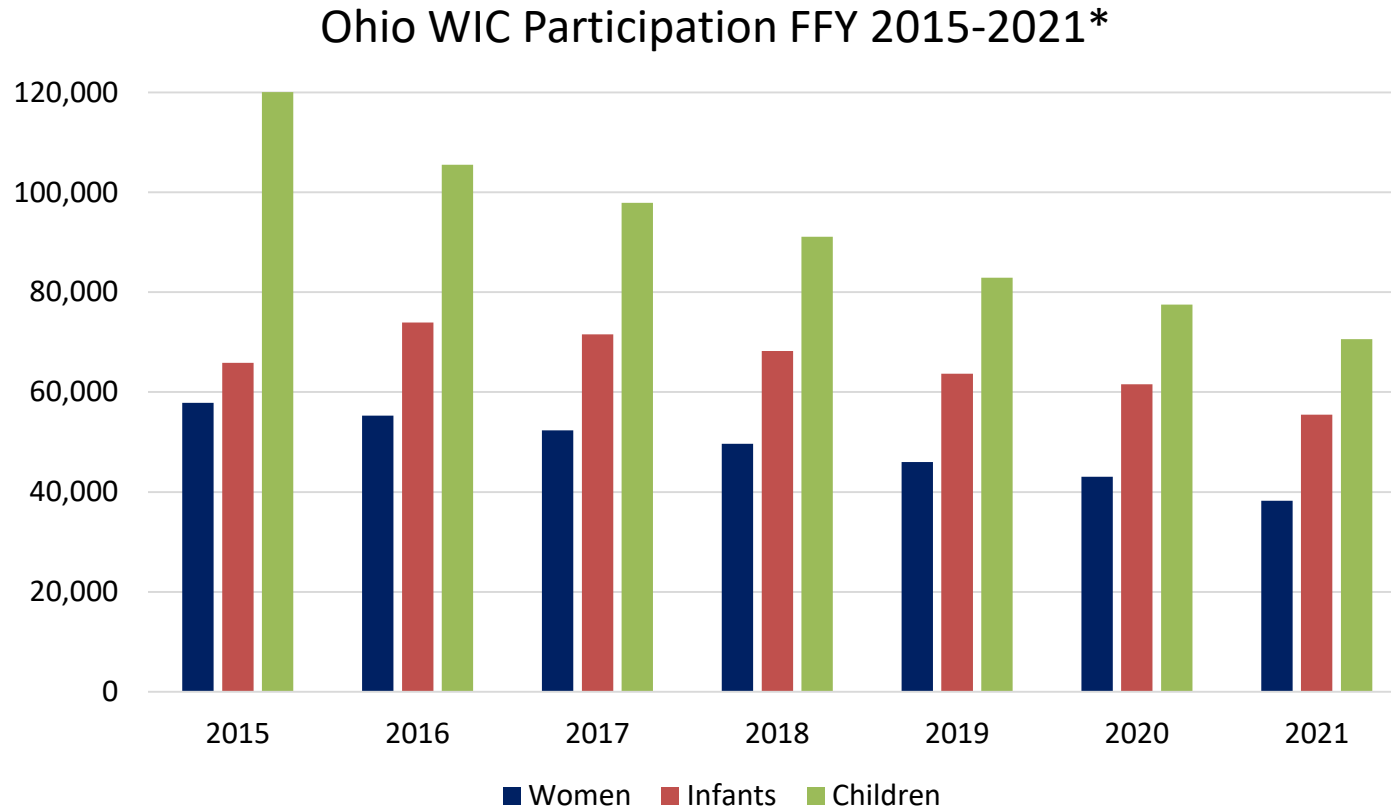


Participation in Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) decreases



- 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