



## WHAT CAN I BUY WITH WIC CHECKS?

WIC checks make it easier for you to provide the healthy, delicious foods that you feel good about giving your family. WIC checks are also easy to use. Just take them with you when you go food shopping and use them to get free healthy food, including:

- Baby food
- Brown rice
- Canned fish
- Cereal
- Cheese
- Dried or canned beans/peas
- Eggs
- Fruit juice
- Fruits & vegetables
- Infant formula
- Milk
- Peanut butter
- Tortillas
- Whole grain bread
- Tofu

Do you have questions? Contact WIC today to learn more. Call the WIC office closest to you (see back panel) or **1-800-WIC-1007** or visit [www.mass.gov/wic](http://www.mass.gov/wic).

To find out about WIC, call 1-800-WIC-1007 or a program near you.

### BOSTON AREA

Blue Hill Corridor	(617) 822-5584
Brighton/Roslindale	(617) 254-0492
Cambridge/Somerville	(617) 666-5059
Chelsea/Revere	(617) 887-4340
Dorchester North	(617) 825-8994
Dorchester South	(617) 825-0805
East Boston	(617) 568-6400 x0
Jamaica Plain	(617) 983-6086
Roxbury	(617) 989-3055
South Boston	(617) 464-5850
South Cove	(617) 521-6777
South End	(617) 425-2070

### CAPE

Cape Cod	(800) 942-2445
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### CENTRAL

Framingham/Waltham	(508) 620-1445
North Central	(978) 345-6272 x1
South Central	(508) 765-0139
Worcester	(508) 860-7744

### NORTHEAST

Lawrence	(978) 681-4960
Lowell	(978) 454-6397
North Shore	(781) 599-7290
North Suburban	(781) 338-7578
Northern Essex	(978) 374-2191

### SOUTHEAST

Brockton	(508) 588-8241
Fall River	(508) 679-9349
New Bedford	(508) 997-1500
Plymouth	(508) 747-4933
Quincy	(617) 376-4190
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Berkshire North	(413) 445-9429
Berkshire South	(413) 528-0457
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Holyoke/Chicopee	(413) 534-2460
Springfield North	(413) 737-8868
Springfield South	(413) 693-1029



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**GOOD FOOD & A  
WHOLE LOT MORE**

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# WHAT IS WIC?

WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify. WIC stands for Women, Infants and Children.



## WHAT DOES WIC OFFER?

WIC's goal is to help keep pregnant and breast-feeding women and kids under age 5 healthy. To do this, WIC provides:

- Personalized nutrition consultations
- Checks to buy free, healthy food
- Tips for eating well to improve health
- Referrals for medical and dental care, health insurance, child care, housing and fuel assistance, and other services that can benefit the whole family

But that's not all! WIC also offers breastfeeding classes, one-on-one breastfeeding support, as well as immunization screening and referrals. WIC also provides parents with opportunities to talk with other parents about nutrition and other health topics that are important to their families.



## WHO IS WIC FOR?

WIC is for all kinds of families: married and single parents, working or not working. If you are a father, mother, grandparent, foster parent or other legal guardian of a child under 5, you can apply for WIC for your child.



You can participate in WIC if you:

- Live in Massachusetts
- Have a nutritional need (WIC staff can help you determine this)
- Are a child under 5, or a pregnant or breast-feeding woman, and
- Have a family income less than WIC guidelines

HOUSEHOLD	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386
2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
6	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	1,317

*If you are pregnant, you should count yourself as two.*

You are automatically income eligible for WIC if you are currently receiving TAFDC, Food Stamps or MassHealth. (MassHealth members with Family Assistance or CommonHealth coverage are not automatically income eligible.) Foster kids under age 5 are also automatically eligible for WIC.

## CAN MEN PARTICIPATE IN WIC?

WIC welcomes men! WIC recognizes the important role that fathers, grandparents, stepparents, and other guardians play in caring for kids. Fathers and other caregivers of kids under 5 are encouraged to enroll and bring kids to appointments, attend nutrition and health workshops, and use WIC checks in grocery stores.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR WIC?

Call the WIC Program office in your community to set up an appointment or call 1-800-WIC-1007. Many WIC offices are open in the evenings and on Saturdays so you do not have to miss work. Walk-ins are always welcome.

  
**1-800-WIC-1007**