2017 Texas WIC Nutrition Education Survey

Public Health Service Region 10 Report

(PHR 10 includes LA 028, 033 and parts of LA 027)

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Summary

Purpose

The Texas WIC Nutrition Education Participant Survey, administered every two years, provides the state and local agencies with information about their clients to help agencies plan their nutrition offerings and assess client satisfaction with the WIC program services. The Participant Survey also provides support for WIC initiatives at the state level and descriptive data that is used to inform subsequent quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews. This report summarizes the data collected from Public Health Service Region (PHR 10) in Texas. PHR 10 includes LA 028, 033 and parts of LA 027.

Methods

Data were collected from a convenience sample of current WIC participants across the state of Texas. Surveys were available in English or in Spanish during the month of February 2017. Clients could take the survey online for class credit or in the clinic on paper. PHR 10 data represent viewpoints of 88 clients who completed the online survey and 242 clients who answered the paper Scantron survey while at their WIC clinic. The survey contained five sections: opinions about WIC services, family meals and activities, WIC shopping experience, technology usage, and demographics.

Results

Demographics

The majority of PHR 10 respondents were mothers, were Hispanic ethnicity, and reported their race as white. Online respondents were more likely to speak Spanish, to have been on WIC less than one year, and to have some college (no degree) education; while in clinic respondents were more likely to speak English, to have been on WIC three or more years, and to have a high school diploma or GED. Over 62 percent of respondents had a child over 1 year old.

Opinions about WIC

The three most important WIC services as rated by WIC participants were food benefits, followed by nutrition information, and support received from WIC staff. Internet (web lessons), nutrition or health fairs, and physical activity sessions were rated as most valuable to participants; self-paced education at the clinic and family-based classes or cooking demonstrations were next in preference. Among the state agency's newly proposed ideas for nutrition education, child-friendly playtime and fitness class came in at the top of the list. The majority of participants (93 percent or more) agreed WIC offered classes in their language; however, only 84 to 86 percent of respondents reported that the "WIC clinic offered classes at times when I can attend," and 86 to 88 percent stated that the clinic "provided a choice of class topics."

Respondents gave the WIC clinic and the staff high marks (93% or greater in favor) for being friendly, welcoming, clean, relevant, and able to answer questions. One-hundred percent said they would come back to WIC in the future and would recommend WIC to a friend. The area in most need of improvement was "having things for my child to do while waiting in the clinic."

The top two challenges in the WIC process as rated by WIC participants were shopping for WIC foods and customer service at the grocery store.

Activities and Family Behaviors

Participants were asked to mark how often the following behaviors were true for them or for their family. The percentage selecting "almost always" is indicated below.

- Mealtime with my family is enjoyable. (92 to 94 percent)
- I prepare meals at home. (83 to 86 percent)
- My family sits down to eat meals together. (80 to 85 percent)
- I serve a fruit or vegetable at each meal. (63 to 64 percent)
- My child sees me as being physically active. (55 to 57 percent)
- I participate in physical activities with my child. (46 to 57 percent)
- I let my child help prepare foods. (19 to 38 percent)

WIC participants ranked online recipes with WIC foods and short cooking videos showing how to prepare WIC foods as online tools they would use if made available by WIC. They were also in support ("very likely" to use) online videos with child nutrition experts, online menu planning tools, and videos of moms sharing healthy tips.

WIC Shopping Experience

WIC participants reported that they would prefer to learn about changes in WIC foods (1) in the WIC approved foods guide, (2) to have staff go over the changes with them at the clinic, or (3) to learn about the changes via an online class. Take home DVD and store tour were rated in the bottom six methods of hearing about new foods.

Respondents also rated their main reasons for choosing one store over another to shop for WIC foods and the top challenges faced when shopping for WIC foods. Of most importance in deciding where to shop for WIC foods were: (1) the store has WIC foods clearly labeled and easy to find, (2) the store has better quality fruits and vegetables, and (3) the store has a good variety of food choices available for WIC. The most common reason participants have decided not to purchase a WIC food was confusion about brands or what foods are allowed. In addition, while shopping for WIC foods, 66 to 76 percent of WIC participants stated that they "selected the wrong item and were sent back for a different one at the checkout line" or "needed a WIC item that was not there or not available" (58 to 64 percent).

Technology Usage

WIC participants are using their cell phones more than any other device (i.e. computers, tablets, etc) to access the Internet; 89 percent have smartphones. The majority reported using text messaging and social media every day. While the majority of WIC participants do not use nutrition and health videos or online menu planning tools weekly, a much larger percentage stated they use online recipes and short cooking videos weekly.

TexasWIC.org, YourTexasBenefits.com, and BabyCenter.com were among the most popular websites visited by WIC participants.

Text message WIC appointment reminders, a phone app to help them locate WIC-approved foods, and scheduling WIC appointments online were the top three service enhancements of interest to that WIC participants, followed by

text or e-mailing nutrition and infant feeding tips or text or e-mail dialogue with a WIC nutritionist or peer counselor.

For more detailed information on the survey responses, please proceed through the summary tables in this report.

Local Agency (LA) and Corresponding Public Health Service Region (PHR)

| LA | PHR | # (%) of in clinic surveys per LA | LA | PHR | # (%) of in clinic surveys per LA |
|----|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 7 | 92 (2.8%) | 44 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 3 | 11 | 95 (2.9%) | 46 | 6 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 4 | 11 | 20 (0.6%) | 48 | 6 | 194 (5.8%) |
| 5 | 11 | 30 (0.9%) | 49 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 7 | 3 | 280 (8.4%) | 51 | 11 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 10 | 6 | 18 (0.5%) | 53 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 11 | 6 | 20 (0.6%) | 54 | 3 | 150 (4.5%) |
| 12 | 11 | 241 (7.2%) | 56 | 2, 9 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 13 | 11 | 90 (2.7%) | 58 | 5 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 17 | 6 | 81 (2.4%) | 59 | 8 | 19 (0.6%) |
| 19 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) | 60 | 6 | 19 (0.6%) |
| 20 | 1 | 20 (0.6%) | 61 | 5 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 21 | 2 | 20 (0.6%) | 62 | 4 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 22 | 2 | 25 (0.8%) | 63 | 5 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 24 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) | 64 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 26 | 6 | 239 (7.2%) | 65 | 4 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 27 | 1, 9, 10 | 95 (2.9%) | 67 | 3 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 28 | 10 | 19 (0.6%) | 69 | 8, 11 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 29 | 6 | 49 (1.5%) | 70 | 6 | 6 (0.2%) |
| 30 | 5 | 20 (0.6%) | 71 | 3 | 32 (1.0%) |
| 31 | 7 | 60 (1.8%) | 73 | 8 | 44 (1.3%) |
| 32 | 7 | 30 (0.9%) | 74 | 2 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 33 | 10 | 128 (3.8%) | 76 | 1, 2, 3, 7 | 113 (3.7%) |
| 34 | 2 | 20 (0.6%) | 77 | 5, 6 | 139 (4.2%) |
| 35 | 3 | 33 (1.0%) | 89 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 36 | 7, 8 | 30 (0.9%) | 90 | 3 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 37 | 8 | 11 (0.3%) | 95 | 7, 8 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 38 | 11 | 18 (0.5%) | 100 | 1 | 25 (0.8%) |
| 39 | 4 | 99 (3.0%) | 105 | 7 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 40 | 5 | 20 (0.6%) | 107 | 7 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 41 | 8 | 138 (4.2%) | 108 | 4 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 42 | 7 | 24 (0.7%) | 110 | 7 | 20 (0.6%) |
| 43 | 8 | 20 (0.6%) | 126 | 7 | 19 (0.6%) |

Number and Percent of Surveys by Public Health Service Region

| PHR | Number of | Percent of | Number of | Percent of |
|-------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Surveys Online | Surveys Online | Surveys In Clinic | Surveys In Clinic |
| 1 | 35 | 2.1% | 253 | 6.2% |
| 2 | 20 | 1.2% | 218 | 5.3% |
| 3 | 246 | 14.7% | 648 | 15.8% |
| 4 | 22 | 1.3% | 159 | 3.9% |
| 5 | 56 | 3.3% | 239 | 5.8% |
| 6 | 486 | 29% | 813 | 19.8% |
| 7 | 142 | 8.5% | 448 | 10.9% |
| 8 | 201 | 12.0% | 442 | 10.8% |
| 9 | 62 | 3.7% | 115 | 2.8% |
| 10 | 88 | 5.2% | 242 | 5.9% |
| 11 | 319 | 19.0% | 534 | 13.0% |
| Total | 1677 | 100.0% | 4111 | 100.0% |

Information about the Clients Who Answered the Survey

What is the main language spoken in your home?

| Main language spoken | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| English | 36 | 40.9% | 140 | 61.1% |
| Spanish | 43 | 48.9% | 87 | 38.0% |
| Other | 9 | 10.2% | 2 | 0.9% |

During the past 5 years I have participated in WIC:

| Length of participation in WIC | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Surv | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | | | |
| Less than 1 year | 45 | 51.1% | 58 | 24.6% | | | |
| 1 to 2 years | 24 | 27.3% | 84 | 35.6% | | | |
| 3 or more years | 19 | 21.6% | 94 | 39.8% | | | |

How old are you?

| Age | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Younger than 15 | 1 | 1.1% | 3 | 1.3% |
| 15-19 | 6 | 6.8% | 13 | 5.5% |
| 20-24 | 17 | 19.3% | 62 | 26.1% |
| 25-29 | 33 | 37.5% | 73 | 30.7% |
| 30-34 | 16 | 18.2% | 44 | 18.5% |
| 35 or older | 15 | 17.0% | 43 | 18.1% |

What is the highest level of school you have finished?

| Highest level of school completed | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|--|---------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Less than high school diploma | 17 | 19.3% | 51 | 21.3% |
| High school diploma or GED | 26 | 29.5% | 96 | 40.0% |
| Some college, no degree | 28 | 31.8% | 64 | 26.7% |
| Associate, Bachelors, or Graduate or Professional degree | 17 | 19.3% | 29 | 12.1% |

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

| Hispanic or Latino | Online | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|--------------------|--------|---------------|--------|------------------------|--|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| Yes | 77 | 87.5% | 181 | 80.4% | |
| No | 11 | 12.5% | 44 | 19.6% | |

What is your race?

| Race | Online Survey | | In Clinic Pa | per Survey |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| White | 69 | 78.4% | 170 | 73.6% |
| Black or African American | 3 | 3.4% | 12 | 5.2% |
| Mixed race | 5 | 5.7% | 13 | 5.6% |
| Other | 11 | 12.5% | 36 | 15.6% |

^{*}A significant number of Hispanic, Latino, and Mexican-American participants chose the response option "other."

What is your parental status?

| Parental status | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Pregnant | 13 | 15.3% | 33 | 13.7% |
| Breastfeeding | 22 | 25.6% | 37 | 15.4% |
| Caretaker of baby < 12 months old | 38 | 44.2% | 89 | 37.9% |
| Caretaker of child over 1 year old | 53 | 61.6% | 187 | 79.9% |

How many children do you have?

| Number of children | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 0 | 9 | 10.2% | 4 | 1.7% |
| 1 | 30 | 34.1% | 66 | 28.0% |
| 2 | 27 | 30.7% | 82 | 34.7% |
| 3 or more | 22 | 25.0% | 84 | 35.6% |

What is your relationship to the child(ren) in WIC?

| Relationship to child(ren) in WIC | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Mother | 77 | 87.5% | 222 | 93.7% |
| Father | 2 | 2.3% | 1 | 0.4% |
| Grandparent | 1 | 1.1% | 7 | 3.0% |
| Foster parent | 1 | 1.1% | 2 | 0.8% |
| Self, pregnant | 6 | 6.8% | 4 | 1.7% |
| Other | 1 | 1.1% | 1 | 0.4% |

How many people live in your household?

| Number of people living in household | Online Survey | | In Clinic Paper Survey | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 | 1 | 1.1% | 1 | 0.4% |
| 2 – 4 | 55 | 62.5% | 130 | 56.8% |
| 5 – 7 | 27 | 30.7% | 86 | 37.6% |
| 8 or more | 5 | 5.7% | 12 | 5.2% |

SECTION 1 describes participants' opinions about WIC and the services it offers.

How important are these WIC services to you?

| Importance of this WIC service | Very important | | | ewhat ertant | Not important | | |
|--|----------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|--|
| | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic | |
| | Survey | Survey | Survey | Survey | Survey | Survey | |
| Food benefits | 97.7% | 96.7% | 1.1% | 2.9% | 1.1% | 0.4% | |
| Nutrition information | 93.2% | 90.4% | 6.8% | 8.8% | 0.0% | 0.8% | |
| Support received from WIC staff | 84.7% | 88.8% | 12.9% | 10.0% | 2.4% | 1.3% | |
| Learning about community resources (referrals) | 65.9% | 70.0% | 30.6% | 22.5% | 3.5% | 7.5% | |
| Talking to other caregivers | 55.7% | 59.6% | 38.0% | 31.7% | 6.3% | 8.8% | |
| Breastfeeding information* | 72.1% | 61.1% | 25.0% | 20.9% | 2.9% | 18.0% | |

^{*}For 22.7% of participants, breastfeeding information was "not applicable."

What kind of nutrition education would you find valuable?

| Value of this type of nutrition education | Very v | aluable | somewhat valuable | | Not of value to me | |
|---|--------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Tiditition education | Opling | In olinia | | | | |
| | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic |
| | Survey | Survey | Survey | Survey | Survey | Survey |
| Internet (web lesson) | 89.8% | 70.3% | 8.0% | 25.9% | 2.3% | 3.8% |
| Nutrition/health fair | 77.3% | 61.8% | 21.6% | 31.9% | 1.1% | 6.3% |
| Physical activity | 70.5% | 68.8% | 22.7% | 22.9% | 6.8% | 8.3% |
| session | | | | | | |
| Self-paced at clinic | 68.2% | 70.0% | 28.4% | 22.9% | 3.4% | 7.1% |
| Family-based class | 64.8% | 61.5% | 27.3% | 25.9% | 8.0% | 12.6% |
| (story time, music, | | | | | | |
| play) | | | | | | |
| Cooking | 63.6% | 64.4% | 28.4% | 26.7% | 8.0% | 8.9% |
| demonstration | | | | | | |
| Gardening session | 45.5% | 30.8% | 29.5% | 39.6% | 25.0% | 29.6% |
| Group session at WIC | 42.0% | 42.1% | 44.3% | 41.7% | 13.6% | 16.3% |

Online Survey Respondents Only

- Have you recently taken a class on TexasWIC.org? 52.3% yes
- I would recommend the online WIC nutrition classes to a friend if she was on WIC. <u>93.5% agree to strongly agree</u>
- 82.6 percent said the content covered in the online nutrition class was "just right."
- After taking the online class:
 - I learned something new (28.3%)
 - I feel inspired to make a change for myself and/or my family (26.1%)
 - o Both (45.7%)

If WIC could provide more opportunities to meet with other moms at your clinic visit, how interested would you be in the following?

| Level of interest | Very interested | | | ewhat ested | Not interested | |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey |
| Child-friendly play time | 64.8% | 66.5% | 25.0% | 25.0% | 10.2% | 8.5% |
| Fitness class | 64.8% | 60.8% | 27.3% | 26.2% | 8.0% | 13.1% |
| Story time at the WIC clinic | 48.9% | 41.4% | 35.2% | 37.7% | 15.9% | 20.9% |
| Mommy meet-up groups | 43.2% | 40.3% | 40.9% | 39.0% | 15.9% | 20.8% |
| Clothing or toy swap | 43.2% | 36.4% | 42.0% | 38.6% | 14.8% | 25.0% |

How well does WIC meet your needs on the following?

| How well does WIC meet your needs | Great | | Ok | ay | Not so great | |
|---|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey |
| Teaching me about healthy food choices | 81.8% | 88.4% | 17.0% | 11.6% | 1.1% | 0.0% |
| Learning how to feed my family | 80.5% | 87.4% | 19.5% | 12.1% | 0.0% | 0.4% |
| Learning how to shop for WIC foods | 61.4% | 77.5% | 35.2% | 21.2% | 3.4% | 1.3% |
| Learning how to prepare/cook WIC foods | 69.0% | 66.5% | 27.4% | 30.9% | 3.6% | 2.5% |
| Learning how to breastfeed my baby* | 68.8% | 68.1% | 28.1% | 22.4% | 3.1% | *** |
| Providing support to breastfeed my baby longer** | 66.7% | 65.9% | 30.2% | 23.3% | 3.2% | *** |
| Helping me connect and share ideas with other parents | 40.3% | 43.0% | 45.5% | 41.7% | 14.3% | 15.3% |

^{*}For 27.3% of participants, "learning how to breastfeed my baby" was "not applicable."

My WIC clinic offers nutrition education...

| Offering nutrition education in my language, at times I can attend, and with a choice of topics* | Yes | | Some | times | No | |
|--|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey |
| In my language | 93.2% | 96.6% | 3.4% | 2.9% | 3.4% | 0.4% |
| At times when I can attend | 84.3% | 86.1% | 14.5% | 12.7% | 1.2% | 1.3% |
| With a choice of topics I can choose from | 87.7% | 86.1% | 8.6% | 9.3% | 3.7% | 4.6% |

^{**}For 28.4% of participants, "providing support to breastfeed my baby longer" was "not applicable."

^{***}Data for this response is unavailable.

Think about the WIC sessions you have attended, and answer the questions below based on your experiences.

| Answer the questions based on your experiences at WIC sessions | at Percent who marked "yes | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Online survey | In clinic survey | |
| I would come back to WIC in the future. | 100.0% | 100.0% | |
| I would recommend WIC to a friend. | 100.0% | 100.0% | |
| WIC staff were friendly. | 94.3% | 99.2% | |
| WIC clinic was clean. | 96.6% | 96.2% | |
| WIC appointment was offered at a good time of day. | 96.6% | 97.0% | |
| WIC staff provided relevant and helpful information | 97.6% | 96.6% | |
| When I had a question about nutrition, WIC staff could answer it. | 98.8% | 98.3% | |
| WIC clinic atmosphere was welcoming. | 93.1% | 98.3% | |
| When I left WIC, I felt like a great mom. | 96.3% | 94.9% | |
| When I had a question about breastfeeding, WIC staff could answer it.* | 95.9% | 92.3% | |
| WIC clinic had things for my child to do while waiting. | 84.6% | 94.5% | |

^{*}For 15.9% of participants, the response to this question was "not applicable." 95.9% reflects those who agreed and breastfeeding was applicable.

Please rate the following experiences:

| Rate the following experiences | Needs improvement | | Ok | | Great | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Online survey | In clinic survey | Online survey | In clinic survey | Online survey | In clinic survey |
| Shopping for WIC foods | 23.9% | 4.2% | 42.0% | 35.0% | 34.1% | 60.8% |
| Customer service at the grocery store | 21.6% | 13.8% | 40.9% | 33.1% | 37.5% | 53.1% |
| Total wait time at the clinic | 18.2% | 11.0% | 50.0% | 26.6% | 31.8% | 62.4% |
| Application process | 5.7% | 4.6% | 44.3% | 23.2% | 50.0% | 72.2% |
| Customer service at the WIC clinic | 4.5% | 1.7% | 38.6% | 12.7% | 56.8% | 85.7% |
| Options available for nutrition education | 4.5% | 0.4% | 47.7% | 21.5% | 47.7% | 78.1% |

SECTION 2 asks about family meals and select healthy lifestyle activities.

Please mark how often these items are true for you.

| Mark how often these items are true for you | Almost always | | Sometimes | | Almost never | |
|---|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey |
| Mealtimes with my family are enjoyable. | 94.3% | 92.1% | 4.5% | 7.9% | 1.1% | 0.0% |
| I prepare meals at home. | 86.4% | 82.9% | 12.5% | 16.3% | 1.1% | 0.8% |
| My family sits down to eat meals together. | 85.2% | 80.0% | 12.5% | 19.2% | 2.3% | 0.8% |
| I serve a fruit or vegetable at each meal. | 62.5% | 63.9% | 35.2% | 34.0% | 2.3% | 2.1% |
| My child sees me being physically active. | 56.8% | 54.6% | 42.0% | 42.0% | 1.1% | 3.4% |
| I participate in physical activities with my child. | 45.5% | 57.2% | 45.5% | 37.3% | 9.1% | 5.5% |
| I let my child help prepare foods. | 19.3% | 38.3% | 48.9% | 44.7% | 31.8% | 17.0% |

How likely are you to use these online tools if they were made available?

| Likelihood to use these online tools | Very likely | | Somewhat likely | | Not at all likely | |
|---|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey | Online Survey | In clinic Survey |
| Online recipes made with WIC foods | 80.2% | 73.3% | 18.6% | 22.7% | 1.2% | 3.9% |
| Short cooking videos showing how to prepare WIC foods | 76.7% | 65.5% | 20.9% | 29.3% | 2.3% | 5.2% |
| Videos with experts talking about common child nutrition concerns | 72.1% | 59.1% | 22.1% | 32.2% | 5.8% | 8.7% |
| Online menu planning tools | 69.8% | 61.7% | 27.9% | 30.4% | 2.3% | 7.8% |
| Videos of moms sharing healthy tips | 67.4% | 61.4% | 27.9% | 31.4% | 4.7% | 7.3% |

(Excludes participants who stated they do not use online tools.)

SECTION 3 asks about the WIC shopping experience.

If WIC made changes to the WIC foods, how would you like to learn about them? (Select top 3 choices)

| How would you like to learn about changes to WIC foods | Percent marking "yes" Online Survey | Percent marking "yes" In clinic Survey |
|--|---|--|
| WIC approved foods guide | 63.6% | 64.9% |
| Have staff go over the changes with me at the clinic | 51.1% | 55.4% |
| Online class (computer or mobile device) | 56.8% | 51.2% |
| Online video | 30.7% | 31.0% |
| Take home DVD | 18.2% | 28.9% |
| Go on a store tour | 19.3% | 28.1% |

(The following four tables exclude participants who stated they have not shopped for WIC foods.)

Where do you shop for WIC foods? (Mark all that apply)

| 140 6 140 6 1 | D 10 11 | <u> </u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Where do you shop for WIC foods | Percent Online | Percent |
| | Survey | In clinic Survey |
| Walmart | 79.5% | 65.3% |
| WIC Only Stores | 53.4% | 37.2% |
| Albertsons | 31.8% | 13.6% |
| Lowes | 14.8% | 19.0% |
| Grocery Services | 11.4% | 11.6% |
| None of the above | 3.4% | 5.4% |
| United | 1.1% | 16.5% |
| HEB | 1.1% | 8.7% |
| Brookshire | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Fiesta Mart | 0.0% | 0.8% |
| Kroger's | 0.0% | 0.0% |

If you have the option to shop at more than one grocery store, how important are the following when deciding where to shop for WIC foods?

| Importance when deciding | Very im | portant | Some | ewhat | Not im | portant |
|--|---------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|
| where to shop for WIC foods | 10.5 | .por tarre | important | | ' | |
| | Online | In clinic | Online | In | Online | In |
| | Survey | Survey | Survey | clinic | Survey | clinic |
| | | | | Survey | | Survey |
| The store has WIC foods clearly labeled and easy to find. | 93.2% | 94.6% | 6.8% | 3.8% | 0.0% | 1.7% |
| The store has better quality fruits and vegetables. | 93.2% | 91.7% | 6.8% | 8.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| The store has a good variety of food choices available for WIC. | 92.0% | 93.8% | 8.0% | 6.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| The store's distance from home or work. | 80.7% | 75.4% | 17.0% | 19.2% | 2.3% | 5.4% |
| The store has staff available to help me find WIC foods if I need help. | 84.1% | 82.5% | 14.8% | 15.0% | 1.1% | 2.5% |
| The store has a good selection of the non-WIC items I need. | 58.0% | 74.5% | 38.6% | 22.2% | 3.4% | 3.3% |
| The store is easy to get in and out of (parking, aisles, checkout, etc). | 69.3% | 73.6% | 28.4% | 19.2% | 2.3% | 7.1% |
| The store has a kiosk or place where I can check my WIC shopping list. | 77.3% | 64.3% | 15.9% | 26.5% | 6.8% | 9.2% |

Are any of the following reasons you have decided NOT to purchase a WIC food? (Mark all that apply)

| Reason you decided NOT to purchase a WIC food | Percent Online Survey | Percent In clinic Survey |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Confusion about brands or what foods are allowed | 70.5% | 58.7% |
| Confusion about signs and labels | 48.9% | 39.7% |
| Store didn't have a WIC food I needed | 38.6% | 37.2% |
| None of the above | 20.5% | 19.0% |

| Reason you decided NOT to purchase a | Percent Online | Percent |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| WIC food | Survey | In clinic Survey |
| Poor customer service at the store | 20.5% | 21.1% |
| Item did not scan | 13.6% | 22.7% |
| Time it took to shop for WIC foods was too | 10.2% | 8.3% |
| long | | |
| I did not want an item | 9.1% | 7.0% |
| I didn't know how to prepare the food | 1.1% | 3.3% |

In the last 3 months, have any of the following things happened to you when shopping for your WIC foods?

| Happened when shopping for WIC foods | Percent Online Survey | Percent In clinic Survey |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Selected the wrong item and was sent back to get a different item once you reached the checkout lane. | 76.1% | 65.8% |
| Needed a WIC item that was not there or not available | 63.6% | 58.0% |
| Forgot to bring the WIC shopping guide to the store | 42.5% | 37.4% |
| Selected a fruit or vegetable that would not scan | 46.0% | 39.6% |
| Felt uncomfortable in the checkout line | 25.0% | 15.4% |
| Felt uncomfortable shopping for WIC items | 14.8% | 8.7% |

SECTION 4 is about technology use.

How often do you use these devices to access the Internet?

| Frequency of use of these devices to access the Internet | Most | days | Occas | ionally | Ne | ver |
|--|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic |
| | survey | survey | survey | survey | survey | survey |
| Cell phone (including smartphones) | 75.0% | 85.0% | 18.2% | 12.4% | 6.8% | 2.6% |
| Desktop or laptop computer | 22.7% | 29.9% | 51.1% | 47.4% | 22.7% | 22.6% |
| Tablet computer (iPad, Google table, Kindle, Nook) | 14.8% | 28.9% | 37.5% | 30.6% | 47.7% | 40.4% |
| Other Internet device (iPod, Xbox, smart TV) | 8.0% | 17.7% | 34.1% | 33.8% | 58.0% | 48.5% |

Some cell phones are called "smartphones" because of certain features they have, such as Internet access. Is your cell phone a smartphone, such as an Android, iPhone, Blackberry, or Windows phone?

| Is your cell phone a smartphone | Percent Online | Percent | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| | Survey | In clinic Survey | |
| Yes | 88.6% | 88.9% | |
| No | 2.3% | 8.1% | |
| Don't know | 4.5% | 3.0% | |
| No cell phone | 4.5% | 0.0% | |

How often do you use the following technology?

| How often do you use the following technology | Every | y day | Occas | ionally | Ne | ver |
|---|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic |
| | survey | survey | survey | survey | survey | survey |
| Text messaging or texting | 69.3% | 83.9% | 27.3% | 15.7% | 3.4% | 0.4% |
| Social media sites | 51.1% | 56.9% | 37.5% | 31.0% | 11.4% | 12.1% |
| E-mail | 35.2% | 46.4% | 56.8% | 36.5% | 8.0% | 17.2% |
| Smartphone app | 30.7% | 44.1% | 54.5% | 38.1% | 14.8% | 17.8% |
| YouTube or other online videos | 26.1% | 35.0% | 64.8% | 49.8% | 9.1% | 15.2% |

| How often do you use the following technology | Ever | y day | Occas | ionally | Ne | ver |
|---|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic | Online | In clinic |
| | survey | survey | survey | survey | survey | survey |
| Video streaming (Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime) | 23.9% | 23.1% | 38.6% | 33.6% | 37.5% | 43.3% |
| iTunes or other music storage site | 11.4% | 13.4% | 31.8% | 34.5% | 56.8% | 52.1% |
| Webcam, Skype, or Facetime | 8.0% | 14.0% | 45.5% | 36.2% | 46.6% | 49.8% |

Which of these do you currently view or use at least once a week? (Mark all that apply)

| Which of these do you currently use at least once a week | Percent Online Survey | Percent In clinic Survey |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Online recipes | 70.5% | 64.5% |
| Short cooking videos | 59.1% | 45.0% |
| Videos with experts talking about child nutrition | 26.1% | 16.1% |
| Videos of moms sharing healthy tips | 25.0% | 16.1% |
| Online menu planning tools | 15.9% | 10.7% |
| None of the above | 12.5% | * |

^{*}Data for this response is unavailable.

Have you visited any of the following website for information? (Mark all that apply)

| Websites visited for information | Percent Online Survey | Percent In clinic Survey |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TexasWIC.org | 65.9% | 53.3% |
| YourTexasBenefits.com | 65.9% | 47.5% |
| BabyCenter.com | 35.2% | 27.7% |
| None of the above | 13.6% | * |
| HealthyChildren.org | 8.0% | 8.7% |
| Breastmilkcounts.com | * | 5.8% |
| Text4Baby.org | * | 4.1% |
| SomedayStartsNow.com | 0.0% | 0.0% |

^{*}Data for this response is unavailable.

I would be interested in:

| I would be interested in: | Percent Online Survey | Percent In clinic Survey |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receiving a text message to remind me of my upcoming WIC appointment | 90.9% | 90.9%* |
| Using a phone app that would help you shop for WIC-approved foods | 79.5% | 75.7% |
| Scheduling your WIC appointments online | 78.4% | 65.2% |
| Receiving an e-mail message to remind me of my upcoming WIC appointment | 76.1% | 3.9%* |
| Receiving nutrition and infant feeding tips via text message | 54.5% | 48.5%** |
| Receiving nutrition and infant feeding tips via e-mail | 68.2% | 16.0%** |
| Texting my questions to a WIC nutritionist or breastfeeding peer counselor | 53.4% | 45.0%*** |
| Emailing my questions to a WIC nutritionist or breastfeeding peer counselor | 55.7% | 17.5%*** |
| Using a live chat box to talk to a WIC nutritionist or breastfeeding peer counselor | 51.1% | 43.2% |
| Connecting with WIC on Facebook | 42.5% | 46.4% |
| Connecting with WIC on other social media sites (Twitter, Pinterest, Snapchat, Instagram) | 27.3% | 29.7% |
| Using video chat (webcam, Skype, FaceTime) to talk to a WIC nutritionist or breastfeeding peer counselor | 27.3% | 25.2% |

^{*, **, ***} On the paper in clinic survey, participants chose either text, e-mail, or neither, but could not mark both text and e-mail. This was edited in the online survey where participants could select they wanted text, email, both, or neither for the items. When having to choose between either text or email, but not both, clients preferred text message over email for all three: appointment reminders, tips, and questions.