

**390.20****Refugee Participants****Overview**


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**Introduction** There are no specific regulatory barriers to participation in the WIC Program for individuals who are refugees.

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**Definition of refugee** A refugee is an individual who has been forced to leave his or her country due to such reasons as war, political reasons, religious persecution, or natural disaster. Refugees fear returning to their country for fear of being harmed.

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**Residency** In many instances, refugees may not have a permanent place to live and therefore may be considered homeless. The WIC food package may be tailored to accommodate the unique needs of homeless participants.

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**Related policies** See these policies for related topics.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>See Policy</b>
Food package tailoring	235.01
Special nutrition education issues	380.25
Outreach	360.40
Homeless Participants	390.30

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