

Improving Access to Healthy Foods and Ending Food Deserts Study

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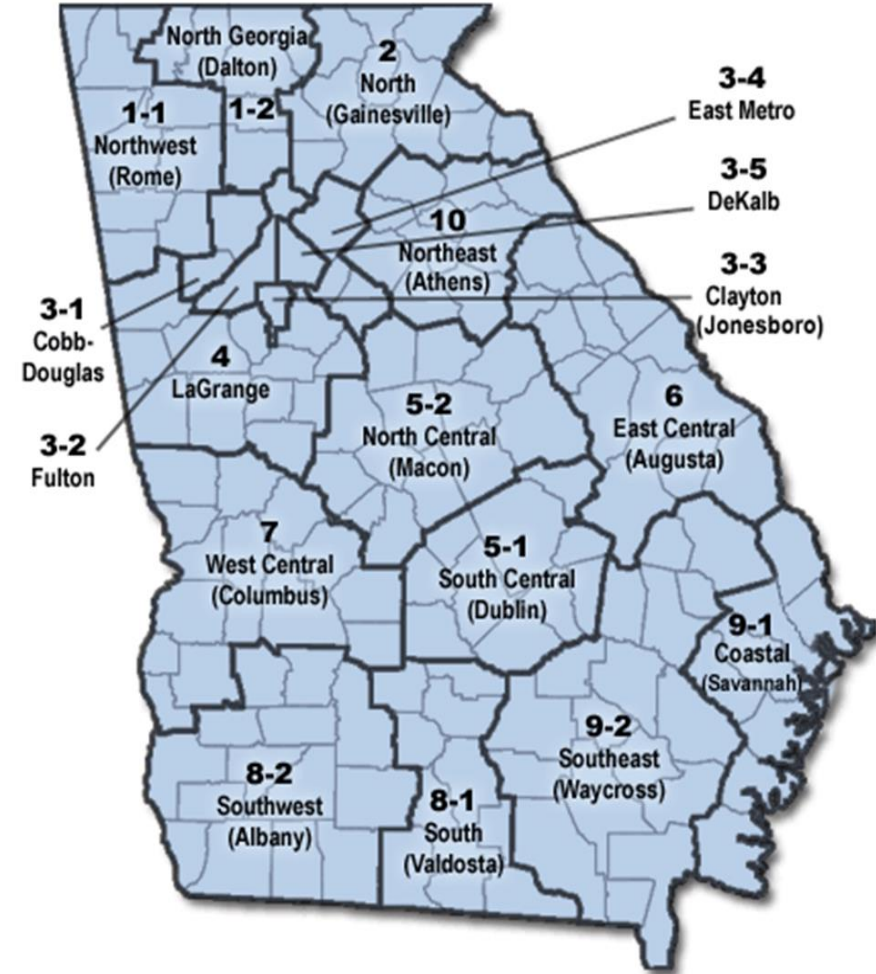
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What Is WIC?

- A federally funded supplemental nutrition program which provides nutritious foods to pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five (5).
- Provides additional services such as:
 - Nutritional assessments and education
 - Breastfeeding support
 - Referrals

Georgia WIC

- 159 Counties
- 18 Health Districts & One (1) Contracted Agency (Grady Hospital)
- 202 WIC Clinics
- Serving ~185,000 Participants Monthly



Access to Nutritious Foods

- Over 1,300 WIC vendor locations statewide
 - Grocers, pharmacies and commissaries
- Farmers Market Programs
 - FMNP
 - SMNP

WIC Authorized Vendors

- Authorization Process
 - How to become a WIC-authorized grocery store
- Transaction Process
 - How WIC-authorized grocery stores are paid for WIC purchases

COVID-19 Accommodations

- Temporary increase in fruit and vegetable vouchers
- Allowed substitutions for out-of-stock WIC approved foods

Questions



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Thank You!

