



**Iran War Spending  
What COULD have gone to WIC and SNAP?**

**Money Could Have Been Spent to Help People at Home Instead**

**UPDATE:** Numerous [news organizations have reported](#) that the trust cost of the Iran war is close to \$50 billion, citing U.S. officials familiar with internal assessments.

**WIC:** The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) required approximately \$7.2 to \$7.3 billion in federal funding for fiscal year 2024 to serve over 6.7 million participants monthly.

- The \$50 billion spent in the first 60 days of the Iran war is enough to fund the entire WIC program (\$7 billion annually) for nearly seven years.

**SNAP:** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) requires approximately \$100 billion to \$102 billion in federal funding annually, based on fiscal year 2024 and 2025 data.

- If the \$50 billion were distributed among the roughly 42 million Americans currently enrolled in SNAP, it would provide a \$1,190 annual bonus per person.
- The federal government could provide the entire monthly grocery budget for all 42 million SNAP recipients for nearly six months.

<b>Program</b>	<b>War Expenses (60 days) Equivalent (\$50B)</b>	<b>Impact for Recipients</b>
<b>National WIC Program</b>	7.1 years of full funding	Every eligible mother and child in the U.S. would be fully funded through the year 2033
<b>National SNAP Benefits</b>	5.9 months of total coverage	The federal government could provide the entire monthly grocery budget for all 42 million SNAP recipients for nearly six months
<b>SNAP Policy Cuts</b>	2.7 years of reversal	The \$18.7 billion in annual benefit cuts mandated by the 2025 “Big Beautiful Bill” could be completely wiped out for over 18 months
<b>WIC Funding Gap</b>	50 years of stability	The recurring \$1 billion annual gap that forces states to implement waiting lists for infants and pregnant women could be eliminated for nearly three decades