

SASKATCHEWAN Infant Formula Program

Breastfeeding increases the risk of transmission of HIV from mother to infant.

The cost of formula can be a financial burden.

According to the *Cost of Healthy Eating in Saskatchewan 2018* report, the cost of infant formula ranges from \$1,440 (powdered) to \$3,431 (ready to feed) per year. The Saskatchewan Infant Formula Program was started in January 2013 to ensure that infants born to women living with HIV receive free infant formula until their first birthday. Since 2013, 297 infants have benefitted from the program.

Number of new infants who joined the program in each of the past 5 years by fiscal year (April 1 - March 31)*



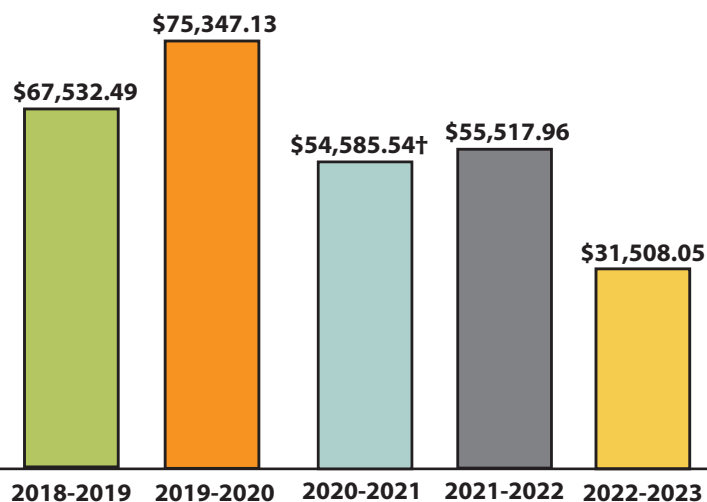
2018-2019 2019-2020 2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023

The program is coordinated by three Infant Formula Program Coordinators who provide support to the entire province, including First Nations communities.

For more information on the Infant Formula Program policy and procedures, go to www.skshiv.ca.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

All program funds go toward the purchase of formula.**



† The decreased cost/utilization is likely attributed to the Non-Insured Health Benefits policy introduced in May of 2020, which allows eligible individuals to access free formula (<https://bit.ly/3CVqyKn>).

- * This number does not include infants who carried over from the previous fiscal year.
- ** Annual program costs vary due to the number of infants, duration of infant enrollment, infant needs, and type of formula required.

Annual funding for the Infant Formula Program is provided by the Ministry of Health and is administered by the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute.