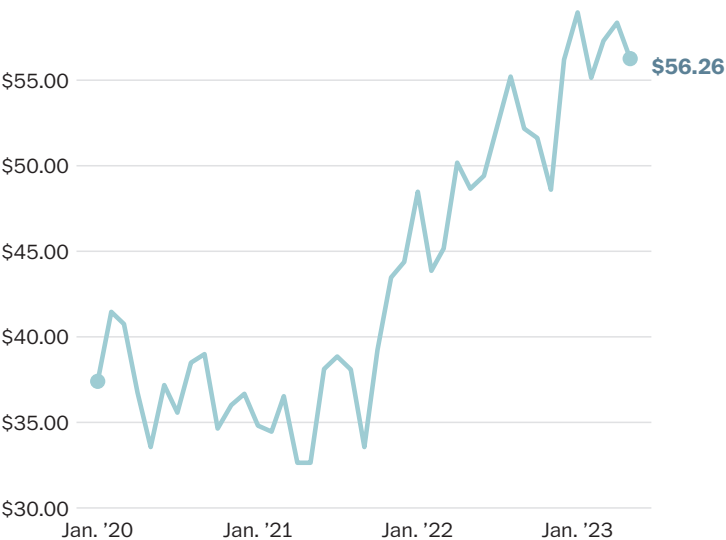


...at a time when food prices nationally remain high

Average WIC spending per beneficiary per month



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

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