

or while a program is being conducted. NCHHSTP formative research is necessary for developing new programs or adapting programs that deal with the complexity of behaviors, social context, cultural identities, and health care that underlie the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, and TB in the U.S, as well as for school and adolescent health. CDC conducts formative research to develop public-sensitive communication messages and user-friendly tools prior to developing or recommending interventions, or care. Sometimes these studies are entirely behavioral but most often they are cycles of interviews and focus groups designed to inform the development of a product.

Products from these formative research studies will be used for prevention of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), viral Hepatitis, and Tuberculosis. Findings from these studies may also be presented as evidence to disease-specific National Advisory Committees, to support revisions to recommended prevention and intervention methods, as well as to develop new recommendations. Much of CDC's health communication takes place within campaigns that have lengthy planning periods—timeframes that accommodate the standard federal process for approving data collections.

Short-term qualitative interviewing and cognitive research techniques have previously proven invaluable in the development of scientifically valid and population-appropriate methods, interventions, and instruments.

This request includes studies investigating the utility and acceptability of proposed sampling and recruitment methods, intervention contents and delivery, questionnaire domains, individual questions, and interactions with project staff or electronic data collection equipment. These activities will also provide information about how respondents answer questions and ways in which question response bias and error can be reduced. This request also includes collection of information from public health programs to assess needs related to initiation of a new program activity or expansion or changes in scope or implementation of existing program activities to adapt them to current needs. The information collected will be used to advise programs and provide capacity-building assistance tailored to identified needs.

Overall, these development activities are intended to provide information that will increase the success of the surveillance or research projects through increasing response rates and decreasing response error, thereby decreasing future data collection burden

to the public. The studies that will be covered under this request will include one or more of the following investigational modalities: (1) structured and qualitative interviewing for surveillance, research, interventions and material development; (2) cognitive interviewing for development of specific data collection instruments; (3) methodological research; (4) usability testing of technology-based instruments and materials; (5) field testing of new methodologies and materials; (6) investigation of mental models for health decision-making, to inform health communication messages; and (7) organizational needs assessments to support development of capacity. Respondents who will participate in individual and group interviews (qualitative, cognitive, and computer assisted development activities) are selected purposively from those who respond to recruitment advertisements. In addition to utilizing advertisements for recruitment, respondents who will participate in research on survey methods may be selected purposively or systematically from within an ongoing surveillance or research project.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 46,516 annual burden hours. Participation by respondents is voluntary, and there is no cost to participants other than their time.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average hours per response
General public .....	Screener .....	56,840	1	10/60
Health care providers .....	Screener .....	24,360	1	10/60
General public .....	Consent Forms .....	28,420	1	5/60
Health care providers .....	Consent Forms .....	12,180	1	5/60
General public .....	Individual Interview .....	4,620	1	1
Health care providers .....	Individual Interview .....	1,980	1	1
General public .....	Focus Group Interview .....	2,800	1	2
Health care providers .....	Focus Group Interview .....	1,200	1	2
General public .....	Survey of Individual .....	21,000	1	30/60
Health care providers .....	Survey of Individual .....	9,000	1	30/60

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**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**[30Day-24-1078]**

**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “The Division

of Workforce Development (DWD) Fellowship Alumni Assessment” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on October 30, 2023, to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received one comment related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570.

Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

### Proposed Project

The Division of Workforce Development (DWD) Fellowship Alumni Assessment (OMB Control No. 0920-1078, Exp. 02/29/2024)—Revision—National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce (NCSTLTPHIW), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Background and Brief Description

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) works to protect America from health, safety and security

threats, both foreign and in the U.S. CDC strives to fulfill this mission, in part, through a competent and capable public health workforce. One mechanism for developing the public health workforce is through fellowship programs like those sponsored and supported by the Division of Workforce Development (DWD). A robust public health workforce has sufficient workforce, organizational, and systems capacity to deliver essential public health services and protect the public's health. In 2023, after an agency-wide CDC reorganization, a number of CDC career fellowships were consolidated within one new division, DWD, which has a lead role in public health workforce development. Across all of its branches, DWD manages or supports many full-time, cross-cutting career fellowship programs that support CDC and State, Tribal, local, and Territorial health departments, and partner organizations. Through these programs, DWD strives to provide quality training for current and future members of the public health workforce to ensure they have foundational and contemporary public health skills. Nearly all these programs serve as a pathway to CDC career communities and are an important source of supply for the public health workforce.

In 2015, CDC obtained OMB approval to conduct follow-up surveys of alumni who had completed the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) (OMB No. 0920-1078). Findings from the PHAP alumni surveys have improved CDC's understanding of alumni retention and career progression in the public health workforce and have informed management of the PHAP. In this Revision, CDC proposes to build on lessons learned in PHAP fellowship evaluation. CDC will broaden the scope of information collection to accommodate the full portfolio of DWD fellowships, which currently includes the Epidemiology Elective Program (EEP), Evaluation Fellowship Program (EFP), Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), Future Leaders in Infectious and Global Health Threats (FLIGHT), Laboratory Leadership Service (LLS), CDC Steven M. Teutsch Prevention Effectiveness (PE) Fellowship, Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program (PHIFP), and the Science Ambassador Fellowship (SAF), in addition to the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). This ICR is also intentionally removing the host site supervisor component included in the original ICR. This revision will

specifically focus on fellowship alumni only. A new ICR will be created for any host site supervisor surveys these fellowships may seek to conduct.

Each year, new cohorts ranging from three to 200 individuals are enrolled across these fellowship programs. While each fellowship differs in focus area, type of fellow, and projects, they all have the same mission: to train and provide learning opportunities to early- and mid-career professionals who contribute to the public health workforce. All share a common goal that, post-fellowship, alumni seek employment within the public health system (*i.e.*, Federal, State, Tribal, local, or Territorial health agencies, or non-governmental organizations). Given this common goal, CDC will apply a common approach to assessing how fellowship participation impacts the job placement, retention in the public health workforce, and career progression of alumni. DWD Fellowship Alumni Surveys will be administered to individual program alumni at three different time points (one year, three years, and five years post-program completion). Each fellowship program will invite their program's alumni to participate. Fellowships will be deploying surveys specific to their programs. Assessment questions will remain consistent at each administration timepoint (*i.e.*, one year, three years, or five years post-program completion). The language, however, will be updated for each survey administration to reflect the appropriate time period. There is a core set of assessment questions that all fellowship programs will use. Each program can also add fellowship-specific questions to their surveys to ensure relevance of the surveys to each program's alumni. Surveys will be administered electronically; a link to the survey will be provided in an email invitation. CDC will use survey findings to document program outcomes, demonstrate evidence of impact, and inform decision making about future program direction. The results of these surveys may be published in peer reviewed journals and/or in non-scientific publications such as practice reports and/or fact sheets.

OMB approval is requested for three years. The estimated burden is between 8-25 minutes per respondent per survey, and the total annualized estimated burden is 175 hours. Participation is voluntary and there are no costs to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
EEP Alumni .....	EEP Alumni Survey .....	135	1	20/60
EFP Alumni .....	EFP Alumni Survey .....	60	1	8/60
EIS/LLS Alumni .....	EIS/LLS Alumni Survey .....	210	1	25/60
FLIGHT Alumni .....	FLIGHT Alumni Survey .....	5	1	8/60
PE Fellowship Alumni .....	PE Fellowship Alumni Survey .....	25	1	8/60
PHIFP Alumni .....	PHIFP Alumni Survey .....	20	1	8/60
PHAP Alumni .....	PHAP Alumni Survey .....	130	1	8/60
SAF Alumni .....	SAF Alumni Survey .....	60	1	10/60

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[60Day-24-0493; Docket No. CDC-2024-0010]

**Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled 2025 and 2027 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). CDC is requesting a three-year approval to reinstate, with changes, the data collection for the national YRBS, a biennially school-based survey of high school students in the United States. This project includes a validation study that will inform the development of questions for the 2027 YRBS questionnaire.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before April 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2024-0010 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.  
*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).  
*Please note:* Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 404-639-7118; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses; and

5. Assess information collection costs.

**Proposed Project**

2025 and 2027 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (OMB Control No. 0920-0493)—Reinstatement with Change—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background and Brief Description**

The purpose of this request is to obtain OMB approval to reinstate with change, the data collection for the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0493), a school-based survey that has been conducted biennially since 1991. OMB approval for the 2021 YRBS and 2023 YRBS expired November 30, 2023. CDC seeks a three-year approval to conduct the YRBS in Spring 2025 and Spring 2027. Changes incorporated into this Reinstatement request include the addition of a validation study of fruit and vegetable intake, the results of which will be used to inform changes to the 2027 YRBS questionnaire. Additional changes include an updated title for the information collection to accurately reflect the years in which the survey will be conducted and minor