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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-26-1291; Docket No. CDC-2026-  
0430]

#### 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 Generic  
Information Collection Request for  
Cognitive Testing and Pilot Testing for  
the National Center for Chronic Disease  
Prevention and Health Promotion. This  
Generic Clearance is designed to  
support methodological studies that  
improve information quality and the  
efficiency of information collection.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written  
comments on or before May 8, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments,  
identified by Docket No. CDC-2026-  
0430 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; phone:  
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

Generic Information Collection  
Request (ICR) for Cognitive Testing and  
Pilot Testing for the National Center for  
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health  
Promotion (NCCDPHP) (OMB Control  
No. 0921-1291, Exp. 05/31/2026)—  
Extension—National Center for Chronic  
Disease Prevention and Health  
Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

CDC's National Center for Chronic  
Disease Prevention and Health  
Promotion (NCCDPHP) has previously  
established a Generic Clearance to  
support information collection for  
cognitive testing and pilot testing  
activities. Information collections that  
support the Behavioral Risk Factor  
Surveillance System (BRFSS) and other  
NCCDPHP programs are expected to be  
the major focus of activity under this  
Generic Clearance. Additional  
information collections may also be  
considered for submission through this  
Generic Clearance if they are relevant to  
BRFSS and NCCDPHP programs or  
collaborations.

Cognitive testing and pilot testing are  
methodological procedures conducted  
to prepare for a large scale or key  
information collection. Cognitive and  
pilot testing activities are designed to  
improve information quality and the  
efficiency of information collection by  
addressing issues such as the use of new  
or existing survey questions, question  
formatting, survey protocols, data  
collection software systems and other  
related processes. Cognitive testing is a  
technique used to clarify the meaning of  
survey questions and/or the response  
options for questions. Cognitive testing  
contributes to the understanding of the  
validity and reliability of questions used  
for a variety of public health purposes.  
Cognitive testing is conducted early in  
the process of considering questions for  
use in a survey or other information  
collection activity. This type of testing  
is usually conducted in a controlled  
setting, such as an office setting.  
Respondents participate in a discussion  
or interview with a trained interviewer  
and may respond individually or as  
members of focus groups.

Questions may undergo cognitive  
testing because they have not been used  
in previous surveys; for example,  
questions related to the emergence of a  
new public health concern (such as e-  
cigarettes). In addition, testing may be  
conducted on previously used questions  
to assess their use in a different  
information collection mode; for  
example, testing might be conducted to  
convert questions developed for a paper  
survey to an interview format or an  
electronic survey format; or testing  
might be conducted to identify issues  
specific to a subpopulation or language  
translation. Respondents are asked to  
review questions and/or surveys to  
discuss their impressions of the items  
under consideration, the questions, the  
response set, individual words within  
the question, or the focus of the  
questionnaire itself. Incentives may be

offered to respondents who participate in the in-person phase of cognitive testing since these activities involve additional burden and inconvenience.

Pilot testing is used to determine whether methods or modes of data collection (such as phone or mail surveys, in-person interviews or online data collection) are appropriate and efficient ways of collecting data. Pilot testing may include testing of changes in sampling or contacting potential respondents.

The majority of participants in cognitive and pilot testing activities are expected to be adults ≥18 years of age. Information may be collected during the recruitment process to assist in the selection of respondents. Respondents may be recruited to take part in testing

through online, mobile devices, mailings, or newspaper advertisements. If the participants are not recruited to be present at a physical location, they may be called and recruited by telephone. Cognitive and pilot testing are efficient means of identifying problems with questions and procedures prior to implementation of data collection. Thus, they are cost effective approaches to providing evidence on survey questionnaire performance. A consequence of cognitive and pilot testing is to maintain high levels of participation in the information collection process itself.

Initial response and burden estimates are based on anticipated information collection needs for the BRFSS, with an additional allocation for a variety of

NCCDPHP programs and collaborators. Each information collection activity conducted through this Generic Clearance will be submitted to OMB for approval in a project-specific information collection request that describes its purpose and methods.

Participation in cognitive and pilot testing is voluntary, but respondents will be encouraged to participate by explanations of the need for their input in the introduction of each survey. The cognitive and pilot testing associated with this Generic Clearance may be conducted in languages other than English. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 11,450 annualized burden hours. There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hrs.)
General U.S. Population or Selected Subpopulation.	Screening for cognitive testing .....	2,500	1	15/60	625
	Screening for pilot testing .....	2,400	1	15/60	600
	Cognitive testing in person .....	1,500	1	60/60	1,500
	Cognitive testing by phone .....	1,500	1	45/60	1,125
	Cognitive testing by ABS/mail/web ..	600	1	60/60	600
	Pilot testing in person .....	1,000	1	30/60	500
	Pilot testing by phone .....	3,000	1	30/60	1,500
	Pilot testing by ABS/mail/web .....	10,000	1	30/60	5,000
Total .....	.....	22,500	.....	.....	11,450

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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 “Evaluation Reporting Template for National and State Tobacco Control Program” 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 September 30, 2025 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.