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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-24-1061; Docket No. CDC-2024-
0059]

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
continuing information collection, as
required by the Paperwork Reduction
Act of 1995. This notice invites
comment on a proposed information
collection project titled Behavioral Risk
Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).
BRFSS is an annual state-based health
survey that produces information on
health risk behaviors, health conditions,
and preventive health practices that are
associated with chronic diseases,
infectious diseases, and injury.

DATES: CDC must receive written
comments on or before October 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by Docket No. CDC-2024-
0059 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*
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.

Please note: Submit all comments
through the Federal eRulemaking portal
(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: 404-639-7570; Email: 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

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance
System (BRFSS) (OMB Control No.
0920-1061, Exp. 12/31/2024)—
Revision—National Center for Chronic
Disease Prevention and Health
Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC is requesting OMB approval to
revise the information collection for the
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance

System (BRFSS) for the period of 2025–
2027. The BRFSS is a nationwide
system of cross-sectional surveys using
random digit dialed (RDD) samples
administered by health departments in
states, territories, and the District of
Columbia (collectively referred to here
as states) in collaboration with the CDC.
Traditionally, subject recruitment and
interviews have been conducted by
telephone. In 2025–2027, the BRFSS
will expand the option to allow
participants to voluntarily complete
online surveys, after telephone
recruitment. The BRFSS produces state-
level information primarily on health
risk behaviors, health conditions, and
preventive health practices that are
associated with chronic diseases,
infectious diseases, and injury.
Designed to meet the data needs of
individual states and territories, the
CDC sponsors the BRFSS information
collection project under a cooperative
agreement with states and territories.
Under this partnership, BRFSS state
coordinators determine questionnaire
content with technical and
methodological assistance provided by
CDC.

For most states and territories, the
BRFSS provides the only sources of data
amenable to state and local level health
and health risk indicator uses. Over
time, it has also developed into an
important data collection system that
federal agencies rely on for state and
local health information and to track
national health objectives such as
Healthy People. CDC bases the BRFSS
questionnaire on modular design
principles to accommodate a variety of
state-specific needs within a common
framework. All participating states are
required to administer a standardized
core questionnaire, which provides a set
of shared health indicators for all
BRFSS partners. The BRFSS core
questionnaire consists of fixed core,
rotating core, and emerging core
questions. Fixed core questions are
asked every year. Rotating core
questions cycle on and off the core
questionnaire in two- or three-year
cycles, depending on the question.
Emerging core questions are included in
the core questionnaire as needed to
collect data on urgent or emerging
health topics such as infectious disease.
In addition, the BRFSS includes a series
of optional modules on a variety of
topics. In off years, when the rotating
questions are not included in the core
questionnaire, they are offered to states
as optional modules. This framework
allows each state to produce a
customized BRFSS survey by appending
selected optional modules to the core

survey. States may select which, if any, optional modules to administer. As needed, CDC provides technical and methodological assistance to state BRFSS coordinators in the construction of their state-specific surveys. Each state administers its BRFSS questionnaire throughout the calendar year.

CDC periodically updates the BRFSS core survey and optional modules. The purpose of this Revision request is to

add the following topics to the questionnaires: COVID vaccination, impact of the COVID pandemic, periodontal disease, additional questions on heart attack and stroke, disaster/pandemic preparedness, veterans' health, and the use of newly available tobacco products. In addition, this request seeks approval for reinstating topics which have been included in BRFSS in the past,

dependent upon state interest and funding.

Participation in BRFSS is voluntary, and there is no cost to participate. The average time burden per response will be 22 minutes. OMB approval is requested for three years. The total time burden requested is for 274,632 annual burden hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
U.S. General Population	Landline Screener	173,000	1	1/60	2,883
	Cell Phone Screener	694,000	1	1/60	11,567
	Field Test Screener	900	1	1/60	15
Annual Survey Respondents (Adults >18 Years).	BRFSS Core Survey by Phone Interview.	480,000	1	15/60	120,000
	BRFSS Optional Modules by Phone Interview.	440,000	1	15/60	110,000
	BRFSS Core Survey by Online Survey.	100,000	1	10/60	16,667
	BRFSS Optional Modules by Online Survey.	80,000	1	10/60	13,333
Field Test Respondents (Adults >18 Years).	Field Test Survey by Phone Interview.	500	1	20/60	167
Total	274,632

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[60Day-24-0792; Docket No. CDC-2024-0058]

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 the Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) Program. The goal of this food safety research program is to collect data in retail food establishments that will identify and address environmental factors associated with retail-related foodborne illness and outbreaks.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before October 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2024-0058 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* 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.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the

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