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Disclaimer

National Food Study Pilot

Agency: Economic Research Service

Contractor: Westat, Inc.

Disclaimer**(Given to the adult household member before the Screener Interview)**

The Economic Research Service (ERS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Westat are conducting a study to understand the food and drinks people buy or obtain for free. The results of the study will help to advance our understanding of what food and drinks people buy or obtain and whether families in the US can get what they need.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is xxxx-xxxx (expires xx/xx/xxxx). This information collection asks an adult household member to complete a screener to determine if the household is eligible. If the household is eligible, the primary shopper completes an initial interview, a final interview, and a recall interview. People in eligible households report food or drinks they buy or obtain for free for seven days and also which meals (e.g., breakfast) and snacks were eaten during this period, complete an income worksheet, and if selected, participate in a recall interview. If your household has **2 persons**, you will earn an incentive of \$197, and the time required for both members in your household to participate in this Study is estimated to average **10.6 hours**, or 636 minutes over the week-long period as shown below.

Read the Advance Letter	3 minutes per household
Read the Disclaimer	2 minutes per household
Complete Household Screener	12 minutes per household
Read and sign Household Consent Forms	5 minutes per household
Complete Initial Interview	30 minutes per household
Complete Final Interview	30 minutes per household
Complete Respondent Feedback	2 minutes per household
Training	45 minutes per person or 90 minutes for 2 persons
Assent Form	1 minute per person or 2 minutes for 2 persons
Complete Income Worksheet	15 minutes per person or 30 minutes for 2 persons
Complete Food Log	175 minutes per person or 350 minutes for 2 persons
Meals and Snacks Form	21 minutes per person or 42 minutes for 2 persons
Recall Interview	20 minutes per person or 40 minutes for 2 persons

This information collection is not mandatory and your participation is voluntary.

Statement of confidentiality: We are required by law (read box below) to use your information for statistical research only and to keep it confidential. The law prohibits us from giving anyone any information that may identify you or your family without your consent.

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