

**Request for Approval under the “DOL Departmental Generic Clearance for
the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”
(OMB Control Number: 1225-0088)**

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth Needs Assessment for Proposed NLSY26 Focus Groups

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this request for approval under the existing generic clearance 1225-0088 is for a series of six focus groups to gather feedback on a possible new cohort of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY). BLS would like to obtain feedback from stakeholders regarding how changes in society, culture, family, health, education, work, and technology (amongst others) may impact the design and content of the next cohort. This information will be used to guide future design and data collections efforts on the proposed NLSY26 cohort.

The National Survey of Youth is a nationally representative longitudinal survey which collects data on labor, education, and general life experiences to understand how an entire generation of Americans experience the workforce.

The Survey is sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) within the Department of Labor. Many agencies rely on the NLSY to inform policy decisions related to the U.S. workforce.

Please note this request is for the first round of a total of six focus groups. BLS will provide additional submissions for the subsequent focus groups on a flow basis to improve upon each round. Please see tentative schedule for each additional submission below.

Number	Description	Planned Week of	Draft Protocol to DMS	Final Protocol to OMB
FG2	Childhood and Family Retrospective	2/28/22	2/15/22	2/18/22
FG3	Physical Health, Environment, and Climate	3/7/22	2/21/22	2/25/22
FG4	Mental Health	3/14/22	2/28/22	3/4/22
FG5	Employment, Jobs, and the Future of Work	3/21/22	3/7/22	3/11/22
FG6	Innovations in International Surveys	3/28/22	3/14/22	3/18/22

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

Respondents are current or potential stakeholders for the NLSY cohorts. Many of these stakeholders are familiar with NLSY data either through use of NLSY data or the research generated by these data. Other stakeholders have research interest that align with the NLSY but are not familiar with NLSY data. These stakeholders are interested in contributing feedback.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

☐ Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form
☐ Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software)
☒ Focus Group

☐ Customer Satisfaction Survey
☐ Small Discussion Group
☐ Other: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The focus groups are targeted to the solicitation of opinions from participants who may or may not have experience with the program.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

BURDEN HOURS

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden
Individuals	NTE 54 (6 FG * 9 participants)	90	81
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Totals	54		81

FEDERAL COST

The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$9,281.60 (an estimated 150 hours of work based on a GS-13/5, which is roughly \$58.01 per hour).__

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
[] Yes [X] No

A list of potential participants for each focus group was developed based on recommendations from NORC, BLS, the NLS Technical Review Committee (TRC)- past and present members, other federal government agencies, and the NLS Principal Investigators.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
[] Web-based or other forms of Social Media
[] Telephone
[] In-person
[] Mail
[x] Other, Explain Video Conference
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? [X] Yes [] No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on XXXXX)

PURPOSE: Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

CERTIFICATION: Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

Personally Identifiable Information: Provide answers to the questions.

Gifts or Payments: If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

BURDEN HOURS:

Category of Respondents: Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households; (2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected.

No. of Respondents: Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

Participation Time: Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

Burden: Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

FEDERAL COST: Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents. Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

Administration of the Instrument: Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

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