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Up to 3,500 additional persons might participate in tests of procedures or special studies if budgeted. The average burden for these special study/pretest respondents is 3 hours. This may include cognitive testing of questions proposed for inclusion in NHANES. This would be done to make sure that the wording of proposed questions is clear and understandable to potential respondents. Another example would be testing an examination procedure to see if it could be done in a small enough space and fast enough time frame, to make it feasible to do in the NHANES Mobile Examination Center (MEC). Special Studies could also include projects like the blood pressure study in children. This study was designed to assess the feasibility of obtaining three sets of blood pressure and pulse measurements in children ages 3-7 years. Findings suggested that the Program continue to evaluate alternative blood pressure devices that could be used to measure blood pressure and pulse in young children with as few error messages as possible.