

Youth Assent to Participate

(Ages 11-17)

National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 2027 (NLSY27)

This form explains the NLSY27 survey. Please read it carefully and ask questions about any part of it. If you do not have questions now, you may also ask us at any time.

Why am I in this study?

The NLSY27 is being done by RTI International (RTI) for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which is part of the U.S. Department of Labor. You were picked at random, along with 17,000 young people from all over the country, to be part of the NLSY27 study. This study helps many people like researchers and lawmakers understand how your life at home, school, and work affects you as you grow up.

Why is this study being done?

We have been doing studies like the NLSY for over 50 years. These studies begin by talking to a group of young people like you and then continue to survey them over time as they get older.

The last time a study like the NLSY27 started was in 1997. The teens that were in that study are now in their 40s. Leaders need to hear from people your age so they can understand how new experiences, like how to use new technology or social media, affect your life. This study will help measure and provide important information about the learning, working, and social progress of young people in the United States over time.

What will happen in the study?

You'll answer questions on a computer, tablet, or phone about things like school, jobs, health, family, and activities you do with friends. Sometimes, there might be puzzles or tasks where you solve problems or remember things.

How much time does the study take?

The survey takes about 90 minutes.

Will I be paid?

Yes, you get paid each time you complete the NLSY27 study. You'll also get a certificate of community service to thank you for helping people understand how your choices affect your life and work in the United States.

Do I have to be in the study?

No, you do not have to be in the NLSY27 study. It's your choice if you want to participate. Some questions might be personal. If these questions do not apply to you, your answers are still important. Like other questions in the survey, you can skip them if you want and you may stop the interview at any time.

Will other people find out about me?

No, what you tell us will not be shared with your family, friends, or school. Your privacy is very important to us. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies use your answers only for research and are required by law to protect your information. We will keep the data we collect in a secure storage space. The information will only have a number to identify it, not your name. .

Your Signature and Assent

Thank you for thinking about taking part in the NLSY27. By signing below, you're saying you read and understood this form.

Signature

Print Name

Date

This voluntary study is authorized under Title 29, Section 2, of the United States Code. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the questionnaire and has assigned OMB No. 1220-0141 as the study's control number. This control number expires on 07/31/2027. Without OMB approval and this number, we would not be able to conduct this study. We are authorized to collect a Social Security Number (SSN) under Executive Order 9397 (November 22, 1943) to help identify individuals in agency records and keep records accurate because other people may have the same name and birth date.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3572) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), the Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN) for the NLSY can be found on the DOL public website at the link here: [DOL/BLS-xx, National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 2027 \(NLSY27\)](#). The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the contractor will have access to your data to compile non individually identifiable data for use by the general public and federal agencies conducting labor force research. Under the written agreement to protect the confidentiality and security of identifying information, BLS may provide information to researchers to conduct specific research projects which further the mission and functions of BLS. Those authorized researchers must sign a written agreement making them official agents of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and requiring them to protect the confidentiality of survey participants.

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The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires parental consent before any online collection of information for children under 13 and provides the parent with the right to see what is collected about his/her child and to restrict dissemination or use or further collection of any information about the child. [15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6506].