

## **Assent to Participate in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 2027**

**Your parent or caregiver gave us permission for you to participate in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 2027. We are now asking you if you wish to participate.**

### **What is the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 2027?**

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 2027 is a federal survey. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and is being conducted by RTI International (RTI). We have been doing studies like this for over 50 years to learn how young people experience work and the labor market throughout their lives. These studies begin by talking to a group of young people like you and then continuing to interview them as they get older.

The last time this was started was in 1997. The teens that participated then are now in their 40s. Leaders need to hear from people your age so they can understand how changes in families, schooling, technology, and work will affect your life.

### **Why am I being asked to participate?**

You are one of 17,000 youth aged 11 to 17 who we randomly selected to participate and represent over 20 million people your age. Random selection means that all youth aged 11 to 17 in the United States had an equal chance of being selected. Your participation helps many people like researchers and lawmakers understand how your life at home, school, and work affects you as you grow up.

- Your voluntary participation is important to the success of this study.

### **Will I be paid for participating?**

Yes, to thank you for your participation, you will receive \$50 and a certificate of community service for completing the first interview and any follow-up interviews.

### **What will happen during my interview?**

First, we will ask you to complete an interview at your home which lasts about 1 to 1½ hours. An interviewer will ask you questions about topics like your school, health, family, friends, and work. The interviewer will only ask questions that apply to your life. Some of these questions might be personal. For example, youth who are age 15 or older will be asked questions about reproductive health and experiences with the criminal justice system. You will answer those questions on a computer or tablet that we bring. You may skip any question you do not want to answer, and you may stop the interview at any time.

After that, we plan to contact you every 1 to 2 years to participate again. Your participation may be requested for a number of years.

### **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. We are required by federal law to keep your answers confidential. Confidential means that your name will never be connected to the answers you provide. All data will be combined with the answers

from others who participate. These combined answers will not include your name or any personal identifiers.

### **How will the information I share be used?**

Only the Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide. They will only use it for statistical purposes. This means that we collect and combine your responses for the purpose of describing all of those who participate without identifying any individuals.

To learn more about the study, you can visit our website at <https://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy26.htm>. You can also see how the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used information from older studies by visiting this site: <https://www.bls.gov/nls/home.htm>.

### **What if I have questions?**

You can contact the RTI Project Director, Charles Knott, MPA, PMP at 919-541-6294, or [cknott@rti.org](mailto:cknott@rti.org). If you have any questions about your rights as a participant, contact the RTI Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043.

### **Your Signature and Assent**

Thank you for thinking about taking part in this important study. Before you decide whether to participate, please ask any questions that you have. By signing below, it means that you agree to participate in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 2027.

I understand what my participation involves, and my questions so far have been answered. I agree to participate.

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Sign your name here

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Date

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Print your name here

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 1220-xxxx as the study's control number. This control number expires on xx/xx/xxxx. Without OMB approval and this number, we would not be able to conduct this study.

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 NLSY27 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.](#)

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.

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