

Non-substantive Change Request
OMB Control Number 0920-0493
2027 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Date Submitted: 07/21/2026

Summary:

CDC/NCCDPHP requests non-substantive changes to one information collection supporting CDC's national Youth Risk Behavior System (YRBS).

Description of Changes Requested:

Proposed changes include:

- A. Substituting, removing, and modifying a subset of items on the 2027 YRBS questionnaire
- B. Changing name of contracting company administering the survey

The 2027 YRBS questionnaire will consist of 110 questions. Almost all questions remain unchanged from 2025. The 2027 questionnaire includes 12 new questions, removes eight (8) questions from 2025, and modifies two (2) questions from 2025. These changes do not affect the project's purpose, methodology, or respondent burden. The revisions to the questionnaire will result in no change in burden hours.

The 2027 national YRBS will be administered by a new contractor, RTI International.

Attachments

- 2027 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Background and Justification

The YRBS assesses priority health-risk behaviors that are related to the major preventable causes of mortality, morbidity, and social problems among both youth and adults in the United States. Data on priority health-risk behaviors among high school students are needed to identify, justify, and support policies and programs that can effectively address the most important public health problems such as chronic diseases. No other high quality data source exists to cost-effectively provide this information among nationally representative samples of youth on an ongoing basis.

A. Questionnaire Modifications

1. New questions

	New Question/Item	Burden Impact
1.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use a nicotine pouch, such as on!, ZYN, or VELO? A. 0 days B. 1 or 2 days C. 3 to 5 days D. 6 to 9 days E. 10 to 19 days F. 20 to 29 days G. All 30 days (Q40)	none
2.	During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a can, bottle or glass of an energy drink such as Red Bull, Monster, Celsius, Alani Nu, or Prime Energy? (Do not count sports drinks such as Gatorade, Powerade, or Prime Hydration.) A. I did not drink energy drinks during the past 7 days B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days D. 1 time per day E. 2 times per day F. 3 times per day G. 4 or more times per day (Q72)	none
3.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you try to control your shape or weight by fasting or skipping meals; taking diet pills or supplements not prescribed by a doctor; or vomiting or taking laxatives? A. 0 days B. 1 or 2 days C. 3 to 5 days D. 6 to 9 days E. 10 to 19 days F. 20 to 29 days G. All 30 days (Q76)	none

	New Question/Item	Burden Impact
4.	In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you take part in organized afterschool, evening, or weekend activities, such as school clubs; community center groups; cultural activities; music, art or dance lessons; church groups; or other supervised activities? (Do not count participation in sports teams.) A. 0 days B. 1 day C. 2 days D. 3 days E. 4 days F. 5 days G. 6 days H. 7 days (Q82)	none
5.	On an average school day, how many hours do you use social media? (Do not count time spent using social media for schoolwork.) A. I do not use social media B. Less than 1 hour per day C. 1 hour per day D. 2 hours per day E. 3 hours per day F. 4 hours per day G. 5 or more hours per day (Q84)	none
6.	For which of the following reasons do you most often use social media? (Select only one response.) A. I do not use social media B. Browsing or scrolling for entertainment C. Browsing or scrolling for news D. Connecting with friends or peers E. Learning new information or skills F. Posting or creating content G. Some other reason (Q85)	none
7.	During the past 30 days, how often did you use AI chatbots such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot, or Claude? (Do not include AI from other sources, such as AI summary on web browsers.) A. I did not use AI chatbots B. Less than once a week	none

	C. About once a week D. A few times a week E. About once a day F. Several times a day G. About once an hour H. More than once an hour	
(Q86)		

	New Question/Item	Burden Impact
8.	For which of the following do you most often use AI chatbots? A. I did not use AI chatbots B. Getting help with schoolwork C. Creating content D. Searching for information or answers to questions E. Asking for advice F. Getting support when feeling stressed, sad, or lonely G. Some other reason (Q87)	none
9.	During the past 12 months, how many times have you gambled online through a website, game, or app such as PokerStars, DraftKings, FanDuel, Polymarket, or Kalshi? A. 0 times B. 1 to 2 times C. 3 to 9 times D. 10 to 19 times E. 20 to 39 times F. 40 or more times (Q88)	none
10.	During the past 12 months, how many times have you gambled online on sports through a website, game, or app such as DraftKings, FanDuel, BetMGM, Polymarket, or Kalshi? (Online sports gambling includes betting on teams or the outcome of events, making prop bets and fantasy sports) A. 0 times B. 1 to 2 times C. 3 to 9 times D. 10 to 19 times E. 20 to 39 times F. 40 or more times (Q89)	none
11.	In an average month during the school year, how many days do you miss school? A. 0 days B. 1 day C. 2 days D. 3 days E. 4 days F. 5 or more days	none

	(Q101)	
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	New Question/Item	Burden Impact
12.	In an average month during the school year, how many days do you miss school because you did not feel well physically, emotionally, or mentally? A. 0 days B. 1 day C. 2 days D. 3 days E. 4 days F. 5 or more days (Q102)	none
	Total new questions: 12	

2. Deleted questions

	Deleted Question/Item	Burden Impact
1.	How long would it take for you to get a loaded gun that is ready for you to fire without a parent or other adult's permission or supervision? The gun could be yours or someone else's and it could be located in your home or car or someone else's home or car. A. I could not get a gun that is ready to be fired B. Less than 10 minutes C. 10 or more minutes, but less than 1 hour D. 1 or more hours, but less than 4 hours E. 4 or more hours, but less than 24 hours F. 24 or more hours (2025 Q15)	none
2.	During your life, how many times have you used hallucinogenic drugs, such as LSD, acid, PCP, angel dust, mescaline, or mushrooms? A. 0 times B. 1 or 2 times C. 3 to 9 times D. 10 to 19 times E. 20 to 39 times F. 40 or more times (2025 Q57)	none
3.	During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat green salad? A. I did not eat green salad during the past 7 days B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days D. 1 time per day E. 2 times per day F. 3 times per day G. 4 or more times per day (2025 Q72)	none
4.	During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat potatoes? (Do not count french fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips.) A. I did not eat potatoes during the past 7 days B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days D. 1 time per day E. 2 times per day	none

	F. 3 times per day	
	G. 4 or more times per day	
	(2025 Q73)	

	Deleted Question/Item	Burden Impact
5.	During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat carrots? A. I did not eat carrots during the past 7 days B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days D. 1 time per day E. 2 times per day F. 3 times per day G. 4 or more times per day (2025 Q74)	none
6.	During your life, how often has there been an adult in your household who tried hard to make sure your basic needs were met, such as looking after your safety and making sure you had clean clothes and enough to eat? A. Never B. Rarely C. Sometimes D. Most of the time E. Always (2025 Q97)	none
7.	How worried are you about climate change? A. Not at all worried B. A little bit worried C. Worried D. Very worried (2025 Q100)	none
8.	How worried are you about extreme heat? A. Not at all worried B. A little bit worried C. Worried D. Very worried (2025 Q101)	none
	Total deleted questions: 8	

3. Modified questions

Modified questions			
	Previous Question/Item	Revised Question/Item	Burden Impact
1.	During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat fruit? (Do not count fruit juice.) A. I did not eat fruit during the past 7 days B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days D. 1 time per day E. 2 times per day F. 3 times per day G. 4 or more times per day (2025 Q71)	Yesterday, how many times did you eat fruit? (Do not count juice.) A. I did not eat fruit yesterday B. 1 time C. 2 times D. 3 or more times (Q68)	none
2.	During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat other vegetables? (Do not count green salad, potatoes, or carrots.) A. I did not eat other vegetables during the past 7 days B. 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days C. 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days D. 1 time per day E. 2 times per day F. 3 times per day G. 4 or more times per day (2025 Q75)	Yesterday, how many times did you eat vegetables? Include all cooked and uncooked vegetables; salads; and boiled, baked, and mashed potatoes. (Do not count French fries or chips.) A. I did not eat vegetables yesterday B. 1 time C. 2 times D. 3 or more times (Q69)	none

	Total modified questions: 2		
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B. Change in Contractor

	Previous Contracting Company	New Contracting Company	Burden Impact
	ICF International 530 Gaither Road Rockville, MD 20850 Principal Investigator: Alice Robers	RTI International P.O. Box 12194 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194 Principal Investigator: Debbie Herget	none