

completed interviews) will be shifted to increase sample in the 10 least populous states, enabling state-level estimates of key variables to be produced for all 50 states and DC by pooling 3 years of data. This flexibility embedded in the new sampling plan reflects. Additional funding to improve state-level estimates will increase the sample by almost 10,000 completed interviews in midsize states bringing the total expected sample size in 2016 to 45,000 households.

Whereas the sampling frame for the NHIS has traditionally used field listing by the Census Bureau, in order to contain costs, the new frame will use a commercially available address list that covers residential addresses within all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Some field listing will be undertaken to improve coverage in rural areas, in high density areas, and of university housing units. This represents a substantial reduction in the number of listings performed annually.

It is anticipated that this new sampling plan will not affect estimates generated using NHIS data. To monitor the new design's performance, NHIS analysts will perform monthly checks in line with the ones currently performed

as part of routine data review. NCHS receives raw data files monthly from the Census Bureau for processing and quality review. Each year, results from the January sample are compared to the previous year to determine whether the results consistent. In addition to comparing the unweighted and weighted frequencies, the input and output specifications are reviewed, and the flowcharts are compared to the skip instructions and universes for each question. If a difference is found, steps are taken to determine whether the change is legitimate or whether there is a factor other than the programming of the questionnaire such as the location or context of the question in the questionnaire. If a difference persists, the paradata are reviewed to determine whether there are changes in the mean or median time spent on that question, whether interviewers had a high rate of backing up to return to that question, and whether other questions in that battery were similarly affected. Persistent differences will be examined to determine whether there is any other interviewer effect such as results comparing newly hired and experienced

interviewers and newly added primary sampling units compared to continuing primary sampling units. In addition, national estimates on the key set of indicators that are released in a quarterly report as part of the Early Release program will be monitored by NHIS analysts.

In accordance with the 1995 initiative to increase the integration of surveys within the DHHS, respondents to the NHIS serve as the sampling frame for the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey conducted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The NHIS has long been used by government, academic, and private researchers to evaluate both general health and specific issues, such as smoking, diabetes, health care coverage, and access to health care. It is a leading source of data for the Congressionally-mandated "Health US" and related publications, as well as the single most important source of statistics to track progress toward the National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives, "Healthy People 2020."

There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Adult Family Member .....	Screener Questionnaire .....	10,000	1	5/60	833
Adult Family Member .....	Family Core .....	45,000	1	23/60	17,250
Sample Adult .....	Adult Core .....	36,000	1	15/60	9,000
Adult Family Member .....	Child Core .....	14,000	1	10/60	2,333
Adult Family Member .....	Supplements .....	45,000	1	20/60	15,000
Adult Family Member .....	Followback and other Special Projects .....	15,000	1	20/60	5,000
Adult Family Member .....	Reinterview Survey .....	5,000	1	5/60	417
<b>Total .....</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	<b>49,833</b>

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**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* National Youth in Transition Database and Youth Outcome Survey.  
*OMB No.:* 0970-0340.

*Description:* The Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 (42 U.S.C. 1305 *et seq.*) as amended by Public Law 106-169 requires State child welfare agencies to collect and report to the Administration on Children and Families (ACF) data on the characteristics of youth receiving

independent living services and information regarding their outcomes. The regulation implementing the National Youth in Transition Database, listed in 45 CFR 1356.80, contains standard data collection and reporting requirements for States to meet the law's requirements. ACF will use the information collected under the regulation to track independent living services, assess the collective outcomes of youth, and potentially to evaluate State performance with regard to those outcomes consistent with the law's mandate.

*Respondents:* State agencies that administer the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Youth Outcome Survey .....	20,667	1	0.50	10,334
Data File .....	52	2	1,849	192,296

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 202,630.*

**Additional Information**

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

**OMB Comment**

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Fax: 202-395-7285, Email: [OIRA\\_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV). Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Refugee Data Submission System for Formula Funds Allocations  
*OMB No.:* 0970-0043.

*Description:* The information collection of Refugee Data Submission System for Formula Funds Allocations replaces the ORR-11 Refugee State of Origin Report and is designed to satisfy the statutory requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Section 412(a)(3) of the Act requires the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to make a periodic assessment, based on refugee population and other relevant factors, of the relative needs of refugees for assistance and services and the resources available to meet those needs. This includes compiling and maintaining data on the secondary migration of refugees within the United States after arrival. Further, INA 412(c)(1)(B) states that formula funds shall be allocated based on the total number of refugees, taking into account secondary migration.

In order to meet the statutory requirements, ORR requires each state to submit disaggregated individual records containing certain data elements for eligible refugee populations. This revised collection differs from the ORR-11 Refugee State-of-Origin Report process, whereby states submitted the ORR-11 form containing aggregate data on the number of refugees and entrants served whose "area numbers" (the first three digits of the social security number) fell into each of several

designated numerical ranges. ORR used the information on the ORR-11 to measure secondary migration for the purposes of formula funds allocation to states. The revision is proposed due to the realization that:

(1) The Social Security Administration states that the first three digits of social security numbers (area number) should not be used for any other purpose than as an individual identifier for book-keeping purposes.

(2) It is possible for individuals to apply for social security numbers from any social security office, not just offices in the state in which they were born or first resided. This is particularly likely in metropolitan statistical areas where individuals may live in one of several states (e.g., the Washington Metropolitan Area). In these cases, the area number of the social security number may be unreliable as a measure of refugees' state of initial resettlement.

(3) In recent years, the Social Security Administration has begun to issue social security numbers whose area number is not connected to any specific state.

The submission of individual records via the Refugee Data Submission System for Formula Funds Allocations Web site is a more reliable and secure process for collecting data for the purposes of tracking secondary migration and allocating formula funds. Data submitted by the States via the secure Web site are compiled and analyzed by the ORR statistician for the purpose of refugee secondary services formula funds allocation. The statistician also prepares a summary report, which is included in ORR's Annual Report to Congress.

*Respondents:* States and the District of Columbia.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Refugee Data Submission for Formula Funds Allocations .....	50	1	20	1,000

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.*

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