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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and
Families**

[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970–
0202]

**Submission for Office of Management
and Budget Review; National and State
Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-
Being (NSSCAW): Site Recruitment
and Baseline Data Collection**

AGENCY: Administration for Children
and Families, U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services.
ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for
Children and Families (ACF), U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services, intends to collect data on a
new cohort of children and families for
the National and State Survey of Child
and Adolescent Well-Being (NSSCAW).

Previous data collections have been
approved by OMB under OMB #0970–
0202. This request is for data collection
with a new cohort.
DATES: *Comments due* September 28,
2026.

ADDRESSES: The public may view and
comment on this information collection
request at: [https://www.reginfo.gov/
public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_
nbr=202608-0970-007](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202608-0970-007). You can also
obtain copies of the proposed collection
of information by emailing
infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all
emailed requests by the title of the
information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Description: NSSCAW will provide
state and national estimates on the well-
being, experiences, and service needs
and receipt of children and families
involved with the child welfare system.
Data are collected to provide states with
information to support decision-making
about practice and policy improvements
intended to strengthen child and family
well-being, prevent the need for foster
care, and promote the recruitment and
retention of safe and stable foster
homes. NSSCAW instruments will
collect firsthand information about
child and family health and well-being,
as well as family needs and contextual

factors. Instruments will also collect
information about the safety and
stability of the child’s home
environment, including information
about the motivators and challenges of
foster and kin caregivers. This
information request seeks approval to
(1) recruit a purposively selected set of
states and randomly selected set of
county child welfare agencies within
those states for participation in
NSSCAW; (2) sample child cases from
participating states and child welfare
agencies; and (3) conduct interviews
with sampled children and their
caregivers, including foster and kin
caregivers. Deidentified data will be
archived for research use.
Respondents: Child welfare agency
data systems staff will submit monthly
sample files. Caregivers of children ages
0 to 17 and children ages 6 to 17 will
complete an in-person or online survey.
Caregivers will complete a telephone
verification interview. Caregivers and
young adults ages 18 and older will
complete a panel maintenance contact
card.
Annual Burden Estimates
This request is for 3 years of approval
to allow sufficient time for baseline data
collection efforts. As such, the burden
has been annualized over 3 years.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
Specifications for Monthly Sample File Submissions	100	15	1.0	1,500	500
Caregiver Baseline Survey	6,273	1	1.0	6,273	2,091
Child Baseline Survey	4,160	1	0.75	3,120	1,040
Telephone Verification Interview	627	1	0.13	82	27
Panel Maintenance Contact Card	900	1	0.05	45	15
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:					3,673

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 628b; Continuing
Appropriations Act of 2025.
Mary C. Jones,
ACF Certifying Officer.
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Food and Drug Administration
[Docket No. FDA–2026–N–8087]
**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Proposed Collection;
Comment Request; Focus Groups and
Interviews as Used by the Food and
Drug Administration**
AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration,
HHS.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: The Food and Drug
Administration (FDA or Agency) is
announcing an opportunity for public
comment on the proposed collection of
certain information by the Agency.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995 (PRA), Federal Agencies are
required to publish notice in the
Federal Register concerning each
proposed collection of information,
including each proposed extension of an
existing collection of information, and
to allow 60 days for public comment in
response to the notice. This notice
solicits comments on the generic
collection of focus group information as
used by FDA for all FDA-regulated
products.
DATES: Either electronic or written
comments on the collection of
information must be submitted by
October 27, 2026.
ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
as follows. Please note that late,
untimely filed comments will not be

considered. The <https://www.regulations.gov> electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of October 27, 2026. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are received on or before that date.

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.
- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions").

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):** Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2026-N-8087 for "Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Focus Groups and Interviews as Used by the Food and Drug Administration." Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **ADDRESSES**), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at

<https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **Confidential Submissions—**To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as "confidential." Any information marked as "confidential" will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amber Barrett, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Three White Flint North, 10A-12M, 11601 Landsdown St., North Bethesda, MD 20852, 301-796-8867, PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the

public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal Agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on these topics: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Focus Groups and Interviews Used by the Food and Drug Administration

OMB Control Number 0910-0497—Extension

FDA conducts focus groups and in-depth individual interviews on a variety of topics involving FDA-regulated products, including drugs, biologics, devices, food, tobacco products, and veterinary medicine.

Focus groups are an important role in gathering information because they allow for a better understanding of consumers' attitudes, beliefs, motivations, and feelings than do quantitative studies and encourage interaction between participants.

Individual interviews allow for a more comprehensive, in-depth information exchange where more insights are likely to be collected.

Both focus groups and in-depth individual interviews serve the narrowly defined need for direct and informal opinions on a specific topic. As qualitative research tools, they are used to obtain consumer information that can inform the development of variables and measures for quantitative studies, better understand consumers' attitudes and emotions in response to topics and concepts, and further explore findings from quantitative studies. FDA

will use the findings to test and refine ideas but will generally conduct additional research before making important decisions, such as adopting new policies or allocating or redirecting

significant resources to support those policies.
Respondents to this collection of information will include members of the general public, healthcare professionals, the industry, and other stakeholders

who are related to a product under FDA’s jurisdiction. Inclusion and exclusion criteria will vary depending on the research topic.
FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN ¹

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Focus groups and individual in-depth interviews	12,000	1	12,000	1.75	21,000

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Based on a review of the information collection since our last request for OMB approval, we have made no adjustments to our burden estimate.

Grace R. Graham,
Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
[Docket No. FDA–2026–N–8691]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Food Canning Establishment Registration, Process Filing, and Recordkeeping for Acidified Foods and Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods in Hermetically Sealed Containers

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection provisions of reporting and recordkeeping requirements for firms that process acidified foods and thermally processed low-acid foods in hermetically sealed containers.

DATES: Either electronic or written comments on the collection of

information must be submitted by October 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. The <https://www.regulations.gov> electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of October 27, 2026. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are received on or before that date.

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Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2026–N–8691 for “Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Food Canning Establishment Registration, Process Filing, and Recordkeeping for Acidified Foods and Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods in Hermetically Sealed Containers.” Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **ADDRESSES**), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240–402–7500.

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