

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Request—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Health Outcomes and Participant Experience (HOPE) Study**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Health Outcomes and Participant Experience (HOPE) Study. This new information collection will provide the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) with current information about the population WIC serves, how well WIC services align with participants' needs, and how WIC influences participants' health outcomes. This information will help policymakers and program administrators address service gaps and reduce potential disparities in health outcomes.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 18, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to the WIC HOPE Study Team, Office of Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to [sm.fn.wic.hope@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fn.wic.hope@usda.gov) or by phone at 709-905-2732. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information on or copies of this information collection should be directed to the WIC HOPE Study Team at [sm.fn.wic.hope@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fn.wic.hope@usda.gov) or the current Contracting Officer Representative for the study, Amanda Reat at [Amanda.Reat@usda.gov](mailto:Amanda.Reat@usda.gov), 709-905-2732.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden on the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* WIC Health Outcomes and Participant Experience Study.

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*OMB Number:* 0584-NEW.

*Expiration Date:* Not yet determined.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Abstract:*

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides nutritious supplemental foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to healthcare, social services, and other community providers to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, and infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk and in households with a low income. As a preventive public health nutrition program, WIC aims to improve the feeding practices, diet, and health of participants. The first comprehensive national study assessing WIC participants, the WIC Infant Feeding Practices Study (IFPS), began collecting data in August 1994 and followed infants from birth to age 1.<sup>1</sup> The subsequent and most recent study, the Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study-2 (ITFPS-2), began collecting data in 2013 and has followed children from birth through age 9.

WIC has experienced several notable changes since the last major study was launched. WIC currently serves a more diverse population using more modernized service delivery approaches, such as Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards, online shopping, and virtual visits. WIC has also aligned its nutrition education with the 2020-

2025 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* (DGA) and invested in new breastfeeding promotion and support resources, like the WIC Breastfeeding Support: *Learn Together. Grow Together.* campaign. Additional substantial program changes are forthcoming. For example, WIC has proposed changes to the WIC food packages to better serve participants' dietary needs and preferences and ensure equitable access to supplemental foods. WIC is also investing in a national strategy to diversify the WIC workforce so it mirrors the diversity of WIC families, culturally sensitive outreach strategies to increase enrollment and retention rates, and technology enhancements to streamline enrollment and provide a modern WIC experience.<sup>2</sup>

The WIC Health Outcomes and Participant Experience (WIC HOPE) Study will provide the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) with current information about the population WIC serves, how well WIC services align with participants' needs, and how WIC influences participants' health outcomes. This information will help policymakers and program administrators address service gaps and reduce potential disparities in health outcomes.

The five study objectives are: (1) conduct new data collection to update the information in WIC IFPS-1 and WIC ITFPS-2 on the feeding practices and behaviors of WIC infants and children, and compare and contrast findings with previous studies; (2) describe participants' WIC site experiences and engagement with WIC technologies such as text messaging, mobile apps, online appointment scheduling, video calling, online nutrition education, shopping assistance apps, and online shopping tools; (3) assess the extent to which WIC benefits used by participants (including food packages, nutrition education and breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals) are independently associated with feeding practices, diet, and health over time; (4) describe maternal diet, birth, and health outcomes from the pregnancy and postpartum period throughout the study period; and (5) examine the independent association between duration of WIC participation and diet and health outcomes as well as nutrition security.

<sup>1</sup> Baydar, N., McCann, M., Williams, R., and Vesper, E. (1997). Final report: WIC Infant Feeding Practices Study (for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service). Seattle, WA: Battelle, Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation. Available at: <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/WICIFPS.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA, FNS). (2024a, February 13). WIC modernization. Alexandria, VA: Author. Available at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/modernization>. Retrieved on: February 23, 2024.

WIC HOPE is a prospective cohort study that will follow a nationally representative sample of mother-child dyads who enroll in WIC prenatally or shortly after the child is born through the child's fifth birthday. Pregnant women or caregivers of newborns will be recruited through 80 WIC local agencies sampled from across the country. The study will collect data on participants' experiences with WIC, use of WIC benefits, feeding practices, diet, and health at multiple points.

Because the study child is the focal member of the mother-child dyad, mothers (*i.e.*, caregivers) may change over the course of the study, but the study child will remain the same. Based on data from the ITFPS-2, we anticipate about 96 percent of caregivers will be the child's mother throughout the study. Study participants will be followed for the duration of the study regardless of their continued participation in WIC. Capturing different patterns of WIC participation over time will enable the comparison of study participants with different durations of program exposure. However, because WIC HOPE does not include a randomized comparison group of infants who did not enroll in WIC, the study will examine relationships and associations between program predictors and outcomes rather than establish causality.

*Affected Public:* Respondent groups identified include: (1) individuals consisting of mother-child dyads (adult WIC participants and their study child); (2) WIC State agencies; (3) WIC local agencies; and (4) WIC sites.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* The total estimated number of respondents is 8,825 (8,093 responsive and 1,512 nonresponsive). This includes 81 respondents for the pretest (81 respondents and 0 nonrespondents), composed of 9 WIC participants per data collection instrument. The main study respondents include 8,130 WIC participants, 54 WIC State agency staff,

160 WIC local agency staff, and 400 WIC site staff.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* Based on the estimated 438,325 total annual responses (263,905 responsive and 174,420 nonresponsive) to be made by the 8,825 respondents, the study team expects 50 responses per respondent. See Table 1 for the estimated number of responses per respondent for each type of respondent. The breakout follows:

*WIC participants:* The estimated number of responses per WIC participant is 51 (32 per respondent and 115 per nonrespondent). For the pretest, 81 WIC participants will be asked to participate in a cognitive interview. For the main study, WIC participants will be asked to respond to one study brochure; complete one screener; one study consent; and one enrollment survey. After enrollment, they will be asked to respond to 14 caregiver surveys and 5 maternal dietary recall interviews, provide study child measurements at 7 points, and provide contact information updates 2 times a year for 3 years. They will also be asked to review upcoming survey notifications, study reminders, child birthday cards, and caregiver birthday greetings.

*WIC State agencies:* The estimated number of responses per WIC State agency participant is six. The WIC State agencies will be asked to review one email from the Regional Office notifying them of the study selection, attend one informational webinar, review one email from the study to schedule a meeting, participate in one meeting to discuss study implementation, and notify the WIC local agency of their study selection.

*WIC local agencies:* The estimated number of responses per WIC local agency participant is 12. WIC local agencies will be asked to review one email from the WIC State agency notifying them of the study selection, review the study factsheet, notify their

sites of the study selection, attend one training webinar, communicate with Westat regarding WIC participant recruitment planning and implementation, communicate with sites regarding WIC participant recruitment planning and implementation, and assist with locating study participants.

*WIC sites:* The estimated number of responses per WIC site participant is 57. WIC sites will be asked to review communications from the WIC local agency regarding the study selection, participate in an informational call, attend a training webinar, communicate with Westat and sites regarding WIC participant recruitment planning and implementation, introduce the study to the WIC participant, complete the referral form, and take length/height and weight measurements of study children.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* The estimated total number of annual responses is 438,325. This includes 263,905 for respondents and 174,420 for nonrespondents.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The estimated average response time is 6.2 hours for all respondents (6.4 hours for responsive participants and 1.4 hours for nonresponsive participants). The estimated time of response varies from 0.50 minutes (0.008 hours) to 1 hour depending on the respondent group and activity, as shown in Table 1. The average estimated time per response across all respondents is 0.12 hours (equal to 54,308 total annual burden hours for both respondents and nonrespondents) divided by 438,325 (total responses for both respondents and nonrespondents), as shown in Table 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* The total public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 54,308 hours (annually). See Table 1 for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

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**Table 1. Total Public Burden**

Respondent Category	Type of Respondents	Instruments	Sample Size (a)	Respondents				Non-respondents					Grand Total Annual Responses	Grand Total Burden Estimate (hours)	
				Number of Respondents (a)	Frequency of response (annual)	Total Annual responses	Hours per response	Total Annual Burden (hours)	Number of non-respondents (a)	Frequency of response (annual)	Total Annual responses	Hours per response			Total Annual Burden (hours)
Individuals and Households	Mothers/caregivers of WIC and former WIC children	Prestest	81	81	1.00	81	1.000	81.0	0	3.00	0	0.000	0.0	81	81.0
		Study brochure	8,130	7,398	1.00	7,398	0.050	369.9	732	1.00	732	0.050	36.6	8,130	406.5
		Study invitation (by text or email or letter or in person)	7,398	7,398	1.00	7,398	0.050	369.9	0	1.00	0	0.017	0.0	7,398	369.9
		Screeners reminders (b) (by text or email or letter or phone)	7,398	6,618	2.00	13,236	0.008	110.3	780	6.00	4,680	0.008	39.0	17,916	149.3
		Screeners (web)	7,398	3,659	1.00	3,659	0.083	304.9	702	1.00	702	0.017	11.7	4,361	316.6
		Screeners (telephone or in-person)	7,398	2,959	1.00	2,959	0.117	345.2	78	1.00	78	0.017	1.3	3,037	346.5
		Consent form	5,000	4,500	1.00	4,500	0.083	375.0	500	1.00	500	0.083	41.7	5,000	416.7
		Enrollment survey (web)	4,500	2,700	1.00	2,700	0.200	540.0	0	1.00	0	0.000	0.0	2,700	540.0
		Enrollment survey (telephone or in-person)	4,500	1,800	1.00	1,800	0.250	450.0	0	1.00	0	0.000	0.0	1,800	450.0
		Study welcome packet	4,500	4,500	1.00	4,500	0.117	525.0	0	1.00	0	0.000	0.0	4,500	525.0
		Prenatal survey	3,918	3,330	1.00	3,330	0.500	1,665.0	588	1.00	588	0.017	9.8	3,918	1,674.8
		YR1: Maternal dietary recalls	1,000	900	4.45	4,005	0.500	2,002.5	100	4.50	450	0.017	7.7	4,455	2,010.2
		YR1: Maternal dietary recall survey reminders (b)	1,000	280	6.00	1,680	0.033	56.0	100	18.00	1,800	0.008	15.0	3,480	71.0
		YR1: Maternal dietary recall advance letter and text/email notification (c)	1,000	950	2.00	1,900	0.067	126.7	50	2.00	100	0.000	0.0	2,000	126.7
		YR1: Measurement card - Birth	4,167	3,334	1.00	3,334	0.250	833.4	833	1.00	833	0.050	41.7	4,167	875.1
		YR1: Measurement cards - 6 and 12 months	3,959	2,573	1.90	4,889	0.750	3,666.5	833	1.90	1,583	0.050	79.2	6,472	3,745.7
		YR1: Survey advance letter and text/email notification (c)	4,167	3,542	4.80	17,001	0.067	1,133.4	625	4.80	3,000	0.000	0.0	20,002	1,133.4
		1-month survey	4,167	3,442	1.00	3,442	0.500	1,721.0	725	1.00	725	0.017	12.1	4,167	1,733.1
		3-month survey	4,167	3,525	1.00	3,525	0.500	1,762.5	642	1.00	642	0.017	10.7	4,167	1,773.2
		5-month survey	3,959	3,318	1.00	3,318	0.500	1,659.0	641	1.00	641	0.017	10.7	3,959	1,669.7
		YR1: Measurement reminders (b)	3,959	1,029	3.79	3,901	0.033	130.0	1,386	6.33	8,770	0.017	146.2	12,671	276.2
		7-month survey	3,879	3,193	1.00	3,193	0.500	1,596.5	686	1.00	686	0.017	11.4	3,879	1,607.9

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11-month survey	3,841	2,945	1.00	2,945	0.500	1,472.5	896	1.00	896	0.017	14.9	3,841	1,487.4
YR1: Survey reminders (b)	3,841	1,485	10.95	16,257	0.033	541.9	896	25.56	22,894	0.008	190.8	39,151	732.7
1-year child birthday card	3,841	3,265	1.00	3,265	0.033	108.8	576	1.00	576	0.000	0.0	3,841	108.8
YR1: Mother birthday greeting (email or text)	3,841	3,265	1.00	3,265	0.017	54.4	576	1.00	576	0.000	0.0	3,841	54.4
YR2: Survey advance letter and text/email notification (c)	3,687	3,134	2.92	9,151	0.067	610.1	553	2.92	1,615	0.000	0.0	10,766	610.1
13-month survey	3,687	2,820	1.00	2,820	0.667	1,880.0	867	1.00	867	0.017	14.5	3,687	1,894.5
YR2: Survey reminders (b)	3,687	2,950	2.04	6,017	0.033	200.6	867	20.28	17,584	0.008	146.5	23,601	347.1
13-month 2nd day dietary recall (child)	417	282	1.00	282	0.250	70.5	135	1.00	135	0.017	2.3	417	72.8
YR2: Maternal dietary recall advance letter and text/email notification (c)	1,000	850	1.00	850	0.067	56.7	50	1.00	50	0.000	0.0	900	56.7
YR2: Maternal dietary recalls	1,000	900	1.48	1,332	0.500	666.0	100	1.50	150	0.017	2.6	1,482	668.6
YR2: Maternal dietary recall survey reminders (b)	1,000	280	1.00	280	0.033	9.3	100	6.00	600	0.008	5.0	880	14.3
18-month survey	3,613	2,530	1.00	2,530	0.583	1,475.8	1,083	1.00	1,083	0.000	0.0	3,613	1,475.8
18-month 2nd day dietary recall (child)	417	253	1.00	253	0.250	63.3	164	1.00	164	0.000	0.0	417	63.3
24-month survey	3,469	2,488	1.00	2,488	0.667	1,658.7	981	1.00	981	0.017	16.3	3,469	1,675.0
24-month 2nd dietary recall (child)	417	248	1.00	248	0.250	62.0	169	1.00	169	0.017	2.8	417	64.8
2-year child birthday card	3,469	2,948	1.00	2,948	0.017	49.1	520	1.00	520	0.000	0.0	3,469	49.1
Measurement Card -24 months	3,469	1,734	1.00	1,734	0.750	1,300.8	1,734	1.00	1,734	0.050	86.7	3,469	1,387.5
YR2: Measurement reminders (b)	3,469	694	1.00	694	0.033	23.1	1,734	3.00	5,203	0.008	43.4	5,897	66.5
YR2: Mother birthday greeting (email or text)	3,469	2,948	1.00	2,948	0.008	24.6	520	1.00	520	0.000	0.0	3,469	24.6
YR3: Survey advance letter and text/email notifications (c)	3,365	2,860	1.88	5,377	0.067	358.5	505	1.97	994	0.000	0.0	6,371	358.5
30-month survey	3,365	2,613	1.00	2,613	0.417	1,088.8	752	1.00	752	0.000	0.0	3,365	1,088.8
YR3: Survey reminders (b)	3,365	1,274	1.95	2,485	0.033	82.8	752	8.77	6,593	0.008	54.9	9,077	137.8
3-year child Birthday Card	3,365	2,860	1.00	2,860	0.033	95.3	505	1.00	505	0.000	0.0	3,365	95.3
YR3: Mother birthday greeting (email or text)	3,365	2,860	1.00	2,860	0.017	47.7	505	1.00	505	0.000	0.0	3,365	47.7
36-month survey	3,264	2,571	1.00	2,571	0.667	1,714.0	693	1.00	693	0.000	0.0	3,264	1,714.0
36-month 2nd dietary recall (child)	417	257	1.00	257	0.333	85.7	160	1.00	160	0.017	2.7	417	88.3
Measurement card -36 months	3,264	1,632	1.00	1,632	0.750	1,223.9	1,632	1.00	1,632	0.050	81.6	3,264	1,305.5
YR3: Measurement reminders (b)	3,264	653	1.00	653	0.033	21.8	1,632	3.00	4,896	0.008	40.8	5,548	62.6
YR4: Survey advance letter and text/email notifications (c)	3,166	2,691	1.98	5,328	0.067	355.2	475	1.98	940	0.000	0.0	6,268	355.2
42-month survey	3,166	2,571	1.00	2,571	0.667	1,714.0	595	1.00	595	0.017	9.9	3,166	1,723.9
YR4: Survey reminders (b)	3,166	1,109	3.94	4,370	0.033	145.7	595	26.41	15,710	0.008	130.9	20,080	276.6

Individuals and Households	Mothers/caregivers of WIC and former WIC children	YR4: Maternal dietary recall advance letter and text/email notification (c)	1,000	950	1.00	950	0.067	63.3	50	1.00	50	0.000	0.0	1,000	63.3
		42-month dietary recall (mother)	1,000	900	1.48	1,332	0.500	666.0	100	1.50	150	0.000	0.0	1,482	666.0
		YR4: Maternal dietary recall survey reminders (b)	1,000	280	2.00	560	0.033	18.7	100	6.00	600	0.008	5.0	1,160	23.7
		48-month survey	3,103	2,530	1.00	2,530	0.667	1,686.7	2,024	1.00	2,024	0.000	0.0	4,554	1,686.7
		48-month 2nd dietary recall (child)	417	253	1.00	253	0.333	84.3	164	1.00	164	0.017	2.7	417	87.1
		4-year child birthday card	3,103	2,637	1.00	2,637	0.017	44.0	465	1.00	465	0.000	0.0	3,103	44.0
		YR4: Mother birthday greeting (email or text)	3,103	2,637	1.00	2,637	0.008	22.0	465	1.00	465	0.000	0.0	3,103	22.0
		Measurement Card - 48 months	3,103	1,551	1.00	1,551	0.750	1,163.5	1,551	1.00	1,551	0.050	77.6	3,103	1,241.0
		YR4: Measurement reminders (b)	3,103	621	1.00	621	0.033	20.7	1,551	6.00	9,308	0.008	77.6	9,928	98.2
		YR5: Survey advance letter and text/email notifications (c)	3,040	2,584	1.98	5,117	0.067	341.1	456	1.98	903	0.000	0.0	6,020	341.1
		54-month survey	3,040	2,488	1.00	2,488	0.500	1,244.0	552	1.00	552	0.017	9.2	3,040	1,253.2
		YR5: Survey reminders (b)	3,040	1,050	1.94	2,037	0.033	67.9	552	8.34	4,608	0.017	76.8	6,645	144.7
		60-month survey	2,980	2,488	1.00	2,488	0.667	1,658.7	492	1.00	492	0.000	0.0	2,980	1,658.7
		60-month 2nd dietary recall (child)	417	249	1.00	249	0.333	83.0	168	1.00	168	0.017	2.8	417	85.8
		5-year child birthday card	2,980	2,533	1.00	2,533	0.017	42.2	447	1.00	447	0.000	0.0	2,980	42.2
		YR5: Mother birthday greeting (email or text)	2,980	2,533	1.00	2,533	0.008	21.1	447	1.00	447	0.000	0.0	2,980	21.1
		Measurement Card -60 months	2,980	1,490	1.00	1,490	0.750	1,117.4	1,490	1.00	1,490	0.050	74.5	2,980	1,191.9
		YR5: Measurement reminders (b)	2,980	596	1.00	596	0.033	19.9	1,490	6.00	8,939	0.008	74.5	9,535	94.4
		Contact information updates (child age <12 months)	3,542	1,063	2.00	2,125	0.050	106.3	2,479	2.00	4,959	0.017	82.6	7,084	188.9
		Contact information updates (child age 12 months - 24 months) (d)	3,542	1,063	2.00	2,125	0.050	106.3	2,479	2.00	4,959	0.017	82.6	7,084	188.9
		Contact information updates (child age 2 years - 3 years) (d)	3,542	1,063	2.00	2,125	0.050	106.3	2,479	2.00	4,959	0.017	82.6	7,084	188.9
		Contact information updates (child age 3 years - 4 years) (d)	3,542	1,063	2.00	2,125	0.050	106.3	2,479	2.00	4,959	0.017	82.6	7,084	188.9
		Contact information updates (child age 4 years - 5 years) (d)	3,542	1,063	2.00	2,125	0.050	106.3	2,479	2.00	4,959	0.017	82.6	7,084	188.9
		<b>SUBTOTAL OF INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS</b>			<b>8,211</b>	<b>7,479</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>238,861</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>45,980.9</b>	<b>1,511.7</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>174,420</b>	<b>0.012</b>	<b>2,135.1</b>
State, Local, or Tribal	WIC State Agency (SA)	Introductory Email from RO to SA	27	54	1	54	0.050	2.7	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	54	2.7
		Letter from WIC Director to SA	27	54	1	54	0.050	2.7	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	54	2.7
		Study Factsheet	27	54	1	54	0.083	4.5	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	54	4.5
		Contact initiation email from Westat	27	54	1	54	0.050	2.7	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	54	2.7
		Study webinar	27	54	1	54	1.000	54.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	54	54.0

Government	Recruitment planning activities with Westat (e)	27	54	1	54	4.000	216.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	54	216.0	
	<b>SUBTOTAL OF SA</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>282.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>282.6</b>	
	Introductory Email from SA to sampled LAs	80	160	1	160	0.050	8.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	160	8.0	
	Study Factsheet	80	160	1	160	0.083	13.3	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	160	13.3	
	Westat Email to local agency	80	160	1	160	0.050	8.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	160	8.0	
	Westat informational call (e)	80	160	1	160	0.333	53.3	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	160	53.3	
	<b>WIC Local Agency (LA)</b>														
	Recruitment planning and implementation activities with Westat (e)	80	160	1	160	4.000	640.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	160	640.0	
	Recruitment planning and implementation activities with sites (e)	80	160	1	160	12.000	1,920.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	160	1,920.0	
	Recruitment progress communications with Westat (e)	80	160	1	160	2.000	320.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	160	320.0	
	Assistance to locate study participants (e)	80	160	5	800	0.050	40.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	800	40.0	
	<b>SUBTOTAL OF WIC LA</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>3,002.7</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>3,002.7</b>	
	Email from LA to WIC Clinic	400	400	1	400	0.050	20.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	400	20.0	
	Informational call (e)	400	400	1	400	0.333	133.3	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	400	133.3	
	Training webinar	400	800	1	800	0.750	600.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	800	600.0	
<b>WIC Clinic</b>															
Recruitment Planning and Implementation activities with Westat	400	800	1	800	0.333	266.7	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	800	266.7		
Recruitment Planning and Implementation activities with Local Agency	400	800	1	800	0.333	266.7	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	800	266.7		
Study Introduction Script	400	400	21	8,400	0.050	420.0	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	8,400	420.0		
Referral forms	400	400	20	8,000	0.083	666.7	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	8,000	666.7		
Measurement Card	400	400	8	3,200	0.167	533.3	0	0	0	0.000	0.0	3,200	533.3		
<b>SUBTOTAL OF WIC CLINIC</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>2,906.7</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>2,906.7</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,825</b>	<b>8,093</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>263,905.0</b>	<b>0.198</b>	<b>52,172.8</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>174,419.9</b>	<b>0.012</b>	<b>2,135.1</b>	<b>438,324.9</b>	<b>54,307.9</b>		

- (a) Estimated based on WIC Infant Toddler Feeding Practices Study-2 (ITFPS-2)
- (b) Assumed 80 percent of survey respondents and 60 percent of measurement respondents will complete the task before the reminder protocol starts. The remaining respondents will receive an average of 2 reminders and the non-respondents will receive an average of 6 reminders.
- (c) Assumed 85 percent of participants will review notifications and 15% do not
- (d) Assumed 85 percent of participants reporting a live birth will remain eligible for contact information updates
- (e) No instrument associated with these activities

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

[DOCKET #: RHS-24-NONE-0033]

#### Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) announces its intention to request a revision for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program, for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

**DATES:** Comments on this Notice must be received by November 18, 2024 to be assured consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for renewal and approval.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate

automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search" box, type in the Docket No. RHS-24-NONE-0033. A link to the Notice will appear. You may submit a comment here by selecting the "Comment" button or you can access the "Docket" tab, select the "Notice," and go to the "Browse & Comment on Documents" tab. Here you may view comments that have been submitted as well as submit a comment. To submit a comment, select the "Comment" button, complete the required information, and select the "Submit Comment" button at the bottom. Information on using [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link at the bottom.

*Title:* Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0174.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 01/31/2025.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* On March 28, 1996, President Clinton signed the "Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996." One of the provisions of the Act was the authorization of the section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loan Program, adding the program to the Housing Act of 1949. The program has been designed to increase the supply of affordable Multi-Family Housing (MFH) through partnerships between RHS and major lending sources, as well as State and local housing finance agencies and bond issuers. Qualified lenders will be authorized to originate, underwrite, and close loans for MFH projects. To be considered, these projects must be either new construction or acquisition with rehabilitation with at least \$6,500 per unit.

The Secretary is authorized under section 510 (k) of the Housing Act of 1949 to prescribe regulations to ensure that these federally funded loans are made to eligible applicants for authorized purposes. The lender must evaluate the eligibility, cost, benefits, feasibility, and financial performance of the proposed project. The Agency collects this information from the lender to determine if funds are being used to meet the goals and mission of Rural Development. The information submitted by the lender to the Agency

is used by the Agency to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for Government resources.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 0.7 hours.

*Respondents:* Non-profit and for-profit lending corporations and public bodies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 150.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 20.55.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 3082.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,162 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Adyam Negasi, Innovation Center, Regulations Management Division, at 202-221-9298, or [adyam.negasi@usda.gov](mailto:adyam.negasi@usda.gov). All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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## U.S. COMMITTEE ON THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2024-0044]

#### Request for Information To Identify Barriers to Planning for Climate Resilience in U.S. Ports; Reopening of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information (RFI); reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 15, 2024, the CMTS published in the **Federal Register** an RFI seeking information to identify what types of planning guidance, documents, datasets, and Federal funding opportunities are currently being utilized in planning for long-term environmental change in U.S. Ports, and to identify barriers to action. The information received from this RFI will be analyzed to assess whether the needs for this type of planning are being met and identify where improvements could be made. Information is requested from anyone who works in or adjacent to climate resilience planning and execution in ports (public and private), as well as any interested members of the public. That RFI established a 45-day comment period closing on August 29, 2024. CMTS is reopening the public