



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Monitoring Breastfeeding-Related Maternity Care-US Hospitals. The Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) survey is a census of maternity care hospitals in the United States and territories, that CDC has administered about every two years since 2007 to monitor and examine changes in breastfeeding-related maternity care over time.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2025-0021 by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number.

CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal

([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 404-639-7570; E-mail: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate 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;
2. Evaluate 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;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

4. 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses; and
5. Assess information collection costs.

#### Proposed Project

Monitoring Breastfeeding-Related Maternity Care – U.S. Hospitals (OMB Control No. 0920-0743, Exp. 03/31/2025) – Reinstatement – National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Substantial evidence demonstrates the social, economic, and health benefits of breastfeeding for both the mother and infant as well as for society in general. Health professionals recommend exclusive breastfeeding for about the first six months and continued breastfeeding for at least 12 months; Healthy People 2030 established specific national breastfeeding goals related to breastfeeding exclusivity and duration. In addition to increasing overall rates, a public health priority in the U.S. is to reduce variation in breastfeeding rates across population subgroups. Although CDC surveillance data indicate that breastfeeding initiation rates in the United States are climbing, rates for duration and exclusivity continue to lag, and significant disparities in breastfeeding rates persist.

The health care system is one of the most important and effective settings to improve breastfeeding, and the birth hospital stay has a crucial influence on later breastfeeding outcomes. Every two years between 2007–2015, CDC conducted the National Survey of Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC survey) in hospitals and free-standing birth centers to better understand national breastfeeding supportive maternity practices and changes in

these practices over time. Breastfeeding supportive maternity care practices changed rapidly, and in 2018 CDC redesigned the survey items to reflect these practice changes. Every two years between 2018–2024, the revised survey was administered to hospitals that routinely provide maternity care. The survey asks hospital maternity staff to report information about patient education and support for breastfeeding provided to their patients throughout the maternity stay, as well as staff training and maternity care policies.

The 2026 and 2028 mPINC survey will closely match those previously administered. As an ongoing national census of hospitals in the United States and territories that provide maternity care, it does not employ sampling methods. CDC uses the American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Survey of Hospitals to identify potential participating hospitals. Hospitals invited to participate in the survey include those that participated in previous iterations, those that received an invitation but did not participate in the previous iterations, and those that have become eligible since the most recent mPINC survey. CDC will screen all hospitals with one or more registered maternity beds to assess their eligibility, identify the appropriate point of contact, and obtain contact information for the person identified. The response rates for previous iterations of the mPINC survey range from 70%-83%. CDC will provide direct feedback to participating hospitals in an individualized, hospital-specific report of their results. CDC will use information from the mPINC surveys to identify, document, and share information related to changes in practices processes over time at the hospital, state, regional, and national levels. Researchers also use the data to better understand relationships between hospital characteristics, maternity-care practices, state level factors, and breastfeeding initiation and continuation rates.

Participation in the survey is voluntary, and participants submit responses through a secure Web-based system. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. CDC requests OMB approval of 777 annual burden hours for three years to conduct the 2026 and 2028 surveys.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of	Form	Number of	Number of	Average	Total
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Respondents	Name	Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Burden per Response (in hours)	Burden (in hours)
Maternity Hospitals	Screening Part A	567	1	3/60	28
Maternity Hospitals	Screening Part B	1,771	1	2/60	59
Maternity Hospitals	mPINC Hospital Survey	1,380	1	30/60	690
Total					777

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