



National Youth in Transition Database
Guide to the Data Elements

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OVERVIEW

The *National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Guide to the Data Elements* (the Guide) compiles information issued by the Children's Bureau into a concise reference of the 58 NYTD data elements and each element's allowable values, data compliance checks and data quality advisories. State NYTD users can refer to this Guide as a resource to assist in the design or modification of their child welfare information systems to collect NYTD data, to conduct quality assurance on collected data and to prepare the NYTD data file for submission to ACF. As a technical assistance resource, please note that the Guide **does not** substitute for or replace any policy issuance, including the NYTD regulation, or any of the NYTD technical bulletins.

The information in the Guide is taken from the following sources:

- [NYTD Final Rule](#) (45 CFR 1356.80-86 and appendices to 45 CFR 1356);
- [NYTD Technical Bulletin #1: File Structure](#) (re-issued March 26, 2013);
- [NYTD Technical Bulletin #2: Compliance Standards](#) (re-issued March 26, 2013); and
- [NYTD Technical Bulletin #3: Data Quality Advisories](#) (re-issued March 26, 2013).

All of the documents listed above are accessible via the NYTD web page on the Children's Bureau website (located at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/reporting-systems/nytd>). For additional guidance on the NYTD data elements, please refer to the [Questions and Answers](#) posted on the Children's Bureau's NYTD web page. For additional NYTD questions or guidance, please contact NYTDinfo@acf.hhs.gov.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GUIDE

The Guide consists of the following sections:

- *Section I: Introduction.* This section describes the history of Federal independent living initiatives and the origins and purpose of NYTD.
- *Section II: Overview of the NYTD Data File.* This section summarizes the NYTD data collection and reporting requirements, including descriptions of each of the three reporting populations.
- *Section III: NYTD Data Elements.* This section provides specific information for each of the 58 NYTD data elements, allowable values, and applicable data compliance and quality checks.

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

Each year thousands of young people are discharged from State foster care systems because they reach the age at which they are no longer eligible for out-of-home placement services. Research and anecdotal evidence indicate that many young people who are emancipated from foster care experience numerous difficulties in their attempts to achieve self-sufficiency. Rather than making a successful transition to living on their own, a significant percentage of these youth experience homelessness, unemployment, and dependence on various types of public assistance.

In response to this problem, President Reagan signed into law the title IV-E Independent Living Initiative (Pub. L. 99-272) in 1986. The law provided States with funding to make independent living services available to youth in foster care between the ages of 16 and 21. Several improvements were made to this law by the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-169) signed by President Clinton in 1999. This law established the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) at section 477 of the Social Security Act (the Act). The legislation provides States with funding to identify and make available independent living services to youth “who are likely to remain in foster care” until at least age 18—thus removing the minimum age requirements for the receipt of independent living services. Public Law 106-169 also requires States to provide assistance and services to youth who age out of foster care until age 21 and allows States to use part of their funding to provide room and board assistance to these youth.

The Foster Care Independence Act also required the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to develop and implement a data collection system to perform two functions: (1) track the independent living services States provide to youth; and (2) develop outcome measures that may be used to assess State performance in operating their independent living programs. The Act also required the development of data elements to track the number and characteristics of youth receiving services under section 477 of the Social Security Act and the type of services States provide. The law also required that ACF impose a penalty in an amount that ranges from one to five percent of the State’s annual allotment on any State that fails to comply with the reporting requirements.

Beginning in 2000, ACF consulted with a variety of stakeholders regarding the information and outcome measures that would comprise NYTD, including State and Tribal child welfare agencies, child welfare advocates, youth service providers, current and former foster youth and foster parents. The NYTD Final Rule was published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2008. Pursuant to the regulation, States will engage in two separate, but related data collection and reporting activities:

1. **Collecting information on youth and the independent living services** they receive that are paid for or provided by the State agencies that administer the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP); and
2. **Collecting outcomes information** on youth who are in foster care or who age out of foster care.

States were required to begin collecting NYTD data on October 1, 2010, (Federal fiscal year 2011) and must report data to ACF semiannually. The first report period data file was to be reported to ACF no later than May 15, 2011.

The collected information will allow ACF to track which independent living services States provide and assess the collective outcomes of youth. In addition, because a common identifier must be used for youth reported to both NYTD and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), ACF will also be able to analyze the information related to a youth's foster care experiences reported to AFCARS along with their service and/or outcomes information reported to NYTD.




SECTION II: OVERVIEW OF THE NYTD DATA FILE

The NYTD data file contains case-level data on youth in three reporting populations:

- **Served population:** includes all youth who receive at least one independent living service paid for or provided by the State CFCIP agency or an agent of the State during a six month reporting period, regardless of age, foster care status, or placement type. States will collect report information on youth in the served population on an ongoing basis for as long as the youth receive services.
- **Baseline population:** includes all youth in foster care as defined in 45 CFR 1355.20 that reach their 17th birthday in FFY 2011 or in every third fiscal year following FFY 2011 (e.g., 2014, 2017, etc.). States will collect information on youth in the baseline population within 45 days of a youth's 17th birthday, but not before that birthday.
- **Follow-up population:** includes all youth who turn age 19 or 21 in a certain fiscal year and who participated in data collection as part of the baseline population. States will collect information on youth in the follow-up population during the reporting period in which the youth turns age 19 or 21.

While it is possible for a youth to be in more than one reporting population, States must report all data elements for an individual youth in one record each reporting period (45 CFR 1356.83(f)). Of the 58 NYTD data elements, 13 elements provide information about youth in all NYTD reporting populations, 20 elements provide information exclusively about youth in the served population, and 25 elements provide information exclusively about youth in the baseline and follow-up populations. Table 1 summarizes the NYTD reporting populations, applicable data elements and data collection requirements.

Table 1. Summary of NYTD reporting populations and data collection requirements

Reporting populations 45 CFR 1356.81(a)-(c)	Required data elements 45 CFR 1356.83(b)-(e)	Data collection requirements 45 CFR 1356.82(a)(1)-(3)
 The served population includes all youth who receive an independent living service paid for or provided by the State agency during a reporting period	General elements (1-4); demographic elements (5-19); and services elements (20-33)	Collect information on all applicable elements on an ongoing basis, for as long as youth receives services
 The baseline population consists of youth in foster care who reach his/her 17 th birthday in FFY 2011 or in every third fiscal year following FFY 2011.	General elements (1-4); demographic elements (5-13, 36); and outcomes elements (34-35, 37-41, 45-58)	Collect information on all applicable elements within 45 days of a youth's 17 th birthday, but not before that birthday
 The follow-up population includes youth who turn age 19 or 21 in a certain fiscal year and who participated in data collection as part of the baseline population.	General elements (1-4); demographic elements (5-13, 36); and outcomes elements (34-35, 37-58)	Collect information on all applicable elements within the reporting period of the youth's 19 th and 21 st birthday

A NYTD data file must contain information on all applicable NYTD data elements listed in 45 CFR 1356.83(g) in a single data file. States must report these data to ACF on a semiannual basis. The six-month reporting periods are: October 1 to March 31 and April 1 to September 30. States must submit data files to ACF within 45 days of the end of the reporting period (*i.e.*, by May 15 and November 14).

SECTION III: NYTD DATA ELEMENTS

This section provides detailed information about each of the 58 data elements, including:

- ***Regulatory citation and definition***

This is citation and the definition of the data element found in the NYTD regulation at 45 CFR 1356.83(g). The regulation is accessible here:
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-3050.pdf>

- ***Subject Records***

This section describes the specific youth records to which each data element applies. (Data elements that are not required for a youth are to be left blank). The subject records specified for each data element will vary due to a youth's membership in a reporting population (served population, baseline population and follow-up population as described in Section II of this document) or the logical relationship between values in two or more data elements within a single youth's record. For more information on subject records, please refer to Section 3.2.1 of [NYTD Technical Bulletin #2: Compliance Standards](#). Please note that in Federal Fiscal Years in which outcomes information on youth in the age 19 or 21 follow-up population is required to be reported, only youth who are in a State's official age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or the State's age 21 follow-up population cohort are considered "subject records". See [NYTD Technical Bulletin #5: Cohort Management and Sampling](#) for a discussion of the criteria used to determine membership in the "follow-up population" described at 45 CFR 1356.81(c).

- ***Corresponding AFCARS element***

This is the AFCARS element or elements that correspond to the NYTD element. Not every NYTD element has a corresponding AFCARS element.

- ***Format: XML Element Schema***

This shows the data element's XML "tags" as they are to be used to denote the information being transmitted. The phrase "*state response here*" has been inserted between the tags to reflect how each element would be listed in the extract file. For additional information regarding the file format and the XML schema see [NYTD Technical Bulletin #1: File Structure](#).

- ***Data Type***

This is a classification identifying one of various types of data that determines the possible values for that type and the way the values of that type are stored.

- ***Values***

This section lists both the *NYTD Response Options* from the [NYTD regulation](#) and the corresponding *NYTD XML Values* as specified in [NYTD Technical Bulletin #1: File Structure](#). A data file must contain an acceptable and properly formatted value for each NYTD data element in order to meet the compliance standard associated with file format (45 CFR 1356.85(a)(3)). When noted, "Blank" is a valid response option for a youth who does not meet the conditions specified under the "Subject Records" section.

- **Compliance Standards**

While there are six different NYTD compliance standards (described in detail in Section 2 of [NYTD Technical Bulletin #2](#)), this Guide only lists the two relevant *error-free information standards* that apply to each NYTD data element. The standard at 45 CFR 1356.85 (a)(3) requires that a State's data file contain 100% error-free information on elements 1 (State), 2 (report date), 3 (record number), 4 (date of birth), 5 (sex), 14 (foster care status—services), and 36 (foster care status—outcomes). The standard at 45 CFR 1356.85(b)(1) requires that a State's data file contain information that is at least 90% error-free on data elements related to youth demographics (6-13), services (20-33) and outcomes (34, 35, 37-58).

In determining compliance with these error-free information standards, ACF will detect three types of data errors:

- *Missing data* are data elements that are blank when a blank is not considered a valid response option as described in 45 CFR 1356.83(g) are considered missing data. Blank responses are valid when, for example, a youth is not in a NYTD reporting population to which a particular data element applies as described in 45 CFR 1356(g).
- *Out-of-range data* are any data elements that contain a value that is not one of the response options for that data element.
- *Internally inconsistent data* are any data elements that fail an internal consistency check designed to evaluate the logical relationship between data elements within each youth record.

- **Internal Consistency Checks**

These are the 20 internal consistency checks (ICC) issued as part of [NYTD Technical Bulletin #2: Compliance Standards](#) that evaluate the logical relationship between data elements within each youth record. As noted in the previous bullet point, internal consistency checks detect one type of data error, *internally inconsistent data*.

- **Data Quality Advisories**

These are the 26 data quality checks found in [NYTD Technical Bulletin #3](#) that will be conducted on NYTD data files. When a data file does not pass a data quality check, a Data Quality Advisory (DQA) is generated and pertinent information is provided to users of the NYTD system. Data Quality Advisories are not necessarily errors but are alerts or “flags” that there may be a data quality issue that warrants investigation. It is important to note that Data Quality Advisories do not impact ACF's determination of compliance or penalty calculations for a data file.

- **Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting**

This section includes information on the common mistakes States make in collecting and reporting information on the data element. This information comes from a review of data files submitted by States and conversations with State staff compiled since 2011.

- **Relevant NYTD Q&A's**

This section references any additional guidance on the element issued by the Children's Bureau through its *NYTD Questions & Answers* (Q&A's) accessible at:

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/cb/research-data-technology/reporting-systems/nytd/faq>. All Q&A's are listed by number and are current as of the date this Guide was re-issued.

NYTD ELEMENT #1: STATE

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(1)

Definition

State means the State responsible for reporting on the youth. Indicate the first two digits of the State's Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code for the State submitting the report to ACF.

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #1 – State
- Adoption Element #1 – State

Format: XML Element Schema

<E1_state>*state response here***</E1_state>**

Data Type

stateFIPSCodeType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

01 – Alabama	18 – Indiana	32 – Nevada	47 – Tennessee
02 – Alaska	19 – Iowa	33 – New Hampshire	48 – Texas
04 – Arizona	20 – Kansas	34 – New Jersey	49 – Utah
05 – Arkansas	21 – Kentucky	35 – New Mexico	50 – Vermont
06 – California	22 – Louisiana	36 – New York	51 – Virginia
08 – Colorado	23 – Maine	37 – North Carolina	53 – Washington
09 – Connecticut	24 – Maryland	38 – North Dakota	54 – West Virginia
10 – Delaware	25 – Massachusetts	39 – Ohio	55 – Wisconsin
11 – District of Columbia	26 – Michigan	40 – Oklahoma	56 – Wyoming
12 – Florida	27 – Minnesota	41 – Oregon	72 – Puerto Rico
13 – Georgia	28 – Mississippi	42 – Pennsylvania	
15 – Hawaii	29 – Missouri	44 – Rhode Island	
16 – Idaho	30 – Montana	45 – South Carolina	
17 – Illinois	31 – Nebraska	46 – South Dakota	

NYTD XML Values:

- [FIPS code(s)]

Compliance Standard

100% of the records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

None.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

None.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #2: REPORT DATE
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(2)**Definition**

The report date corresponds with the end of the current reporting period. Indicate the year and last month of the reporting period.

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #2 – Report Period Ending Date
- Adoption Element #2 – Report Period Ending Date

Format: XML Element Schema

<E2_report_date>*state response here* **</E2_report_date>**

Data Type

reportDatetype

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- mm = 03 or 09
- cc = 20+
- yy = 00-99

NYTD XML Values:

- yyyymm [where “yyyy” and “mm” correspond to the last month and year of a reporting period]

Compliance Standard

100% of the records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

None.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

None.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #3: RECORD NUMBER
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(3)**Definition**

The record number is the encrypted, unique person identification number for the youth. The State agency must apply and retain the same encryption routine or method for the person identification number across all reporting periods. The record number must be encrypted in accordance with ACF standards. Indicate the record number for the youth.

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #4 – Record Number
- Adoption Element #3 – Record Number

Format: XML Element Schema

<E3_record_number>*state response here***</E3_record_number>**

Data Type

recordNumberWithNoteType

Values*NYTD Response Options:*

- Encrypted, unique, person identification number.

NYTD XML Values

- Any ASCII character except "@", "\$", "#", or "%". For information on encrypting the record number see [AFCARS Technical Bulletin #7: Encryption Guidance and Algorithms](#).

Compliance Standard

100% of the records must be error free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

None.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #25: If a youth is reported as a member of the follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), but that youth is not actually a part of the State's corresponding

follow-up population cohort at age 19 or 21, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 3.

- DQA #26: If a youth is reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort but not a part of the State's follow-up sample, and the value of element 34 is other than "not in sample," then a data quality advisory is generated for element 3.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have been using two different record numbers for the same youth reported to both NYTD and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). States are required to use the same unique identifier for NYTD and AFCARS purposes for youth who are or were in foster care. See Section 4 of [NYTD Technical Bulletin #1](#) and [NYTD TA Brief #11](#) for more information.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #4: DATE OF BIRTH
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(4)**Definition**

The youth's date of birth. Indicate the year, month, and day of the youth's birth.

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #6 – Date of Birth
- Adoption Element #5 – Child's Date of Birth

Format: XML Element Schema

<E4_date_of_birth>state response here</E4_date_of_birth>

Data Type

filteredDateWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Year, Month, Day

NYTD XML Values:

- [Date] [yyyy-mm-dd] consistent with the base XML schema date type where:
 - YYYY is the year
 - MM is the month (0 – 12)
 - DD is the day (01 – 31)

Compliance Standard

100% of the records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #1: Element 4 (date of birth) must be prior to the month and year corresponding to the end of the report period as specified in element 2 (report date). If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 4. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2 and 4 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #1: If any single date of birth appears in more than 10% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 4.

- DQA #2: If youth under age 13 (based on element 4) account for more than 10% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for data element 4.
- DQA #3: If young adults over age 25 (based on element 4) account for more than 10% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 4.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.3

NYTD ELEMENT #5: SEX
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(5)**Definition**

The youth's sex. Indicate whether the youth is male or female as appropriate.

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #7 – Sex
- Adoption Element #6 – Sex

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E5_sex >state response here</E5_sex>`

Data Type

sexWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Male
- Female

NYTD XML Values:

- "male"
- "female"

Compliance Standard

100% of the records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

None.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #4: If either of the values "male" or "female" for element 5 appear in more than 60% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 5.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #6: RACE – AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(6)**Definition**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parent(s). An American Indian or Alaska Native youth has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Indicate whether this racial category applies for the youth, with a "yes" or "no."

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #8a – American Indian
- Adoption Element #7a – American Indian

Format: XML Element Schema

<E6_race_american_indian_alaska_native>*state response here***</E6_race_american_indian_alaska_native>**

Data Type

noYesWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No

NYTD XML Values

- "yes"
- "no"

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

- ICC #18: If element 12 (race – declined) is "yes," then any of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 (race elements) cannot be "yes." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 12 and any of data elements 6 – 11 with a value of "yes." This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #19: If all of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) are “no,” then element 12 (race – declined) cannot be “no.” If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 6 – 12. This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #5: If the value “yes” for any of the race category data elements appears in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for each such data element 6 – 10.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #7: RACE – ASIAN
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(7)**Definition**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parent(s). An Asian youth has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. Indicate whether this racial category applies for the youth, with a "yes" or "no."

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #8b – Asian
- Adoption Element #7b – Asian

Format: XML Element Schema

<E7_race_asian>*state response here***</E7_race_asian>**

Data Type

noYesWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"

Compliance Standard

90% of records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

- ICC #18: If element 12 (race-declined) is "yes," then any of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 (race elements) cannot be "yes." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 12 and any of data elements 6-11 with a value of "yes." This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #19: If all of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) are “no,” then element 12 (race-declined) cannot be “no.” If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 6-12. This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #5: If the value “yes” for any of the race category data elements appears in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for each such data element 6 – 10.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #8: RACE – BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(8)

Definition

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parent(s). A Black or African American youth has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Indicate whether this Racial category applies for the youth, with a "yes" or "no."

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #8c – Black or African American
- Adoption Element #7c – Black or African American

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E8_race_black_african_american>state response
here</E8_race_black_african_american>`

Data Type

noYesWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"

Compliance Standard

90% of records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs):

- ICC #18: If element 12 (race-declined) is "yes," then any of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 (race elements) cannot be "yes." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 12 and any of data elements 6-11 with a value of "yes." This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #19: If all of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) are "no," then element 12 (race-declined) cannot be "no." If so, an internally inconsistent error is

marked for all data elements 6-12. This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #5: If the value “yes” for any of the race category data elements appears in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for each such data element 6 – 10.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #9: RACE – NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(9)**Definition**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parent(s). A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander youth has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands. Indicate whether this racial category applies for the youth, with a "yes" or "no."

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #8d – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Adoption Element #7d - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E9_race_hawaiian_pacific_islander>state response
here</E9_race_hawaiian_pacific_islander>`

Data Type

noYesWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"

Compliance Standard

90% of records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

- ICC #18: If element 12 (race-declined) is "yes," then any of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) cannot be "yes." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 12 and any of data elements 6-11 with a value of "yes." This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #19: If all of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) are “no,” then element 12 (race-declined) cannot be “no.” If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 6-12. This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #5: If the value “yes” for any of the race category data elements appears in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for each such data element 6 – 10.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #10: RACE – WHITE
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(10)**Definition**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parent(s). A White youth has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. Indicate whether this racial category applies for the youth, with a "yes" or "no."

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #8e – White
- Adoption Element #7e - White

Format: XML Element Schema

<E10_race_white>*state response here***</E10_race_white>**

Data Type

noYesWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"

Compliance Standard

90% of records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

- ICC # 18: If element 12 (race-declined) is "yes," then any of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 (race elements) cannot be "yes." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 12 and any of data elements 6-11 with a value of "yes." This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #19: If all of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) are "no," then element 12 (race-declined) cannot be "no." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 6-12. This check is performed if and only if element 12 is

not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #5: If the value “yes” for any of the race category data elements appears in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for each such data element 6 – 10.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #11: RACE – UNKNOWN
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(11)**Definition**

The race, or at least one race of the youth is unknown, or the youth and/or parent is not able to communicate the youth's race. Indicate whether this category applies for the youth, with a "yes" or "no."

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E11_race_unknown>*state response here***</E11_race_unknown>**

Data Type

noYesWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"

Compliance Standard

90% of records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

- ICC #18: If element 12 (race-declined) is "yes," then any of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) cannot be "yes." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 12 and any of data elements 6-11 with a value of "yes." This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #19: If all of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) are "no," then element 12 (race-declined) cannot be "no." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 6-12. This check is performed if and only if element 12 is

not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #6: If the value “yes” for element 11 appears in more than 25% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 11.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States do not allow workers to select “race – unknown” (a “yes” for element 11) in a situation in which *at least one race* of a multiracial youth is unknown. The State child welfare information system must allow users to select “race: unknown” in combination with another race category.
- Some States indicated having difficulty in understanding how to appropriately map race data between NYTD and AFCARS when race information is partially or completely unknown. States should follow the mapping guidance issued in [NYTD Technical Assistance Brief #1](#).

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.33, 2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #12: RACE – DECLINED
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(12)

Definition

The youth or parent has declined to identify a race. Indicate whether this category applies for the youth, with a “yes” or “no.”

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E12_race_declined>*state response here***</E12_race_declined>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No

NYTD XML Values:

- “yes”
- “no”

Compliance Standard

90% of records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

- ICC #18: If element 12 (race-declined) is “yes,” then any of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) cannot be “yes.” If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 12 and any of data elements 6-11 with a value of “yes.” This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #19: If all of elements 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (race elements) are “no,” then element 12 (race-declined) cannot be “no.” If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 6-12. This check is performed if and only if element 12 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 6 through 11 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #7: If the value “yes” for element 12 appears in more than 25% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 12.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- When race information is not known, some States have reported the value “no” for all race elements, including element 12. This is an internally inconsistent data error (see ICC #19 above).

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.6, 2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #13: HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(13)

Definition

In general, a youth's ethnicity is determined by the youth or the youth's parent(s). A youth is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the youth is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Indicate which category applies, with "yes," "no," "unknown" or "declined," as appropriate.

"Unknown" means that the youth and/or parent is unable to communicate the youth's ethnicity. "Declined" means that the youth or parent has declined to identify the youth's Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.

Subject Records

- Served population
- Baseline population
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21)

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Foster Care Element #9 – Hispanic or Latino Origin
- Adoption Element #8- Hispanic or Latino Origin

Format: XML Element Schema

<E13_hispanic_latino>*state response here***</E13_hispanic_latino>**

Data Type

noYesUnknownDeclinedWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Unknown
- Declined

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "unknown"
- "declined"

Compliance Standard

90% of records must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Check (ICCs)

None.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #8: If the value “yes” for element 13 appears in 100% of total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 13.
- DQA #9: If the value “unknown” for element 13 appears in more than 25% of total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 13.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #14: FOSTER CARE STATUS – SERVICES
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(14)**Definition**

The youth receiving services is or was in foster care during the reporting period if the youth is or was in the placement and care responsibility of the State title IV–B/IV–E agency in accordance with the definition of foster care in 45 CFR 1355.20. Indicate whether the youth is or was in foster care at any point during the reporting period, with a “yes” or “no” as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E14_foster_care_status_services>*state response*
*here***</E14_foster_care_status_services>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- “yes”
- “no”
- “”

Compliance Standard

100% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #2: If element 4 (date of birth) specified in a youth record is not consistent with belonging to the baseline population, then element 14 (foster care status – services) and element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) cannot both be blank. If they are both blank, an internally inconsistent error is marked for both data element 14 and data element 36. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 14, and 36 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.
- ICC #3: If element 4 (date of birth) is consistent with belonging to the baseline population, and element 4 corresponds to a birthday more than 45 days before the end of the reporting period as determined by element 2 (report date), then element 14

(foster care status – services) and element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) cannot both be blank. If they are both blank, and internally inconsistent error is marked for both data element 14 and date element 36. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 14 and 36 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #10: If either of the values “yes” or “no” for element 14 appear in 100% of the total records in a file then a data quality advisory is generated for element 14.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.6, 2.34, 2.35

NYTD ELEMENT #15: LOCAL AGENCY
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(15)**Definition**

The local agency is the county or equivalent jurisdictional unit that has primary responsibility for placement and care of a youth who is in foster care consistent with the definition in 45 CFR 1355.20, or that has primary responsibility for providing services to a youth who is not in foster care. Indicate the five-digit Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code(s) that corresponds to the identity of the county or equivalent unit jurisdiction(s) that meets these criteria during the reporting period. If a youth who is not in foster care is provided services by a centralized unit only, rather than a county agency, indicate "centralized unit." If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

- Similar to AFCARS #3, Local Agency (FIPS Code). NYTD allows reporting of "centralized unit" while AFCARS does not.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E15_local_agency>*state response here***</E15_local_agency>**

Data Type

localAgencyWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- FIPS code(s)*
- Centralized unit
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "[FIPS Code(s)]"
- "centralized unit"
- ""

*FIPS (Federal Information Processing Standards) codes for States and counties can be accessed through the FIPS home page at <http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs>.

Compliance Standard

- 90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #4: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then elements 15 through 33 must not be blank. If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each blank data element 15 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 15

through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #11: If element 14 is blank in a youth's record, then elements 15 through 33 should be blank. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 15 to 33 in such a youth's records.
- DQA #12: If the value "centralized unit" for element 15 appears in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 15.
- DQA #13: If a single FIPS code for element 15 appears in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 15.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.7

NYTD ELEMENT #16: FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED TRIBE
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(16)

Definition

The youth is enrolled in or eligible for membership in a federally recognized tribe. The term "federally recognized tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation, as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C 1601 et seq.) that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians pursuant to the Indian Self- Determination and Educational Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.). Indicate "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E16_federally_recognized_tribe>*state response here*
</E16_federally_recognized_tribe>

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #4: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then elements 15 through 33 must not be blank. If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each blank data element 15 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 15 through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #11: If element 14 is blank in a youth's record, then elements 15 through 33 should be blank. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 15 to 33 in such a youth's record.
- DQA #14: If either of the possible values "yes" or "no" for element 16 appear in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 16.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have reported "no" for element 16 when membership in a Federally recognized tribe is still pending verification. While there may be a period of time in which the youth's tribal affiliation is undetermined, if this remains the case at the time data are extracted and reported in the NYTD file, the element should be reported as missing the information (i.e., a blank response) (73 FR 10346).

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #17: ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(17)**Definition**

Adjudicated delinquent means that a State or Federal court of competent jurisdiction has adjudicated the youth as a delinquent. Indicate "yes," or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E17_adjudicated_delinquent>*state response here***</E17_adjudicated_delinquent>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #4: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then elements 15 through 33 must not be blank. If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each blank data element 15 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 15 through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #11: If element 14 is blank in a youth's record, then elements 15 through 33 should be blank. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 15 to 33 in such a youth's record.

- DQA #15: If either of the possible values “yes” or “no” for element 17 appear in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 17.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.8, 2.9

NYTD ELEMENT #18: EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(18)

Definition

Educational level means the highest educational level completed by the youth. For example, for a youth currently in 11th grade, "10th grade" is the highest educational level completed. Postsecondary education or training refers to any post-secondary education or training, other than an education pursued at a college or university. College refers to completing at least a semester of study at a college or university. Indicate the highest educational level completed by the youth during the reporting period. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E18_educational_level>*state response here***</E18_educational_level>**

Data Type

educationalLevelWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Less than 6th grade
- 6th grade
- 7th grade
- 8th grade
- 9th grade
- 10th grade
- 11th grade
- 12th grade
- Post secondary education or training
- College
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "under 6"
- "6"
- "7"
- "8"
- "9"
- "10"
- "11"
- "12"
- "post secondary"
- "college"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #4: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then elements 15

through 33 must not be blank. If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each blank data element 15 through 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 15 through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #11: If element 14 is blank in a youth's record, then elements 15 through 33 should be blank. If no, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 15 to 33 in such a youth's record.
- DQA #16: If any of the possible values for element 18 appear in more than 50% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 18.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have not reported educational level information (e.g., leaving element 18 blank) for youth in the served population, particularly for such youth who have exited foster care. This is a required data element for all youth in the served population.
- Some States have been defaulting "12th grade" for a youth in the served population who has earned a General Equivalency Diploma (GED). States are to report the highest educational level completed by a youth for element 18. Because a youth who has earned a GED may not have necessarily completed 12th grade, the State is to report the last grade such a youth completed for NYTD purposes.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.10, 2.46

NYTD ELEMENT #19: SPECIAL EDUCATION

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(19)

Definition

The term “special education,” means specifically designed instruction, at no cost to parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. Indicate whether the youth has received special education instruction during the reporting period with a “yes” or “no” as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E19_special_education >*state response here***</E19_special_education >**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- “yes”
- “no”
- “”

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #4: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then elements 15 through 33 must not be blank. If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each blank data element 15 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 15 through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #11: If element 14 is blank in a youth’s record, then elements 15 through 33 should be blank. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 15 to 33 in such a youth’s record.

- DQA #17: If either of the possible values “yes” or “no” for element 19 appear in 100% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 19.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have reported “yes” for element 19 for a youth in the served population who is eligible for special education services or who has previously received special education services but who has not received such services during the six-month report period. Element 19 is intended to only capture information about special education services provided to a youth during the six-month period that corresponds with the data file.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.12, 2.47

NYTD ELEMENT #20: INDEPENDENT LIVING NEEDS ASSESSMENT
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(20)**Definition**

An independent living needs assessment is a systematic procedure to identify a youth's basic skills, emotional and social capabilities, strengths, and needs to match the youth with appropriate independent living services. An independent living needs assessment may address knowledge of basic living skills, job readiness, money management abilities, decision-making skills, goal setting, task completion, and transitional living needs. Indicate whether the youth received an independent living needs assessment that was paid for or provided by the State agency during the reporting period with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E20_independent_living_needs_assess>state response
here</E20_independent_living_needs_assess>`

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #4: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then elements 15 through 33 must not be blank. If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each blank data element 15 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 15 through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #5: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then at least one of elements 20 through 33 must be “yes.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 20 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 20 through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #11: If element 14 is blank in a youth’s record, then elements 15 through 33 should be blank. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 15 to 33 in such a youth’s record.
- DQA #18: If either of the possible values “yes” or “no” appear in 100% of the total records in the served population for any of the independent living services categories (data elements 20 – 33) in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for each such independent living service category element 20 – 33.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.48

NYTD ELEMENT #21: ACADEMIC SUPPORT
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(21)**Definition**

Academic supports are services designed to help a youth complete high school or obtain a General Equivalency Degree (GED). Such services include the following: Academic counseling; preparation for a GED, including assistance in applying for or studying for a GED exam; tutoring; help with homework; study skills training; literacy training; and help accessing educational resources. Academic support does not include a youth's general attendance in high school. Indicate whether the youth received academic supports during the reporting period that were paid for or provided by the State agency with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E21_academic_support>*state response here***</E21_academic_support>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.13

NYTD ELEMENT #22: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(22)**Definition**

Post-secondary educational support are services designed to help a youth enter or complete a post-secondary education and include the following: Classes for test preparation, such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT); counseling about college; information about financial aid and scholarships; help completing college or loan applications; or tutoring while in college. Indicate whether the youth received post-secondary educational support during the reporting period that was paid for or provided by the State agency with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E22_post_secondary_educ_support>*state response here***</E22_post_secondary_educ_support>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.14

NYTD ELEMENT #23: CAREER PREPARATION

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(23)

Definition

Career preparation services focus on developing a youth's ability to find, apply for, and retain appropriate employment. Career preparation includes the following types of instruction and support services: Vocational and career assessment, including career exploration and planning, guidance in setting and assessing vocational and career interests and skills, and help in matching interests and abilities with vocational goals; job seeking and job placement support, including identifying potential employers, writing resumes, completing job applications, developing interview skills, job shadowing, receiving job referrals, using career resource libraries, understanding employee benefits coverage, and securing work permits; retention support, including job coaching; learning how to work with employers and other employees; understanding workplace values such as timeliness and appearance; and understanding authority and customer relationships. Indicate whether the youth received career preparation services during the reporting period that was paid for or provided by the State agency with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E23_career_preparation>*state response here***</E23_career_preparation>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #24: EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(24)**Definition**

Employment programs and vocational training are designed to build a youth's skills for a specific trade, vocation, or career through classes or on-site training. Employment programs include a youth's participation in an apprenticeship, internship, or summer employment program and do not include summer or after-school jobs secured by the youth alone. Vocational training includes a youth's participation in vocational or trade programs and the receipt of training in occupational classes for such skills as cosmetology, auto mechanics, building trades, nursing, computer science, and other current or emerging employment sectors. Indicate whether the youth attended an employment program or received vocational training during the reporting period that was paid for or provided by the State agency, with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E24_employment_programs>*state response here***</E24_employment_programs>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.15

NYTD ELEMENT #25: BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(25)

Definition

Budget and financial management assistance includes the following types of training and practice: Living within a budget; opening and using a checking and savings account; balancing a checkbook; developing consumer awareness and smart shopping skills; accessing information about credit, loans and taxes; and filling out tax forms. Indicate whether the youth received budget and financial management assistance during the reporting period that was paid for or provided by the State agency with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Subject Records

- Served population

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E25_budget_financial_mgmt>state response here</E25_budget_financial_mgmt>`

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.16, 2.17, 2.18

NYTD ELEMENT #26: HOUSING EDUCATION AND HOME MANAGEMENT TRAINING

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(26)

Definition

Housing education includes assistance or training in locating and maintaining housing, including filling out a rental application and acquiring a lease, handling security deposits and utilities, understanding practices for keeping a healthy and safe home, understanding tenant's rights and responsibilities, and handling landlord complaints. Home management includes instruction in food preparation, laundry, housekeeping, living cooperatively, meal planning, grocery shopping and basic maintenance and repairs. Indicate whether the youth received housing education or home management training during the reporting period that was paid for or provided by the State agency with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Subject Records

- Served population

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E26_housing_educ_home_mgmt_training>`*state response*
here`</E26_housing_educ_home_mgmt_training>`

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #27: HEALTH EDUCATION AND RISK PREVENTION

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(27)

Definition

Health education and risk prevention includes providing information about: Hygiene, nutrition, fitness and exercise, and first aid; medical and dental care benefits, health care resources and insurance, prenatal care and maintaining personal medical records; sex education, abstinence education, and HIV prevention, including education and information about sexual development and sexuality, pregnancy prevention and family planning, and sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS; substance abuse prevention and intervention, including education and information about the effects and consequences of substance use (alcohol, drugs, tobacco) and substance avoidance and intervention. Health education and risk prevention does not include the youth's actual receipt of direct medical care or substance abuse treatment. Indicate whether the youth received these services during the reporting period that were paid for or provided by the State agency with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E27_health_educ_risk_prevention>state response
here</E27_health_educ_risk_prevention>`

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #28: FAMILY SUPPORT AND HEALTHY MARRIAGE EDUCATION

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(28)

Definition

Family support and healthy marriage education. Such services include education and information about safe and stable families, healthy marriages, spousal communication, parenting, responsible fatherhood, childcare skills, teen parenting, and domestic and family violence prevention. Indicate whether the youth received these services that were paid for or provided by the State Agency during the reporting period with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E28_family_support_healthy_marriage_educ>state response here</E28_family_support_healthy_marriage_educ>`

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #29: MENTORING
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(29)**Definition**

Mentoring means that the youth has been matched with a screened and trained adult for a one-on-one relationship that involves the two meeting on a regular basis. Mentoring can be short-term, but it may also support the development of a long-term relationship. While youth often are connected to adult role models through school, work, or family, this service category only includes a mentor relationship that has been facilitated, paid for or provided by the State agency or its staff. Indicate whether the youth received mentoring services that were paid for or provided by the State agency during the reporting period with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E29_mentoring>*state response here***</E29_mentoring>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.19

NYTD ELEMENT #30: SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(30)**Definition**

Supervised independent living means that the youth is living independently under a supervised arrangement that is paid for or provided by the State agency. A youth in supervised independent living is not supervised 24 hours a day by an adult and often is provided with increased responsibilities, such as paying bills, assuming leases, and working with a landlord, while under the supervision of an adult. Indicate whether the youth was living in a supervised independent living setting that was paid or provided by the State agency during the reporting period with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E30_supervised_independent_living>state response
here</E30_supervised_independent_living>`

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.20

NYTD ELEMENT #31: ROOM AND BOARD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(31)

Definition

Room and board financial assistance is a payment that is paid for or provided by the State agency for room and board, including rent deposits, utilities, and other household start-up expenses. Indicate whether the youth received financial assistance for room and board that was paid for or provided by during the reporting period with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E31_room_board_financial_assist>state response
here</E31_room_board_financial_assist>`

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #32: EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(32)

Definition

Education financial assistance is a payment that is paid for or provided by the State agency for education or training, including allowances to purchase textbooks, uniforms, computers, and other educational supplies; tuition assistance; scholarships; payment for educational preparation and support services (i.e., tutoring), and payment for GED and other educational tests. This financial assistance also includes vouchers for tuition or vocational education or tuition waiver programs paid for or provided by the State agency. Indicate whether the youth received education financial assistance during the reporting period that was paid for or provided by the State agency with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E32_educ_financial_assist>*state response here***</E32_educ_financial_assist>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

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Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #33: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(33)**Definition**

Other financial assistance includes any other payments made or provided by the State agency to help the youth live independently. Indicate whether the youth received any other financial assistance that was paid for or provided by the State agency during the reporting period with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth is not in the served population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Served population

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E33_other_financial_assist>*state response here***</E33_other_financial_assist>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #4: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then elements 15 through 33 must not be blank. If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each blank data element 15 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 15 through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #5: If element 14 (foster care status – services) is not blank, then at least one of elements 20 through 33 must be "yes." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 20 to 33. This check is performed if and only if elements 2 (report date) and 14 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 20

through 33 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #11: If element 14 is blank in a youth's record, then elements 15 through 33 should be blank. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 15 to 33 in such a youth's record.
- DQA #18: If either of the possible values "yes" or "no" appear in 100% of the total records in the served population for any of the independent living services categories (data elements 20 – 33) in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for each such independent living service category element 20 – 33.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.1, 2.5, 2.21, 2.36

NYTD ELEMENT #34: OUTCOMES REPORTING STATUS
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(34)**Definition**

The outcomes reporting status represents the youth's participation, or lack thereof, in the outcomes data collection. If the State agency collects and reports information on data elements 37 through 58 for a youth in the baseline or follow-up sample or population, indicate that the youth participated. If a youth is in the baseline or follow-up sample or population, but the State agency is unable to collect the information, indicate the reason and leave data elements 37 through 58 blank. If a 19-year old youth in the follow-up population is not in the sample, indicate that the youth is not in the sample. If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank. The valid response options for this element are described below.

- Youth participated: The youth participated in the outcome survey, either fully or partially.
- Youth declined: The State agency located the youth successfully and invited the youth's participation, but the youth declined to participate in the data collection.
- Parent declined: The State agency invited the youth's participation, but the youth's parent/guardian declined to grant permission. This response may be used only when the youth has not reached the age of majority in the State and State law or policy requires a parent/guardian's permission for the youth to participate in information collection activities.
- Incapacitated: The youth has a permanent or temporary mental or physical condition that prevents him or her from participating in the outcomes data collection.
- Incarcerated: The youth is unable to participate in the outcomes data collection because of his or her incarceration.
- Runaway/missing: A youth in foster care is known to have run away or be missing from his or her foster care placement.
- Unable to locate/invite: The State agency could not locate a youth who is not in foster care or otherwise invite such a youth's participation.
- Death: The youth died prior to his participation in the outcomes data collection.
- Not in sample: The 19-year-old youth participated in the outcomes data collection as a part of the baseline population at age 17, but the youth is not in the State's follow-up sample. This response option applies only when the outcomes data collection is required on the follow-up population of 19-year-old youth.
- Blank: Allowed as a value only if the youth is not in the baseline population or if his/her birthday falls within 45 days of the end of the report period and was not surveyed before the end of that report period.

Subject Records

- Baseline population – except if the youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the report period and the youth was not surveyed before the end of the report period in which she/he turned age 17
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21) – except if the youth is not in State's sample

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E34_outcomes_reporting_status>*state response*
*here***</E34_outcomes_reporting_status>**

Data Type

outcomesReportingStatusWithNoteType

Values*NYTD Response Options:*

- Youth participated
- Youth declined
- Parent declined
- Youth incapacitated
- Incarcerated
- Runaway/missing
- Unable to locate/invite
- Death
- Not in sample
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "participated"
- "declined"
- "parent declined"
- "incapacitated"
- "incarcerated"
- "runaway missing"
- "unable to locate"
- "death"
- "not in sample"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #6: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status) must not be "not in sample." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 34. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 34 and 36 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.
- ICC #20: If a youth is a part of the State's sample at age 19 or 21, then element 34 (outcomes reporting status) cannot be "not in sample." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 34. This check is performed if and only if all of element 34 is not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #19: If the value "unable to locate/invite" for element 34 appears in more than 25% of the records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 34.
- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection) and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.

- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) , but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is “no” (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States failed to report element 34 (e.g., leaving element 34 blank) when a baseline population youth did not participate in the NYTD survey. Element 34 is required to be reported for youth in the baseline population in the report period file in which his/her baseline outcomes data is required to be reported.
- Some States reported a value other than “participated” (e.g., “incarcerated”) for a youth who participated in the survey. If a State reports at least one valid response other than “declined” or “not applicable” for a baseline population youth, then element 34 is to be reported as “participated.”

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.22, 2.50, 2.51, 2.52, 2.55, 2.56, 3.24

NYTD ELEMENT #35: DATE OF OUTCOME DATA COLLECTION

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(35)

Definition

The date of outcome data collection is the latest date that the agency collected data from a youth for the elements described in paragraphs (g)(38) through (g)(58) of this section. Indicate the month, day and year of the outcomes data collection. If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population – except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) – except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) – except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E35_date_outcome_data_collection>*state response here***</E35_date_outcome_data_collection>**

Data Type

recentDateBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Month, Day, Year
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- [yyyy-mm-dd] consistent with the base XML schema date type where:
 - yyyy is the year
 - mm is the month (0 – 12)
 - dd is the day (01 – 31)
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #7: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," (youth participated), then the date specified for element 35 (date of outcome data collection) must be no later than 45 days after the youth's birthday which occurred during the reporting period (as determined by element 4). If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data

element 35. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 34, 35, and 36 are not previously marked as erroneous for the record.

- ICC #8: If a youth is reported in the follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample) and element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then the date specified for element 35 (date of outcome data collection) must occur within the six-month reporting period ending with the month and year indicated in element 2 (report date). If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 35. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34 and 35 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #22: If any single value reported for element 35 appears in more than 75% of the total records in a file, then a data quality advisory is generated for element 35.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have reported the date a survey was entered into its child welfare information system for element 35 instead of the last date on which the youth provided responses to the survey, as required by the regulation.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.23, 2.39, 2.53, 2.55, 2.56

NYTD ELEMENT #36: FOSTER CARE STATUS – OUTCOMES
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(36)

Definition

The youth is in foster care if the youth is under the placement and care responsibility of the State Title IV–B/IV–E agency in accordance with the definition of foster care in 45 CFR 1355.20. Indicate whether the youth is in foster care on the date of outcomes data collection with a “yes” or “no” as appropriate. If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population – except if youth’s birthday occurred within 45 days of the report period and the youth was not surveyed before the end of that report period
- Follow-up population (age 19)
- Follow-up population (age 21) – except if youth is not in the State’s sample

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E36_foster_care_status_outcomes>*state response here***</E36_foster_care_status_outcomes>**

Data Type

noYesBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- “yes”
- “no”
- “”

Compliance Standard

100% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #2: If element 4 (date of birth) specified in a youth record is not consistent with belonging to the baseline population, then element 14 (foster care status – services) and element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) cannot both be blank. If they are both blank, an internally inconsistent error is marked for both data element 14 and data element 36. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 14, and 36 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

- ICC #3: If element 4 (date of birth) is consistent with belonging to the baseline population, and element 4 corresponds to a birthday more than 45 days before the end of the reporting period as determined by element 2 (report date), then element 14 (foster care status – services) and element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) cannot both be blank. If they are both blank, an internally inconsistent error is marked for both data element 14 and date element 36. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 14 and 36 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #20: If the youth's age (based on elements 2 and 4) is less than 17-years-old, greater than 21-years-old, or otherwise inconsistent with membership in the baseline or follow-up populations for a reporting period, then element 36 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 36 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.54, 2.55, 2.56

NYTD ELEMENT #37: CURRENT FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(37)

Definition

A youth is employed full-time if employed at least 35 hours per week, in one or multiple jobs, as of the date of the outcome data collection. Indicate whether the youth is employed fulltime, with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth does not answer this question indicate "declined."

If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E37_current_full_time_employment>*state response here***</E37_current_full_time_employment>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19

follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

3.14

NYTD ELEMENT #38: CURRENT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(38)

Definition

A youth is employed part-time if employed between one and 34 hours per week, in one or multiple jobs, as of the date of the outcome data collection. Indicate whether the youth is employed part-time, with a "yes" or "no." If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E38_current_part_time_employment>state response
here</E38_current_part_time_employment>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC # 11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or in the follow-up population, and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated0 then at least one of elements 37 through 58

(excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than “declined” or “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is “no” (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

3.14

NYTD ELEMENT #39: EMPLOYMENT RELATED SKILLS

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(39)

Definition

A youth has obtained employment-related skills if the youth completed an apprenticeship, internship, or other on-the-job training, either paid or unpaid, in the past year. The experience must help the youth acquire employment related skills, such as specific trade skills such as carpentry or auto mechanics, or office skills such as word processing or use of office equipment.

Indicate whether the youth has obtained employment-related skills, with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E39_employment_related_skills>state response
here</E39_employment_related_skills>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #40: SOCIAL SECURITY

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(40)

Definition

A youth is receiving some of Social Security if receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), either directly or as a dependent beneficiary as of the date of the outcome data collection. SSI payments are made to eligible low-income persons with disabilities. SSDI payments are made to persons with a certain amount of work history who become disabled. A youth may receive SSDI payments through a parent. Indicate whether the youth is receiving Social Security payments, with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E40_social_security>state response here</E40_social_security>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or

reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.40

NYTD ELEMENT #41: EDUCATIONAL AID
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(41)**Definition**

A youth is receiving educational aid if using a scholarship, voucher (including education or training vouchers pursuant to section 477(h)(2) of the Social Security Act), grant, stipend, student loan, or other type of educational financial aid to cover educational expenses as of the date of the outcome data collection. Scholarships, grants, and stipends are funds awarded for spending on expenses related to gaining an education. "Student loan" means a government- guaranteed, low-interest loan for students in post-secondary education. Indicate whether the youth is receiving educational aid with a "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E41_educ_aid>state response here</E41_educ_aid>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #42: PUBLIC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(42)

Definition

A youth is receiving public financial assistance if receiving ongoing cash welfare payments from the government to cover some of his or her basic needs, as of the date of the outcome data collection. Public financial assistance does not include government payments or subsidies for specific purposes, such as unemployment insurance, child care subsidies, education assistance, food stamps or housing assistance. Indicate whether the youth is receiving public financial assistance, with "yes" or "no" as appropriate, and "not applicable" for a youth still in foster care. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E42_public_financial_assist>*state response here***</E42_public_financial_assist>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedNABlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- "not applicable"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #9: If a youth is reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 36 (foster care status—outcomes) is "yes" (corresponding to a youth in foster care) and element 34 is

“participated” (youth participated) then elements 42 (public financial assistance), 43 (public food assistance), and 44 (public housing assistance) must be “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each inconsistent data element 42 to 44. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 42 through 44 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #10: If a youth is reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 36 (foster care status—outcomes) is “no” (corresponding to a youth not in foster care) and element 34 is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 42 (public financial assistance), 43 (public food assistance), and 44 (public housing assistance) cannot be “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each inconsistent data element 42 to 44. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 42 through 44 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is “yes” (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than “declined” or “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is “no” (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have collected and reported a survey response for element 42 for a youth who is still in foster care. Element 42 is only applicable to youth in the follow-up population who are *no longer in foster care*. “Not applicable” is the correct response for element 42 for youth who are still in foster care.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.41, 2.42, 3.22

NYTD ELEMENT #43: PUBLIC FOOD ASSISTANCE

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(43)

Definition

A youth is receiving public food assistance if receiving food stamps in any (i.e. government-sponsored checks, coupons or debit cards) to buy eligible food at authorized stores as of the date of the outcome data collection. This definition includes receiving public food assistance through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. Indicate whether the youth is receiving some of public food assistance with "yes" or "no," and "not applicable" for a youth still in foster care. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E43_public_food_assist>*state response here***</E43_public_food_assist>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedNABlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- "not applicable"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #9: If a youth is reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 36 (foster care status—outcomes) is "yes" (corresponding to a youth in foster care) and element 34 is "participated" (youth participated) then elements 42 (public financial assistance), 43

(public food assistance), and 44 (public housing assistance) must be “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each inconsistent data element 42 to 44. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 42 through 44 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #10: If a youth is reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 36 (foster care status—outcomes) is “no” (corresponding to a youth not in foster care) and element 34 is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 42 (public financial assistance), 43 (public food assistance), and 44 (public housing assistance) cannot be “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each inconsistent data element 42 to 44. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 42 through 44 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is “yes” (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than “declined” or “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and for each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is “no” (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have collected and reported a survey response for element 43 for a youth who is still in foster care. Element 43 is only applicable to youth in the follow-up population who are *no longer in foster care*. “Not applicable” is the correct response for element 43 for youth who are still in foster care.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.41, 2.42, 3.22

NYTD ELEMENT #44: PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(44)

Definition

A youth is receiving public housing assistance if the youth is living in government-funded public housing, or receiving a government-funded housing voucher to pay for part of his/her housing costs as of the date of the outcome data collection. CFCIP room and board payments are not included in this definition. Indicate whether the youth is receiving housing assistance with "yes" or "no" and "not applicable" for a youth still in foster care. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E44_public_housing_assist>*state response here***</E44_public_housing_assist>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedNABlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "not applicable"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

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Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #9: If a youth is reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 36 (foster care status—outcomes) is "yes" (corresponding to a youth in foster care) and element 34 is "participated" (youth participated) then elements 42 (public financial assistance), 43

(public food assistance), and 44 (public housing assistance) must be “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each inconsistent data element 42 to 44. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 42 through 44 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #10: If a youth is reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 36 (foster care status—outcomes) is “no” (corresponding to a youth not in foster care) and element 34 is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 42 (public financial assistance), 43 (public food assistance), and 44 (public housing assistance) cannot be “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for each inconsistent data element 42 to 44. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 42 through 44 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is “yes” (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than “declined” or “not applicable.” If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is “no” (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have collected and reported a survey response for element 44 for a youth who is still in foster care. Element 44 is only applicable to youth in the follow-up population who are *no longer in foster care*. “Not applicable” is the correct response for element 44 for youth who are still in foster care.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.41, 2.42, 3.22

NYTD ELEMENT #45: OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(45)**Definition**

A youth has other financial support if receiving any other periodic and/or significant financial resources or support from another source not listed in the elements described in paragraphs (g)(41) through (g)(44) of this section as of the date of outcome data collection. Such support can include payments from a spouse or family member (biological, foster or adoptive), child support that the youth receives for him or herself, or funds from a legal settlement. This definition does not include occasional gifts, such as birthday or graduation checks or small donations of food or personal incidentals, child care subsidies, child support for a youth's child, or other financial support which does not benefit the youth directly in supporting himself or herself. Indicate whether the youth is receiving any other financial support with a "yes" or "no." If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E45_other_financial_support>*state response*
*here***</E45_other_financial_support>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #46: HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION RECEIVED
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(46)**Definition**

A youth has received an education certificate if the youth has a high school diploma or general equivalency degree (GED), vocational certificate, vocational license, associate's degree (e.g., A.A.), bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A. or B.S.), or a higher degree as of the date of the outcome data collection. Indicate the highest degree that the youth has received. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank. The valid responses options for this data element are described below:

- High school diploma/GED
- A vocational certificate is a document stating that a person has received education or training that qualifies him for a particular job, e.g. auto mechanics or cosmetology.
- A vocational license is a document that indicates that the State or Local government recognizes an individual as a qualified professional in a particular trade or business.
- An associate's degree is generally a two-year degree from a community college.
- A bachelor's degree is a four-year degree from a college or university.
- A higher degree indicates a graduate degree, such as a Master's Degree or a Jurist Doctor (J.D.).
- "None of the above" means that the youth has not received any of the above educational certifications.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

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<E46_highest_educ_certification>state response  
here</E46_highest_educ_certification>
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Data Type

highestEducationCertificationWithNoteType

Values*NYTD Response Options:*

- High school diploma/GED
- Vocational certificate
- Vocational license
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Higher degree
- None of the above
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "high school ged"
- "vocational certificate"
- "vocational license"
- "associate"
- "bachelor"
- "higher degree"
- "none of the above"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.10, 2.11

NYTD ELEMENT #47: CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(47)

Definition

Indicate whether the youth is enrolled in and attending high school, GED classes, or postsecondary vocational training or college, as of the date of the outcome data collection. A youth is still considered enrolled in and attending school if the youth would otherwise be enrolled in and attending a school that is currently out of session. Indicate whether the youth is currently enrolled and attending school with a "yes" or "no." If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the surveyFollow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E47_current_enrollment_attendance>state response
here</E47_current_enrollment_attendance>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or

reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

None.

NYTD ELEMENT #48: CONNECTION TO ADULT

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(48)

Definition

A youth has a connection to an adult if, as of the date of the outcome data collection, the youth knows an adult who he or she can go to for advice or guidance when there is a decision to make or a problem solve, or for companionship when celebrating personal achievements. The adult must be easily accessible to the youth, either by telephone or in person. This can include, but is not limited to adult relatives, parents or foster parents. The definition excludes spouses, partners, boyfriends or girlfriends and current caseworkers. Indicate whether the youth has such a connection with an adult with a "yes" or "no." If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E48_connection_adult>*state response here***</E48_connection_adult>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.26

NYTD ELEMENT #49: HOMELESSNESS
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(49)**Definition**

A youth is considered to have experienced homelessness if the youth had no regular or adequate place to live. This definition includes situations where the youth is living in a car or on the street, or staying in a homeless or other temporary shelter. For a 17-year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth's lifetime experiences. For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the follow-up population, the data element relates to the youth's experience in the past two years. Indicate if the youth has been homeless with a "yes" or "no." If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E49_homelessness>*state response here***</E49_homelessness>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or

reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.28, 3.21

NYTD ELEMENT #50: SUBSTANCE ABUSE REFERRAL

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(50)

Definition

A youth has received a substance abuse referral if the youth was referred for an alcohol or drug abuse assessment or counseling. For a 17-year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth's lifetime experience. For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the follow-up population, the data element relates to the youth's experience in the past two years. This definition includes either a self-referral or referral by a social worker, school staff, physician, mental health worker, foster parent, or other adult. Alcohol or drug abuse assessment is a process designed to determine if someone has a problem with alcohol or drug use. Indicate whether the youth had a substance abuse referral with a "yes" or "no." If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E50_substance_abuse_referral>state response
here</E50_substance_abuse_referral>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

3.21

NYTD ELEMENT #51: INCARCERATION
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(51)**Definition**

A youth is considered to have been incarcerated if the youth was confined in a jail, prison, correctional facility, or juvenile or community detention facility in connection with allegedly committing a crime (misdemeanor or felony). For a 17-year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth's lifetime experience. For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the follow-up population, the data element relates to the youth's experience in the past two years. Indicate whether the youth was incarcerated with a "yes" or "no". If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E51_incarceration>*state response here***</E51_incarceration>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or

reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.2, 2.29, 3.21

NYTD ELEMENT #52: CHILDREN

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(52)

Definition

A youth is considered to have a child if the youth has given birth herself, or the youth has fathered any children who were born. For a 17- year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth's lifetime experience. For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the follow-up population, the data element refers to children born to the youth in the past two years only. This refers to biological parenthood. Indicate whether the youth had a child with a "yes" or "no." If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E52_children>state response here</E52_children>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19

follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

- ICC #12: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 52 (children) is "no" (youth reports having not given birth to or not fathered any children that were born) or "declined," then element 53 (marriage at child's birth) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for both of data elements 52 and 53. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 52 and 53 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.
- ICC #13: If a youth is reported in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 52 (children) is "yes" (youth reports having given birth to or fathered children that were born), then element 53 (marriage at child's birth) cannot be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for both of data elements 52 and 53. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 52 and 53 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then element 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have reported “no” for both elements 52 and 53. As explained in ICC #12, if a youth responds “no” to the survey question that corresponds to element 52, then element 53 should be reported as “not applicable.”

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.31, 2.57, 3.21, 3.25

NYTD ELEMENT #53: MARRIAGE AT CHILD'S BIRTH
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(53)

Definition

A youth is married at the time of the child's birth if he or she was united in matrimony according to the laws of the State to the child's other parent. Indicate whether the youth was married to the child's other parent at the time of the birth of any child reported in the element described in paragraph (g)(52) of this section with a "yes" or "no". If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the answer to the element described in paragraph (g)(52) of this section is "no," indicate "not applicable." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E53_marriage_at_childs_birth>state response
here</E53_marriage_at_childs_birth>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedNABlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "declined"
- "not applicable"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC # 12: If a youth is in the baseline population or a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then if element 52 (children) is "no" (youth reports having not given birth to or not fathered any children that were born) or "declined," then element 53 (marriage at child's birth) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for both of data elements 52 and 53. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 34, 36, 52 and 53 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.
- ICC #13: If a youth is reported in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 52 (children) is "yes" (youth reports having given birth to or fathered children that were born), then element 53 (marriage at child's birth) cannot be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for both of data elements 52 and 53. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 52 and 53 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have reported “no” for both elements 52 and 53. As explained in ICC #12, if a youth responds “no” to the survey question that corresponds to element 52, then element 53 should be reported as “not applicable.”

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.32, 2.57, 3.25

NYTD ELEMENT #54: MEDICAID

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(54)

Definition

A youth is receiving Medicaid if the youth is participating in a Medicaid-funded State program, which is a medical assistance program supported by the Federal and State government under title XIX of the Social Security Act as of the date of outcomes data collection. Indicate whether the youth receives Medicaid with "yes," "no," or "do not know" as appropriate. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E54_medicaid>*state response here***</E54_medicaid>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedDKBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "do not know"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19

follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

3.7, 3.8

NYTD ELEMENT #55: OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

45 CFR 1356.83(g)(55)

Definition

A youth has other health insurance if the youth has a third party pay (other than Medicaid) for all or part of the costs of medical care, mental health care, and/or prescription drugs, as of the date of the outcome data collection. This definition includes group coverage offered by employers, schools or associations, an individual health plan, self-employed plans, or inclusion in a parent's insurance plan. This also could include access to free health care through a college, Indian Health Service or other source. Medical or drug discount cards or plans are not insurance. Indicate "yes", "no," or "do not know," as appropriate, or "not applicable" for youth participating solely in Medicaid. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E55_other_health_insurance>*state response here***</E55_other_health_insurance>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedDKBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "do not know"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #14: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 55 (other health insurance coverage) is a valid response other than "yes" (e.g., "no", "don't know" or "declined"), then elements 56 (health insurance type: medical), 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 55 and each inconsistent data element 56 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, and 55 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 56 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #15: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 55 (other health insurance coverage) is "yes," then element 56 (health insurance type: medical) cannot be "not applicable." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 55 and element 56. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the

youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.43, 2.58, 2.59, 3.25

NYTD ELEMENT #56: HEALTH INSURANCE TYPE: MEDICAL
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(56)

Definition

If the youth has indicated that he or she has health insurance coverage in the element described in paragraph (g)(55) of this section, indicate whether the youth has insurance that pays for all or part of medical health care services. Indicate "yes", "no", or "do not know" as appropriate, or "not applicable" if the youth did not indicate any health insurance coverage. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

`<E56_health_insurance_type_medical>state response here</E56_health_insurance_type_medical>`

Data Type

noYesDeclinedNADKBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "don't know"
- "not applicable"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #14: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 55 (other health insurance coverage) is a valid response other than "yes" (e.g., "no", "don't know" or "declined"), then elements 56 (health insurance type: medical), 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 55 and each inconsistent data element 56 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, and 55 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 56 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #15: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 55 (other health insurance coverage) is "yes," then element 56 (health insurance type: medical) cannot be "not applicable." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 55 and element 56. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record.
- ICC #16: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 56 (health insurance type: medical) is a valid response other than "yes" (e.g., "no", "don't know" or "declined"), then elements 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 56 and each inconsistent data element 57 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 57 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #17: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19

follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated,” then if element 56 (health insurance type: medical) is “yes,” then elements 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) cannot be “not applicable.” If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 56 and each inconsistent data element 57 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 57 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is “no” (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is “participated” (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth’s record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

None.

Relevant NYTD Q&A’s

2.44, 2.45, 2.58, 2.59, 3.25

NYTD ELEMENT #57: HEALTH INSURANCE TYPE: MENTAL HEALTH
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(57)

Definition

If the youth has indicated that he or she has medical health insurance coverage as described in paragraph (g)(56) of this section, indicate whether the youth has insurance that pays for all or part of the costs for mental health care services, such as counseling or therapy. Indicate "yes", "no", or "do not know" as appropriate, or "not applicable" if the youth did not indicate having medical health insurance coverage. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E57_health_insurance_type_mental_health>*state response*
*here***</E57_health_insurance_type_mental_health>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedNADKBlankWithNoteType

Values

NYTD Response Options:

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "don't know"
- "not applicable"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #14: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 55 (other health insurance coverage) is a valid response other than "yes" (e.g., "no", "don't know" or "declined"), then elements 56 (health insurance type: medical), 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 55 and each inconsistent data element 56 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, and 55 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 56 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #16: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 56 (health insurance type: medical) is a valid response other than "yes" (e.g., "no", "don't know" or "declined"), then elements 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 56 and each inconsistent data element 57 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 57 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #17: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 56 (health insurance type: medical) is "yes," then elements 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) cannot be "not applicable." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 56 and each inconsistent data element 57 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 57 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and for each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have collected and reported survey responses to elements 57 and 58 when element 56 is a value other than "yes". If a youth reports that he/she does not have medical insurance coverage, does not know if she/he has such coverage or declines to provide a response, then elements 57 and 58 are not applicable.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.45, 2.58, 2.59, 3.25

NYTD ELEMENT #58: HEALTH INSURANCE TYPE: PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
45 CFR 1356.83(g)(58)**Definition**

If the youth has indicated that he or she has medical health insurance coverage as described in paragraph (g)(56) of this section, indicate whether the youth has insurance coverage that pays for part or all of the costs of some prescription drugs. Indicate "yes", "no", or "do not know" as appropriate, or "not applicable" if the youth did not indicate having medical health insurance coverage. If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined." If the youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population this element must be left blank.

Subject Records

- Baseline population - except if 1) youth was not in foster care on date of outcomes data collection (element 35); 2) youth's birthday occurred within 45 days of the end of a report period and the youth was not surveyed prior to the end of that report period; or 3) if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 19) - except if youth did not participate in the survey
- Follow-up population (age 21) - except if youth did not participate in the survey

Corresponding AFCARS Element (if applicable)

None.

Format: XML Element Schema

<E58_health_insurance_type_prescription_drugs>*state response here***</E58_health_insurance_type_prescription_drugs>**

Data Type

noYesDeclinedNADKBlankWithNoteType

Values*NYTD Response Options:*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Declined
- Blank

NYTD XML Values:

- "yes"
- "no"
- "don't know"
- "not applicable"
- "declined"
- ""

Compliance Standard

90% of subject records in a data file must be error-free.

Internal Consistency Checks (ICCs)

- ICC #11: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and element 36 is "yes" (youth in foster care at the date of outcome data collection) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value of element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated) then at least one of elements 37 through 58 (excluding elements 42-44 for baseline youth survey participants) must be other than "declined" or "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for all data elements 37 to 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, and 34 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 37 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #14: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 55 (other health insurance coverage) is a valid response other than "yes" (e.g., "no", "don't know" or "declined"), then elements 56 (health insurance type: medical), 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 55 and each inconsistent data element 56 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, and 55 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 56 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #16: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36), or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 56 (health insurance type: medical) is a valid response other than "yes" (e.g., "no", "don't know" or "declined"), then elements 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) must be "not applicable." If not, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 56 and each inconsistent data element 57 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 57 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.
- ICC #17: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) or reported in a follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) and is in the age 19 follow-up population cohort (or sample) or age 21 follow-up population cohort (or sample), and the value for element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated," then if element 56 (health insurance type: medical) is "yes," then elements 57 (health insurance type: mental health) and 58 (health insurance type: prescription drugs) cannot be "not applicable." If so, an internally inconsistent error is marked for data element 56 and each inconsistent data element 57 through 58. This check is performed if and only if all of elements 2, 4, 36, 34, 55 and 56 are not previously marked as erroneous for a record. If any element 57 through 58 is previously marked as erroneous, no additional check shall be made for that element.

Data Quality Advisories (DQAs)

- DQA #21: If a youth is not in the baseline or follow-up population (based on elements 2, 4, and 36) then element 34 (outcomes reporting status), element 35 (date of outcomes collection), and elements 37 – 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for each non-blank element 34, 35, and/or 37 – 58 for such a youth.
- DQA #23: If the value of element 34 is other than "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in a youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

DQA #24: If a youth is in the baseline population (based on elements 2, 4, and 26), but the value of element 36 (foster care status – outcomes) is "no" (indicating that the youth was no longer in foster care at the date of outcome data collection), and (even if) element 34 (outcomes reporting status) is "participated" (youth participated), then elements 37 through 58 should be blank in the youth's record. If not, a data quality advisory is generated for element 34 and each non-blank element 37 to 58 for such a youth.

Common Mistakes in Data Collection/Reporting

- Some States have collected and reported survey responses to elements 57 and 58 when element 56 is a value other than "yes". If a youth reports that he/she does not have medical insurance coverage, does not know if she/he has such coverage or declines to provide a response, then elements 57 and 58 are not applicable.

Relevant NYTD Q&A's

2.45, 2.58, 2.59, 3.25