

NYTD Cheat Sheet

What is NYTD?

- NYTD, the National Youth in Transition Database, is a federally mandated project meant to ensure transition age youth in the foster care system are getting the services they need
- There are two parts to this project. The first is a survey that the youth takes directly. The second is data that must be entered into Connections for every youth (including things like tribal affiliation, race, educational level)

Who should take the survey?

- Youth who are turning 19 between October 2024 and September 2025
- Youth must have taken the survey when they were 17

How can the survey be taken?

- By phone with an interviewer at (716) 346-9929
- Online at <http://NYTD.org>
- On paper, copies available online at <http://NYTD.org> or by contacting Mandi Breen or your agency liaison

Why should a youth participate?

- It's a chance to improve services for transition age youth
- Every eligible youth gets a \$50 gift card for completing the survey at 19

| Age group | When do the surveys run? | Who is eligible? | When can they take the survey? |
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| 17 year old | Oct 2025—Sep 2026 (Cohort 6) | Every youth who turns 17 while in foster care during a baseline year. | Starting on the 17 th birthday, the youth has 45 days to take the survey. |
| 19 year old | Oct 2024—Sep 2025 (Cohort 5) | Youth who took the survey when they were 17. The youth may be 18 or 19 when surveyed for this wave. The youth is eligible whether in care or discharged. | This wave is separated into two participation periods, each 6 months long. Period A is from October 1 to March 31, and Period B is from April 1 to September 31. The youth may participate at any time during the 6 month period his/her birthday falls into. |
| 21 year old | Oct 2026—Sep 2027 (Cohort 5) | Youth who took the survey when they were 17. The youth may be 20 or 21 when surveyed for this wave. The youth is eligible whether in care or discharged. | This wave is separated into two participation periods, each 6 months long. Period A is from October 1 to March 31, and Period B is from April 1 to September 31. The youth may participate at any time during the 6 month period his/her birthday falls into. |

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