



# Research In Progress

## Questionnaire Design for NHTSA National Survey on Youth

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Youth of driver age are over-represented in traffic crashes and fatalities. Strategies to reduce the youth crash injury problem require up-to-date information on youth behaviors and attitudes relating to a host of traffic safety areas. The Office of Behavioral Safety Research intends to conduct a periodic survey that questions youth about their driver and passenger behavior while also collecting attitudinal and awareness information regarding such topics as drinking and driving, seat belt use, speeding, and license requirements. This requires completion of a number of Tasks including development of the data collection instrument, construction of the sampling frame, determination of methods to access the survey sample, and development of the venue for administering the survey. This InterAgency Agreement is confined to the development of the survey instrument. Its schedule is tied to the schedule of internal NHTSA decisions and actions concerning the method of administering the survey.

This Agreement is to develop and test an interview questionnaire focusing on youth traffic safety issues for persons ages 15 through 20. A secondary objective is for the Questionnaire Design Laboratory developing the questionnaire to recommend one or more modes for administration based on initial cognitive interviews conducted under the Agreement. That recommendation has been to have a self-administered instrument that youth access on the Web. Once the instrument is set up on a Web site, the Questionnaire Design Laboratory will conduct additional interviews in the laboratory in the intended survey mode.

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