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Charles Rothwell serves as Director of the National Center for Health Statistics. He began his career in federal government service in 1987 as the center's associate director for IT and information services. In 2003, he became the center's Director of Vital Statistics.

Rothwell spent 13 years in North Carolina's State Health Department, becoming the first director of the State Center for Health Statistics. He was responsible for health statistics, public health IT and statewide public health planning activities. He worked as an adjunct assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of North Carolina's School of Public Health and the university's Health Services Research Center. Over the years, he has been involved with health statistics and IT activities for the U.S. Agency for International Development, United Nations, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, National Science Foundation, and National Institute of Standards and Technology. He served as a legislative assistant for U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, working on health and education issues, and served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, reaching the rank of captain.

Rothwell received his bachelor's degree in physics from the Virginia Military Institute, a master's degree in operations research and systems analysis from the University of North Carolina, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland. Rothwell is a fellow of the American Statistical Association, and in February 2013, was selected as one of five Top Leaders in Federal Service by Federal News Radio.

