National Survey of Children's Health

A study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to better understand the health issues faced by children in the United States today.



The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information and is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you or your household. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the National Survey of Children's Health on the behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under Title 13, United States Code, Section 8(b), which allows the Census Bureau to conduct surveys on behalf of other agencies. Title 42 U.S.C. Section 701(a)(2) allows HHS to collect information for the purpose of understanding the health and well-being of children in the United States. Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential under 13 U.S.C. Section 9. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

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Participation in this survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to answer questions. However, your cooperation in obtaining this much needed information is extremely important in order to ensure complete and accurate results.





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Respond online today at: https://respond.census.gov/nsch

OR complete this form and mail it back as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us learn about the health and well-being of America's children.

If your household has children 0 - 17 years old, the questions on this form should be answered by an adult who is familiar with their health and health care. If your household does not have any children, please answer question the below AND return the questionnaire.

For help or questions about completing this form, please call 1-800-845-8241. The telephone call is free.

For Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) assistance, please call: 1-800-582-8330. The telephone call is free.

Para completar el cuestionario en español, llame al 1-800-845-8241. Para recibir ayuda con el Dispositivo Telefónico para Personas Sordas (TDD, por sus siglas en inglés), llame de forma gratuita al 1-800-582-8330.

		In Your Home
E		Are there any children 0-17 years old who usually live or stay at this address?
		□ Yes
		No – STOP HERE after marking "No" and return this survey to us in the enclosed envelope. It is important that we receive a response from every household selected for this study.
E	ŀ	How many children 0-17 years old usually live or stay at this address?
		Number of children living or staying at this address
		What is the primary language spoken in the household?
		English
		Spanish
		Other Language, specify:
4		Is this house, apartment, or mobile home
	1	Mark (X) ONE box.
		Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? <i>Include home equity loans</i> .
		Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
		Rented?
		Occupied without payment of rent?
Ę		Answer the remaining questions for each of the children 0-17 years old who usually live or stay at this address.
		Start with the YOUNGEST CHILD, who we will call "Child 1" and continue with the next youngest until you have answered the questions for all children who usually live or stay at this address.



CHILD 1 (Youngest)	7 Does this child CURRENTLY need or use medicine prescribed by a doctor, other than vitamins?
First name, initials, or nickname of the youngest child	Yes No
	If yes, is this child's need for prescription medicine because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
	Yes No
2 How old is this child? If the child is less than one month old, round age in months to 1.	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
	Yes No
Years OR Months	8 Does this child need or use more medical care, mental health, or educational services than is usual for most children of the same age?
3 What is this child's sex?	Yes No
Male Female	→ If yes, is this child's need for medical care, mental
NOTE: Answer BOTH question ④ about Hispanic origin and question ⑤ about race.	health, or educational services because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.	Yes
4 Is this child of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	Yes 🗆 No
Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano	9 Is this child limited or prevented in any way in their
Yes, Puerto Rican	ability to do the things most children of the same age
☐ Yes, Cuban	Yes 🗆 No
☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	If yes, is this child's limitation in abilities because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
5 What is this child's race? Mark (X) one or more boxes.	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
Black or Vietnamese	Yes No
	Does this child need or get special therapy, such as physical, occupational, or speech therapy?
Alaska Native	Yes No
Asian Indian	➡ If yes, is this because of ANY medical, behavioral,
Chinese Chamorro	or other health condition?
Filipino Samoan	Yes No If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or
Japanese Other Pacific Islander	is expected to last 12 months or longer?
6 Answer the following question only if this child is at	11 Does this child have any kind of emotional,
least 4 years old. Otherwise, SKIP to question 7. How well does this child speak English?	developmental, or behavioral problem for which they need treatment or counseling?
Very well	Yes No
U Well	If yes, has their emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem lasted or is it expected to last 12 months or longer?
Not well	
□ Not at all	
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	CHILD 2 (Next youngest)	7 Does this child CURRENTLY need or use medicine prescribed by a doctor, other than vitamins?
1	First name, initials, or nickname of the next youngest	Yes No
	child	If yes, is this child's need for prescription medicine because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
		Yes No
2	How old is this child? If the child is less than one month old, round age in months to 1.	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
		Yes No
	Years OR Months	8 Does this child need or use more medical care, mental health, or educational services than is usual for most children of the same age?
3	What is this child's sex?	
6	 Male Female NOTE: Answer BOTH question 4 about Hispanic 	If yes, is this child's need for medical care, mental health, or educational services because of ANY
Y	origin and question 5 about race.	medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
	For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.	Yes No → If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or
4	Is this child of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	is expected to last 12 months or longer?
	No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	Yes 🗆 No
	 Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican 	9 Is this child limited or prevented in any way in their ability to do the things most children of the same age can do?
	Yes, Cuban	Yes No → If yes, is this child's limitation in abilities because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
	Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	
5	What is this child's race? Mark (X) one or more boxes.	\rightarrow If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or
	White Korean	is expected to last 12 months or longer?
	Black or Vietnamese	Yes No
	American Indian or Alaska Native	10 Does this child need or get special therapy, such as physical, occupational, or speech therapy?
	Native Hawaiian	Yes No
	Asian Indian Guamanian or	If yes, is this because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
	Chinese Chamorro	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Filipino Samoan	\mapsto If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or
	Japanese Other Pacific Islander	is expected to last 12 months or longer?
6	Answer the following question only if this child is at	1 Does this child have any kind of emotional,
Ī	least 4 years old. Otherwise, SKIP to question 7. How well does this child speak English?	developmental, or behavioral problem for which they need treatment or counseling?
	Very well	Yes No
	Well	If yes, has their emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem lasted or is it expected to last
	Not well	12 months or longer?
	□ Not at all	Yes No

	CHILD 3 (Next youngest)	7 Does this child CURRENTLY need or use medicine prescribed by a doctor, other than vitamins?
	First name, initials, or nickname of the next youngest	Yes No
	child	If yes, is this child's need for prescription medicine because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
		Yes No
2	How old is this child? If the child is less than one month old, round age in months to 1.	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
		🗌 Yes 🗌 No
3	What is this child's sex?	8 Does this child need or use more medical care, mental health, or educational services than is usual for most children of the same age?
E	 Male Female NOTE: Answer BOTH question 4 about Hispanic 	If yes, is this child's need for medical care, mental health, or educational services because of ANY medical, behavioral₁ or other health condition?
I	origin and question 5 about race. For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.	Yes No
4	Is this child of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
	No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	Ves No
	Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano	9 Is this child limited or prevented in any way in their ability to do the things most children of the same age
	Yes, Puerto Rican	can do?
	Yes, Cuban	Yes ONO
	Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	→ If yes, is this child's limitation in abilities because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
5	What is this child's race? Mark (X) one or more boxes.	Yes No
Ī	White Korean	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
	Black or Vietnamese	🗆 Yes 🔲 No
	African American American Indian or Alaska Native Other Asian	Does this child need or get special therapy, such as physical, occupational, or speech therapy?
	Native Hawaiian	Yes No
	Asian Indian Guamanian or	➡ If yes, is this because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
	Chinese Chamorro	□ Yes □ No
	Filipino Samoan	\mapsto If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or
	Japanese Other Pacific Islander	is expected to last 12 months or longer?
6	Answer the following question only if this child is at least 4 years old. Otherwise, SKIP to question 7.	11 Does this child have any kind of emotional,
	How well does this child speak English?	developmental, or behavioral problem for which they need treatment or counseling?
	Very well	Yes No
	□ Well	If yes, has their emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem lasted or is it expected to last to member on leavened.
	Not well	12 months or longer?
	Not at all	Yes No

	CHILD 4 (Next youngest)	7 Does this child CURRENTLY need or use medicine prescribed by a doctor, other than vitamins?
	First name, initials, or nickname of the next youngest	Yes No
Ĭ	child	If yes, is this child's need for prescription medicine because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
		Yes No
2	How old is this child? If the child is less than one month old, round age in months to 1.	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
		Yes No
3	What is this child's sex?	8 Does this child need or use more medical care, mental health, or educational services than is usual for most children of the same age?
Ÿ		Yes No
6	Male Female NOTE: Answer BOTH_question 4 about Hispanic	If yes, is this child's need for medical care, mental health, or educational services because of ANY medical, behavioral₁ or other health condition?
T	origin and question 5 about race. For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.	Yes No
		→ If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or
4	Is this child of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	is expected to last 12 months or longer?
	No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	Yes 🗆 No
	Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano	9 Is this child limited or prevented in any way in their ability to do the things most children of the same age
	Yes, Puerto Rican	can do?
	☐ Yes, Cuban	Yes No
	Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
5	What is this child's race? Mark (X) one or more boxes.	Yes No
	White Korean	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
	Black or Vietnamese	Yes No
	African American American Indian or Alaska Native	Does this child need or get special therapy, such as physical, occupational, or speech therapy?
	Native Hawaiian	Yes No
	Asian Indian Guamanian or Chinese	If yes, is this because of ANY medical, behavioral, or other health condition?
	Filipino Samoan	Yes No
	Japanese Other Pacific Islander	If yes, is this a condition that has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or longer?
6	Answer the following question only if this child is at	Yes No
	least 4 years old. Otherwise, SKIP to question 7. How well does this child speak English?	1 Does this child have any kind of emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem for which they need treatment or counseling?
	Very well	Yes No
	Well	➡ If yes, has their emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem lasted or is it expected to last
	Not well	12 months or longer?
	□ Not at all	Yes No
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CHILD 5	First name, initials, or nickname			
(Next youngest) ►				
	Age Years OR Months	Sex 🗌 Male 🗌 Female		
	First name, initials, or nickname			
CHILD 6 (Next youngest) ►				
	Age Years OR Months	Sex 🗐 Male 🗌 Female		
CHILD 7	First name, initials, or nickname			
(Next youngest) ►				
	Age Years OR Months	Sex 🗌 Male 🗌 Female		
	First name, initials, or nickname			
CHILD 8 (Next youngest) ►				
	Age Crears OR Months	Sex 🗌 Male 🔲 Female		
	First name, initials, or nickname			
CHILD 9 (Next youngest) ►				
	Age Years OR Months	Sex 🗌 Male 🗌 Female		
First name, initials, or nickname				
CHILD 10 (Next youngest) ►				
	Age Years OR Months	Sex 🗌 Male 🔲 Female		

Mailing Instructions

Thank you for your participation.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, we would like to thank you for the time and effort you have spent sharing information about your household and the children of this household.

Your answers are important to us and will help researchers, policymakers and family advocates to better understand the health and health care needs of children in our diverse population.

Make sure you have:

- Listed all first names, initials, or nicknames of children 0-17 years old in the household
- Answered all questions for each child reported

Place the completed questionnaire in the postage-paid return envelope. If the envelope has been misplaced, please mail the questionnaire to:

U.S. Census Bureau ATTN: DCB 60-A 1201 E. 10th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

We estimate that completing the National Survey of Children's Health will take 5 minutes on average. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to U.S. Department of Commerce, Paperwork Project 0607-0990, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 8H590, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to DEMO.Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0990" as the subject. This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number that appears at the upper left of the form confirms this approval. If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct this survey.

