

NATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY GROWTH OVERVIEW

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Involvement In Population Health Data Systems
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Purposes of the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG):

- Addressing Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (1944):
“NCHS shall collect statistics on...family formation, growth, & dissolution.”
- Explaining variations in birth rates: sexual activity, contraception, infertility.
- Monitoring risk of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases: Number of sexual partners, condom use by type of sex, drug use, same-sex contact.
- Describing relationships & families: Marriage, divorce, cohabitation; Roles of fathers in raising children.
- Describing attitudes about sex, marriage, parenthood.

NSFG History in Brief

Year	Scope (15-44)	N	Over-Samples	Average Interview Length	Contractor
1973	Ever-Married Women	9,797	Black women	60 Min	NORC
1976	Ever-Married Women	8,611	Black women	60 Min	Westat
1982	All Women	7,969	Black women & teens 15-19	60 Min	Westat
1988	All Women	8,450	Black women	70 Min	Westat
1995	All Women	10,847	Black & Hispanic women	100 Min	RTI
2002	All Women & Men	12,571 W = 7,643 M = 4,928	Blacks, Hispanics, & Teens	W= 85 min M= 60 min	U of Michigan
2006-2010	All Women & Men	22,682 W=12,279 M=10,403	Blacks, Hispanics, & Teens	W=~80 min M=~60 min	U of Michigan
2011-2013	All Women & Men	10,416 W=5,601 M=5,815	Blacks, Hispanics, & Teens	W=~80 min M=~60 min	U of Michigan

NSFG Funders

- **National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)**
- **Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)**
- **Office of Population Affairs (OPA)**
- Children's Bureau (Admin for Children, Youth and Families)
- ACF's Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE)
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OASPE)
- CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention
- CDC's Division of STD Prevention
- CDC's Division of Reproductive Health
- CDC's Division Cancer Prevention & Control
- CDC's Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
- *CDC's Division of Adolescent & School Health (new in 2016)*

How the NSFG is Conducted

FIELDWORK

- Household screeners to locate eligibles: 15-44 (49) year olds
 - Only one person aged 15-44 (49) is selected per household
- Face-to-face interviewing with laptop computers, plus Audio computer-Assisted Self Interviewing (ACASI).
- Average interview length of 80 min for females and 60 min for males, including 15-20 min of ACASI content
- Highly skilled female interviewers, trained specifically on NSFG for one week
- \$40 Incentive offered for the interview
- Teens 15-17 must have signed parental consent and also provide assent themselves.
- Interviews conducted in both English & Spanish (since the 1973 NSFG)

DESIGN

- Cross-sectional data, representative of men & women 15-44 (49) in U.S. household population (*123 million in 2006-2010*)
- June 2006: Moved from Periodic Surveys to Continuous Interviewing
 - NSFG interviewing will be done every year as long as funding permits
- New design was a success: 80% more interviews, cost per interview was one third lower.
- Larger samples, more frequent data releases.

NSFG questions on criminal justice involvement

- Asked only for men (all ages 15-44, now 15-49)
- Asked in ACASI section (self-administered)
- Don't know or Refusal is always permitted

In the last 12 months, have you spent any time in a jail, prison or a juvenile detention facility? (yes/no)

If no to the above question:

Have you ever spent time in a jail, prison or juvenile detention center? (yes/no)

NSFG questions on criminal justice involvement

If yes to either jail question on prior slide:

Have you been in jail, prison, or a juvenile detention facility only one time or more than one time? *(only 1 time; more than 1 time)*

If only 1 time:

How long were you in jail, prison, or juvenile detention?

If more than 1 time:

The last time you were in jail, prison, or juvenile detention, how long were you in?

Response options:

One month or less

More than one month but less than one year

One year

More than one year

Thank you!

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