Our Responsibilities to You

We Answer Your Questions
Your U.S. Census Bureau interviewer will be happy to answer any questions you have about the survey.

We Ensure Your Safety
All our interviewers carry photo ID cards.

We Respect Your Time
Interviews can be scheduled at a time that is convenient for you.

We Guard Your Privacy
Your information is protected by strict federal laws. Your answers are combined with others and are used only for health research.

Thank you!
Your answers will help complete the picture of the health of our nation.

The NHIS is conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is the NHIS data collection agent.

For more information, visit us online at www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm, or e-mail us at NHIS@cdc.gov.
The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

What is the NHIS?
The NHIS is the primary source of information on the nation’s health.
As the country’s largest in-person household health survey, the NHIS has been taking the pulse of the nation since 1957.

The Trusted Gold Standard
NHIS data are used to:
• Monitor progress towards national health objectives
• Evaluate health policies and programs
• Track changes in health behaviors and health care use

Covers Key Topics of National Importance
• Medical conditions
• Health insurance
• Doctor’s office visits
• Physical activity and other health behaviors

An Opportunity for You
Over the years, thousands of families across your community, state, and country have helped the nation by participating in this survey. Now it is your chance to help—take part and make your voice heard!

Each Selected Household is Important
The chances of being selected for this survey are small. Once selected, each household represents thousands of others. In other words, because we cannot include everyone in the survey, your answers represent the answers of other households like yours. Your household is irreplaceable.

To make an appointment, call the phone number on the letter you received.

Characteristics of U.S. Adults Aged 18 and Over

- Visited a doctor’s office in the past 12 months
- Sleep an average of 7-8 hours in a 24-hour period
- Ever diagnosed with arthritis

Source: 2014 National Health Interview Survey.