



From the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:

We are pleased that you were chosen to take part in the National Survey of Family Growth. This important research study is being done by the National Center for Health Statistics of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

We plan to speak to a national sample of households. The interview asks questions about family life, marriage, divorce, cohabitation, family planning, fatherhood, infertility, pregnancy and birth. It lasts about 60-80 minutes, and you will only be asked questions that apply to you. The information is used to help improve health services and health education programs.

The University of Michigan will do the interviews.

Your help in this study is voluntary but is also helpful to the success of the study. Saying yes or no to being in the study will not change any benefits you get now or in the future. The interview is interesting and enjoyable for most people. Each person interviewed represents thousands of others. Your interviewer will arrange to do the interview at a time that works best for you. For your help, you will receive \$40 as a token of appreciation.

By Federal law*, the answers you give are confidential and we will take all possible steps to protect your privacy. Your answers will be used for statistical research only. We report the information in summary form. Individuals or families can not be identified. You may choose not to answer any question at any time. You may have questions about your rights as a participant in this research study. If so, please call the office of the Research Ethics Review Board at the National Center for Health Statistics, toll free, at 1-800-223-8118. Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number. Say that you are calling about Study Number **2015-12**. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The enclosed brochure will help to answer your questions about the study. You can also learn more at our website: www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm. To schedule your interview, please call the University of Michigan (toll-free) at 1-855-891-8891.

I thank you for your help with this influential study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Rothwell".

Charles J. Rothwell
Director, National Center for Health Statistics
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

*One important law that protects your confidentiality is Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242m(d)). The other two laws are the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 USC 3501 note) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a). Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242k) allows us to carry out this survey.