

**Advance Letter for Households: Phase 1**  
**(printed on NCHS letterhead)**

From the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:

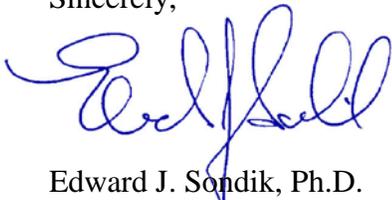
My agency, part of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, needs your help. We are doing an important research study called the National Survey of Family Growth. The main part of this study asks questions about family life, marriage and divorce, having and raising children, health and health care. The information is used to help improve health services and health education programs.

To prepare for this study, we are asking a scientific sample of households to take part in a short interview. We have asked the University of Michigan to do these interviews for us. In a few days, an interviewer will visit your home to complete the interview. The visit will only take about 5 minutes, and any adult who lives in the home can answer. You may be asked to complete our main interview, which is described in more detail in the enclosed brochure.

Your help is voluntary but is key to the success of the study. 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 look forward to speaking with you soon.  
I thank you for your help with this influential study.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Sondik, Ph.D.  
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.

**Advance Letter for Households: Phase 2**  
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From the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics:

My agency, part of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, needs your help.

We are carrying out an important research study called the National Survey of Family Growth. The main part of this study asks questions about family life, marriage and divorce, having and raising children, health and health care. The information is used to help improve health services and health education programs for men and women.

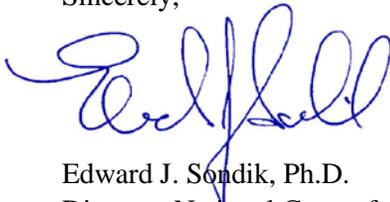
To prepare for this study, we are asking a scientific sample of households in the United States to take part in a short interview to be done by the highly respected University of Michigan. In a few days, an interviewer on the staff of the University of Michigan will visit your home to see if you or someone in your household is eligible for the study. The visit will only take about 5 minutes, and any adult who lives in the home can answer. You may be selected for our main interview, which is described in more detail in the enclosed brochure.

We have enclosed \$5 as a token of our appreciation for your help. It is yours to keep. If you would like to set up a time for our interviewer to visit you, please call the University of Michigan (toll-free) at: 1-800-759-7947, to set up an appointment.

Your help with this short interview is completely voluntary but is key to the success of the study. 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 look forward to speaking with you soon about this nationally recognized and highly respected study of people in America.

On behalf of the National Center for Health Statistics, I thank you for your help with this important study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Sondik", written over a vertical line.

Edward J. Sondik, Ph.D.  
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