



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is conducting a new study of residential care communities in collaboration with:

- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS
- CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), HHS
- CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), HHS
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The National Survey of Residential Care Facilities (NSRCF) is a first-ever survey of residential care providers.

Included are residential care facilities; assisted living residences; board and care homes; congregate care enriched housing programs; homes for the aged; personal care homes; and shared housing establishments that are licensed, registered, listed, certified, or otherwise regulated by a state. Eligibility also requires that these communities offer help with personal care or health-related services, provide two meals a day and around-the-clock supervision, and serve an adult population. Residences licensed to serve exclusively persons with mental illness, mental retardation, or developmental disabilities are ineligible.

NSRCF is designed to produce national estimates of these places and their residents. The national data collection will start in early

2010. Approximately 2,250 facilities will be randomly selected to participate in the national survey.

NSRCF will collect information about:

- Facility characteristics, such as size, ownership, staffing, certification status, and services provided
- Resident demographics, such as age, sex, race, and marital status
- Resident health, functional status, and involvement in activities
- Resident services used and charges

In-person interviews will be conducted with residential care administrators and caregivers and staffs. To obtain resident characteristics, three to six residents (based on facility size) will be randomly selected to participate in the survey. Interviews will not be conducted with residents.

This information will help policy makers, health care planners, and providers better understand, plan for, and serve the future long-term care needs of the U.S. aging population.

Results from the survey will be made available to the public through NCHS reports and as micro data files. However, all information will be confidential and aggregated such that facilities, residents, and respondents cannot be identified.

To sign up for the Long-Term Care listserv, learn more about NSRCF, and receive announcements when data are released, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsrcf.htm> or leave a message at (301) 458-4747.



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