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Answers to your questions



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What is the National Survey on Drug Use and Health?

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) provides up-to-date information on alcohol, tobacco, substance use and other health-related issues in the United States. NSDUH is directed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

NSDUH began in 1971 and is conducted every year. This year almost 70,000 people from across the United States will be scientifically selected to be interviewed for this important study.

Information from NSDUH is used to support prevention and treatment programs, monitor substance use trends, estimate the need for treatment facilities and assist with the creation of government policy.

SAMHSA has selected Research Triangle Institute (RTI) to complete the interviews. RTI, a nonprofit research organization, has been under contract with SAMHSA to conduct NSDUH since 1988.



Answers to Your Important Questions about the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Why Should I Participate?

NSDUH is the primary source of national and state-level data on alcohol, tobacco, substance use and mental health in the United States.

You are important! Your household was one of only a few in this area randomly chosen for this study, and no other household or person can take your place.

Every person who is selected and completes the full interview will receive a cash payment of \$40 at the end of the interview in appreciation for their help.

If chosen for an interview, you will represent the residents of your community and help us gather important information that is needed to make sound policy decisions.

Regardless of whether you have ever used drugs, your participation provides vital information that is used to design education, treatment, and prevention programs and obtain funding to support these efforts across the entire country.

How Was I Chosen?

Household addresses, not specific people, are chosen at random through scientific methods. Once a household has been selected, it cannot be replaced for any reason. This assures that NSDUH accurately represents the many different types of people in the United States.

A professional RTI interviewer will visit your household to ask several general questions that only take a few minutes to answer. Afterwards, one or possibly two members of your household may be asked to complete the full interview. It is possible that no one in your household will be chosen for the interview.



What Will Happen During the Interview?

A professional RTI interviewer will visit each selected person to administer the interview using a laptop computer. No prior computer skills are necessary.

Participants will answer most of the interview questions in private, entering their responses directly into the computer. For other questions, the interviewer will read the questions aloud and enter the participant's responses into the computer.

The interview takes about one hour to complete. Persons who complete the full interview will receive \$40 at the end of the interview as a token of our appreciation.

All information collected for this study will be kept confidential and used only for statistical purposes, as required by federal law – the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA).

What is the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration?

SAMHSA is an agency in the U.S.



Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). SAMHSA was created to improve the lives of people with or at risk for mental health and substance abuse disorders.

NSDUH is used to help this mission by gathering information on the kinds of substance abuse and mental health problems that exist in the United States and how many people they affect.

How is the Study Conducted?

SAMHSA selects a qualified survey research organization to administer NSDUH.

Research Triangle Institute (RTI), a nonprofit research organization, is under contract with SAMHSA to conduct the 2009 NSDUH. RTI



is based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina and has conducted NSDUH on behalf of SAMHSA since 1988. RTI was founded in 1958 by Duke University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Your household has been chosen at random, but no one else can take your place. Your participation matters!