
NSFG Verification Summary

On NSFG, a sample of household addresses is selected for the study. Interviewers complete a short screener interview at the selected addresses in order to determine if someone is eligible for the study (individuals ages 15-44 are eligible). When a screener interview is complete, the household is either deemed eligible (someone in the household is 15-44 and is selected to participate in the main interview) or not eligible (everyone living in the household is 45 years of age or older). One selected person goes on to complete the main interview.

For quality control purposes, we call back a percentage of the completed interviews (both screener “not-eligible” interviews and main interviews) to confirm that the interviewer was there and completed the work. As a general rule, a random 10% of the interviewer's completed screener and main interviews are flagged for verification. If an interview fails verification (for example, the respondent says he or she was not interviewed), the interviewer is told to stop working while the situation is investigated, and all of the interviewer's work is verified.

The verification questionnaires are administered through our sample management system called WebTrak. **Screen shots of the questionnaires begin on the next page.**

In addition to verification efforts, field supervisors monitor other aspects of each interviewer's work, looking for outliers that may indicate quality problems. Some of these measures include monitoring the interviewer's calling patterns, average interview length (very short interviews could indicate that the interviewer was not completing all of the interview with a respondent or may be falsifying the interview entirely), how often she is able to secure a phone number for households and respondents so her work can be verified, the hours she is charging the project in relation to the work she is producing and when the work was completed (for example, if she charges the project six hours one day, but there is no documentation that she completed any work that day).

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Screening Verification Questionnaire

Verification

Sampleline ID

Interviewer

Respondent

Address

Phone

Purchased Phone

Verifier

Verification Date

Result Code

Verification Questions

Interview
Response

Verification
Response

Verify
(Yes/No)

1 Hello, my name is XXX with the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. Our records show that one of our interviewers recently contacted you/your household regarding the National Survey of Family Growth. I'm calling to verify that one of our interviewers, XXX, who reported speaking with someone at your household on 04/09/2007 for the National Survey of Family Growth. Do you remember Ms.XXX contacting you?

Yes

Yes

Yes

2 According to our interviewer, your household includes no one between the ages of 15 and 44. Is this correct?

Yes

Yes

Yes

3 In your opinion, did the interviewer conduct herself in a professional manner?

Yes

Yes

Yes

4 Are there any additional comments that you want to share about the interview or the interviewer?

Conclusion: Those are all the questions I have. Thank you very much for your help with this study.

Verification Outcome

Verification status

2 - Verified 

Details:

Additional Details:

Main Interview Verification Questionnaire

Top of Form

Verification

Sampleline ID

Instrument Type

Interviewer

Respondent

Address

Phone

Purchased Phone

Verifier

Verification Date

Verification Questions

Interview Response

Verification Response

Verify (Yes/No)

1 Our records show that one of our interviewers recently interviewed you for the National Survey of Family Growth. The University of Michigan contacts people who were interviewed to check the work of our interviewers. May I take about two minutes of your time to ask you about the interview and the interviewer? Do you remember XXX contacting you?

Yes

Yes

Yes

2 XXX would have asked you about child bearing, contraceptive use, sexual activity, marriage and divorce, and your attitudes about marriage, children and family life. Do you remember a visit where someone asked you questions about such things?

Yes

Yes

Yes

3 How long did the interview take?

37.84 minutes

40 minutes

Yes

4 Was the interview conducted over the phone or in person?

In Person

In Person

Yes

5	To verify our records, what is your date of birth?	MM/DD/YYYY	MM/DD/YYYY	Yes
6	Did you sign a form agreeing to participate in the survey, or give verbal agreement to participate in the survey?	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Did you receive a token of appreciation for completing the interview?	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Did you enter some of your responses into the computer yourself?	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	In your opinion, did the interviewer conduct herself in a professional manner?	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Are there any additional comments that you want to share about the interview or the interviewer?	No she was professional and very good.		

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INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION (not asked):

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Verification status:

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