

National Survey of Family Growth, Verification Questionnaires

Overview of Procedures

The NSFG selects a random ten percent sub-sample of the cases completed by each interviewer (both screener and main) to be rechecked using a brief interview to verify the completeness and accuracy of the interviewer's work. To describe the results of this effort, an Interview Verification Report is constructed on a daily basis.

Verifications are conducted by the Field Quality Control Coordinator using our field sample management system, WebTrak. WebTrak is programmed to automatically flag a random ten percent of completed cases for verification. Project management staff members can hand-flag additional cases for verification as necessary. Verifications are conducted promptly after the cases have been finalized. WebTrak preloads the questionnaire responses from the informant/respondent and allows the verifier to enter the answers to the verification questions into the system in order to check for accuracy.

Screener Verification

Screener verification is completed on a random ten percent of completed screener interviews in which no eligible respondent was found (households in which no member is age 15 – 49, result code of 8010). All cases determined to be ineligible without a screener interview being completed (result code of 8080) are flagged for verification.

Screener Verification Questionnaire

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1. Hello, my name is [NAME] 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, [IWER NAME], spoke with someone at your household on [DATE OF INTERVIEW] for the National Survey of Family Growth. Do you remember Ms. [IWER NAME] contacting you?
2. Do you remember Ms. [IWER NAME] contacting you or a household member?
3. According to our interviewer, your household includes no one between the ages of 15 and 49. Is this correct?
4. On [SCREEN RESULT DATE] how many people usually lived in your household?
5. In your opinion, did the interviewer conduct herself in a professional manner?
6. Are there any additional comments that you want to share about the interview or the interviewer?

Verification outcomes are:

VERIFIED (all verification data match),

VERIFIED WITH DISCREPANCY (one piece of verification data does not match),

FAILS VERIFICATION (more than one piece of verification data does not match),

UNABLE TO VERIFY (informant is contacted, but unwilling to participate in verification OR the verifier is unable to reach the informant).