



Example County Resident at:  
1234 MAIN STREET  
APT 56  
ANYWHERE, XX 78911

**LETTER A**

Dear Example County Resident:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is conducting a study called the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). Through scientific methods, **your address has been randomly chosen for this study** along with 200,000 other addresses nationwide. NSDUH collects data on the use or non-use of alcohol, tobacco and other substances, as well as mental health and other health-related topics.

Your participation in this study is **voluntary** but **important to the nation**. By participating you help ensure vital information is provided to researchers and agencies for education, treatment, and prevention programs. To ensure your privacy, all answers you give are kept **confidential** by federal law<sup>1</sup> and used only for **statistical purposes** – combined with answers from thousands of other study participants, reported only as overall numbers. **Everyone who is selected for and completes the full interview will receive \$30.**

To participate in NSDUH:

- An **adult member** of your household answers a **few general questions online** to determine if zero, one or two household members aged 12 or older may be selected to **complete the full interview**:
  - Visit <https://nsduhweb.rti.org/survey> (or scan the QR code below).
  - Enter your **Participant Code**:
  - Follow the on-screen instructions to answer the general questions. This will only take a few minutes.
- Then, anyone selected to complete the full interview will be provided a unique link to begin that interview from any internet-enabled device (though a desktop or laptop computer is recommended). (Note that parental permission is required before anyone aged 12–17 can participate.)

A professional interviewer from RTI<sup>2</sup> may attempt to contact you in-person to provide more information. During the interviewer’s visit, you can also answer the general questions and if selected, complete the full interview in your home, using a laptop computer.

**If you are unable to respond online and/or would prefer an in-person visit, have questions or need other assistance, please call us toll-free at 1-800-848-4079.** To learn more about the study, please visit <https://nsduhweb.rti.org>.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hoenig, Ph.D., MPH  
National Study Director, HHS

Kathleen A. Considine  
National Field Director, RTI



<sup>1</sup> Confidentiality is protected by the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (PL 107-347). Authorized by the U.S. Congress as part of Section 505 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 290aa4). Approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB Approval No. 0930-0110)

<sup>2</sup> RTI International, a nonprofit organization, has been selected to administer this study for the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.



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**LETTER B**

Dear Example County Resident:

**Your address has been randomly chosen** to participate in the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)\* conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Join the almost 70,000 people who are interviewed each year for this important study. NSDUH collects data on mental health as well as the use or non-use of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances. Your participation is **voluntary but important for shaping the future** of our nation’s health services.

**Anyone who is selected and completes the full interview will receive \$30.**

**To Participate Online:**

- 1 An **adult member** of your household should scan the QR code or visit [nsduhweb.rti.org/survey](https://nsduhweb.rti.org/survey)
- 2 Enter your Participant Code:
- 3 Answer the introductory questions from the comfort of your home to determine if one or two members of your household aged 12 or older may be selected to complete the full interview online. It is also possible no one will be selected. This will only take a few minutes.



Anyone selected to complete the full interview will be provided a unique link to begin that interview from any internet-enabled device, though a desktop or laptop computer is recommended. Parental permission is required before anyone aged 12–17 can participate.

**To Participate In-Person**

A professional interviewer from RTI\*\* may visit your address to provide more information. During this visit, you can answer the introductory questions and if selected, complete the full interview.

**Privacy**

To ensure your privacy, all answers you give are kept confidential by federal law\*\*\* and used only for statistical purposes – combined with answers from thousands of other participants, reported only as overall numbers.

**Contact Us**

If you would prefer an in-person visit, have questions or need other assistance, please call us toll-free at 1-800-848-4079. To learn more about the study, please visit [nsduhweb.rti.org](https://nsduhweb.rti.org).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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\*The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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