



How will my data be protected?

Your data are secure. All information will be kept confidential and used only for statistical purposes, as required by federal law. Every person who works on this study has taken an oath to protect your data. They are subject to a jail term of up to 5 years and/or a fine of up to \$250,000 if they disclose ANY identifiable information about you.

We remove any information that could reveal who you are. Names are never recorded or linked with your answers to the interview questions.

You take the lead. You will answer the interview questions in private, entering most of your responses directly into the computer. The interviewer will not hear or see your responses. We are only interested in the combined responses from all of the nearly 70,000 participants.

We take cyber security seriously. Security measures include firewalls, strong passwords, encryption, and other protection measures for your data.



If you have any questions about NHSBH, please visit our website at nhsbhweb.rti.org

Join the nearly **70,000 people** who contribute to the future of our nation's health services this year!

What is NHSBH?

The National Household Survey on Behavioral Health (NHSBH) provides up-to-date information on alcohol, tobacco, mental health and other health-related issues in the United States.

NHSBH began in 1971 and is conducted every year. **This year, we will interview nearly 70,000 people from across the United States who want to shape the future of our nation's health services.**

Your responses can inform the planning and funding decisions that impact your community.

How was I chosen?

Your address was randomly chosen through scientific methods. We do not have any information on your substance habits or health.

First, you will need to answer some general questions that only take a few minutes. Afterwards, one or possibly two members of your household may be selected to complete the full interview. It is possible no one will be selected for the interview.

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