

**2023 National Survey of Children's Health Longitudinal Cohort (NSCH-LC)**  
**Mail Materials Cognitive Interviewing Letters**

## Letter 1 - NSCH-LC-E1

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver of CHILD NAME [PERSON NAME],

A parent or caregiver previously participated in a survey that asked about the health and well-being of a child in this household. Because of responses like yours, pediatricians are now better prepared to help children and teens with their mental health needs.

We are now contacting you as part of the National Survey of Children's Health Longitudinal Cohort to measure the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and families. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We have some important follow-up questions about:

[CHILD/PERSON NAME]

This voluntary survey should be filled out by a parent or [previous] caregiver who is familiar with this child's [person's] health and health care. We ask for your response, even if this child [person] no longer lives in your household. We have enclosed a small token of appreciation for your participation.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>
2. Enter your Login ID:

**The success of this survey depends on your participation.** The results will help our nation better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you do not know this child [person], or if you have questions or need assistance with the survey, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email [childrenshealth@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth@census.gov).

Thank you once again for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

Enclosure

*For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.*

Letter 1 - NSCH-LC-AC

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver of CHILD NAME [PERSON NAME],

A parent or caregiver previously participated in a survey that asked about the health and well-being of a child at this address.

We are now contacting you as part of the National Survey of Children’s Health Longitudinal Cohort to measure the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and families. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We have some important follow-up questions about:

[CHILD/PERSON NAME]

This voluntary survey should be filled out by a parent or [previous] caregiver who is familiar with this child’s [person’s] health and health care. We ask for your response, even if this child [person] no longer lives in your household. We have enclosed a small token of appreciation for your participation.

Responding to this survey online is easy:

- 1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>
- 2. Enter your Login ID: 18976543

**The success of this survey depends on your participation.** The results will help our nation better understand and respond to the physical and emotional health care needs of children and families across the country, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you do not know this child [person], or if you have questions or need assistance with the survey, please call 1-877-749-4943 8241 or email [childrenshealth@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth@census.gov).

Thank you once again for your help.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert L. Santos  
  
Director  
  
Enclosure

For assistance in Spanish, call 1-877-749-4943.

**If there is no [previous] parent or caregiver in this household who is currently familiar with this [child/person]:**  
Please complete the form below and return it in the postage-paid envelope.

(Detach along the perforated line)

☐ **Check this box and return this card ONLY if there is no [previous] parent or caregiver in this household who is currently familiar with this [child/person].**



**Mailing Instructions:** Thank you. Place this card in the postage-paid envelope provided.  
If the envelope has been misplaced, please mail this card to:  
U.S. Census Bureau  
ATTN: DCB 60-A  
1201 E. 10th Street  
Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

Public reporting burden for returning this card is estimated to average 1 minute per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Project 0607-0990, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 8H590, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to DEMO.Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0990" as the subject.

## Letter 2 - NSCH-LC-P1

Recently we mailed you a letter requesting your participation in the **National Survey of Children's Health Longitudinal Cohort**. The survey will help us understand the current health care needs of children, young adults, and their families. If you have already responded to the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not yet completed your survey, please do so right away.

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>
2. Enter your Login ID:

If you are unable to complete the survey online, need assistance, or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth@census.gov).

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

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### Letter 3 - NSCH-LC-E2

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver of [child/person],

We recently contacted you to ask for your participation in the **National Survey of Children's Health – Longitudinal Cohort**. We have some follow-up questions about:

CHILD/PERSON NAME

To the best of our knowledge, we have not yet received your response. If you have already responded, please accept our thanks. If you have not, we encourage you to complete the survey today. This survey should be filled out by a parent or [previous] caregiver who is familiar with this child's [person's] health and health care, even if this child [person] does not live in this household.

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>
2. Enter your Login ID:

**Your response is important** and will help us understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the educational experiences of children and young adults.

**If you do not know this person [child]**, or if you have questions or need assistance with the survey, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email [childrenshealth@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth@census.gov).

Your responses to this questionnaire are kept confidential. The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are required by law to protect the confidentiality of your responses.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

Director

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**Letter 4 - NSCH-LC-E3**

Dear Parent or [Previous] Caregiver of [child/person],

Recently we wrote to request your participation in the **National Survey of Children's Health Longitudinal Cohort**. If you have already completed the survey prior to receiving this mailing, please accept our thanks. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to do so today. The information gathered in this survey is critical to understanding access to and use of health care during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. **Your response is important to the success of this survey.**

We have some questions to ask about:

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlrc>

2. Enter your Login ID:

Or complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

The U.S. Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth@census.gov).

Thank you again for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos

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**Letter 5 - NSCH-LC-E4**

Dear Parent or [Previous] caregiver [of NAME],

Over the past few months, we have contacted you to ask you to complete the **National Survey of Children's Health Longitudinal Cohort**. We conduct this important survey for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The survey will help identify gaps in education and health care among children and young adults in the U.S.

Since the survey will soon end, this is your last opportunity to help. If you have already completed the survey prior to receiving this mailing, please accept our thanks. If you have not yet responded, we encourage you to do so today. **The success of this survey depends on your response.**

We have some questions to ask about:

Responding to this survey is easy:

1. Go to: <https://respond.census.gov/nschlc>

2. Enter your Login ID:

Or complete the enclosed paper questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

The U.S. Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses for statistical research.

If you need assistance with the survey or have questions, please call 1-877-749-4943 or email us at [childrenshealth@census.gov](mailto:childrenshealth@census.gov).

Thank you again for your participation. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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## **FAQs**

### **What is the National Survey of Children's Health Longitudinal Cohort (NSCH-LC)?**

The NSCH-LC is a national survey that focuses on the physical and emotional health of 3- to 23-year-olds in the United States. The 2023 NSCH-LC collects information related to the health and well-being of children and young adults, including access to and use of health care, family interactions, mental health, school and after-school experiences, and family economic circumstances.

### **Why is this survey important?**

The NSCH-LC is designed to measure the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on children, young adults, and their families. The results of the NSCH-LC will help inform the development of federal policies and programs aimed at improving the health and well-being of children and young adults.

### **Why should I participate?**

This survey collects information used to improve the health of children and young adults across the country. Once a child or young adult has been selected for the survey, we cannot replace them.

### **This child is now an adult. Do I still need to answer the survey?**

Yes. The NSCH-LC asks questions about children and the experiences they and their families have had since the last survey. The survey also asks questions about the experiences of young people as they transitioned into adulthood.

### **This child or young adult no longer lives with me. Do I still need to answer the survey?**

Yes, even if the child or young adult no longer lives with you, we still need you to respond.

### **How long will this survey take?**

For most households, the survey should take, on average, 40 minutes to complete.

### **Will my response be confidential?**

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information. We are not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your household. The Census Bureau is conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8(b) (13 U.S.C. § 8(b)) and Section 501(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 701). Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential under Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9 (13 U.S.C. § 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is XXXX-XXXX.

### **¿Cómo puedo responder la encuesta u obtener ayuda?**

Puede completarla en español por teléfono o solicitar un cuestionario impreso por correo. Llame al 1-877-749-4943 para recibir ayuda o para completar la encuesta por teléfono.