

SURVEY NAME	National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)
SPONSOR	Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics
MODE OF ADMINISTRATION	Computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) by professional female interviewers. In addition, a self-administered section for more sensitive topics (audio-CASI), in which respondents hear questions on headphones (and read on a computer screen) and enter responses on the computer themselves.
SURVEY SAMPLE DESIGN	The 1995 survey was a multistage probability design consisting of households that had been interviewed in 198 PSU's in the National Health Interview Survey in 1993. Of the 13,795 eligible women in the sample, 10,847 were interviewed. Black and Hispanic women were oversampled.
RESPONSE RATES	Response rates are around 80%; in 1995, the response rate was 78.5%.
PRIMARY SURVEY CONTENT	The NSFG contains data on factors affecting birth and pregnancy rates, adoption, and maternal and infant health. These factors include sexual activity, marriage, divorce and remarriage, unmarried cohabitation, contraception and sterilization, infertility, breastfeeding, pregnancy loss, low birthweight, and use of medical care for family planning and infertility.
POPULATION TARGETED	Civilian, non-institutionalized women 15-44 years residing in the United States.
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA	Age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, family income, educational attainment, State, county, Census tract and block.
YEARS COLLECTED	1973; 1976; 1982; 1988; 1995. Future surveys will be conducted in 2001, 2004, and 2007.
SCHEDULE	Periodic.
GEOGRAPHIC ESTIMATES POSSIBLE	National; 4 regions; metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas; some of the ten DHHS regions.
NOTES	The sample size of future surveys will increase. Men will be sampled as well as women. Ages 15-19 and 20-24 will be oversampled as well as black and Hispanic population groups.