

POSTER ABSTRACT

Panel 1:

THE 2002 NATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY GROWTH (NSFG): A SURVEY OF 12,500 MEN AND WOMEN

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The 2002 National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) was the culmination of a 6-year effort. This poster describes that effort and the resulting data set, with a view toward helping users assess the usefulness of the data for their own needs.

Panel 2: THE PLANNING PROCESS

Expert Meetings focused primarily on the 2002 survey were held annually with representatives of funding agencies and prominent outside scholars, beginning in 1996. In 1997, this group of experts recommended that the NSFG include men as well as women in the next NSFG.

Some of these meetings resulted in the interagency report, *Nurturing Fatherhood: Improving Data and Research on Male Fertility, Family Formation, and Fatherhood*, published in June 1998. Including men in the NSFG was the 3rd on the list of a dozen high-priority goals for improving data on fatherhood and male fertility.

NCHS awarded 18 small contracts to survey experts around the country. These contractors prepared written reports on: (a) the experience of other major surveys in interviewing men on sensitive topics, and (b) data needs in specific content areas (for both men and women).

The contract to conduct the survey was drafted in 1998. The contract competition began in early 1999, and the contract was awarded to the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research (ISR) in December of 1999.

Panel 3: FUNDING provided by 10 programs within the US DHHS:

National Center for Health Statistics
Center for Population Research, NICHD, NIH
Office of Population Affairs
CDC Division of HIV-AIDS Prevention
CDC Division of Reproductive Health
CDC Office of Women's Health
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)
ACF's Children's Bureau
ACF's Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation
ACF's Office of Child Support Enforcement

Panel 4: A Balancing Act

The central problem of managing the NSFG was to balance:

---making the data-set useful for as many of its sponsors and data users as possible,

vs.

Keeping the length, complexity, sensitivity, and cost of the survey manageable for the questionnaire programming staff, the IRB, the interviewers, and other survey staff.

Panel 5: A Brief Time-line

1996-1998:	Planning, consultation, research
1997-1999:	Questionnaire Drafting
1999	Contract Competition and Award
2000	Programming, Testing, and materials development for the Pretest
2001	Training and interviewing for the Pretest, Feb-July 2001
2001	Revisions for Main Study, July 2001-January 2002
2002-2003	March 2002-Feb 2003: 12,572 interviews; response rate = 79%
2003	Data editing, imputation, & variance estimation: March-Dec 2003
2003-4	Preparing file documentation: Fall 2003 thru Spring 2004
2004	Disclosure review and print CD=s; release public use file and first report

Panel 6: Content of the Female Questionnaire

- A. Age, race, education, family/parental background
- B. Pregnancy history and adoption data
- C. Marital history and cohabitation history; sexual partner history for last 12 months
- D. Sterilization operations; fecundity impairments
- E. Contraceptive history: all methods ever used, use in last 3 years, use by partner; consistency of condom use, wantedness of births (old and new measures)
- F. Use of medical services for birth control and general health
- G. Desires and intentions for future children
- H. Infertility services; reproductive health conditions; HIV testing
- I. Health insurance, religion, work, child care, attitudes on sex, parenthood, marriage
- J. AUDIO CASI: Drug and alcohol use; sex with males; sex with females; condom use; sexual orientation and attraction; STD=s and HIV, family income; public assistance

Panel 7: Content of the Male Questionnaire

- A. (Same as female Section A.)
- B. Ever/never had sex; partners in lifetime and last 12 months; vasectomy; infertility
- C. Current wife or cohabiting partner: characteristics; when married or began living together
- D. 3 most recent Sexual partners in the last 12 months; first sexual partner ever
- E. Former wives and First Premarital Cohabiting Partner
- F. Other births and pregnancies fathered: characteristics of their mothers
- G. Activities with biological and adopted children he lives with, and does not live with.
- H. Desires and intentions for future children.
- I. Health conditions, use of health care, HIV testing
- J. Religion, Military Service, Work background, child care; attitudes on sex, marriage, parenthood.
- K. AUDIO CASI: (similar to female section J.)

Panel 8: Sample size and response rates

	<u>N</u>	<u>Response Rate</u>
TOTAL	12,572	79%
Female	7,643	80%
Male	4,929	78%
15-19	2,272	80%
20-24	2,302	81%
25-44	7,998	78%
Hispanic	2,716	80%
Black	2,459	82%
White/other	7,397	77%

Panel 9: How to get more information

www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm

Contains a description of the survey,
PDF files of all NSFG publications published by NCHS,
A bibliography of publications based on the 1995 NSFG,
PDF files of the 2002 male and female questionnaires
and other useful information for NSFG data users.

If you have more questions, or if you wish
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Panel 10: A look ahead

The first results of the 2002 NSFG will be published
in the next several months. Watch the web site or
contact us if you wish to receive hard copies of the reports.

Cycle 7 of the NSFG is currently planned for 2006.
Noteworthy increases in sample size are planned.
Ask us for the latest news on Cycle 7 planning.