Hello
Aloha
Talofa lava
Māloʻe lelei
Ia Orana
Tālofa
Fakaalofa atu
Malo ni
Noaʻia
Kia Ora
Kāoha
Kia ora
Hafa ʻIdai
Yokwe
Ran annim
Kaselehie
Lotu wo
Mogethin
Alii
Mauri
Mo yoran
Bula vinaka
Halo
Halo ola keta
Bonjour
Kweʻ
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATIONAL HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY (NHIS)

1. HOW WAS I CHOSEN FOR THE SURVEY?
Your household participated in the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS).

2. WHY NOT INTERVIEW AT THE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET? WHY IS MY PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT?
It is important that the people living at the address selected be in the survey. Due to the scientific methods used to pick addresses, we cannot exchange one address for another. If we did that, the survey results would not describe the entire country.

3. I AM NOT SICK—WHY SHOULD I TAKE PART IN A HEALTH SURVEY?
This is a survey of the Nation’s health. We want to know how many people are sick and why they are sick, but it is also important to know how many people are healthy and why they are healthy. Everyone’s answers are important.

4. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO ASK ME?
The NHIS covers a wide range of topics like doctor visits, medical conditions, health insurance, physical activity, and injuries. We also ask questions that help us better understand the health information you give us. For example, we ask about race, income, and permission to combine your answers with information from other places, like medical records. Most people have no difficulty with any of the questions in the NHIS. However, others find some questions to be sensitive. You do not have to answer any questions you don’t want to.

5. WHO WILL SEE MY ANSWERS?
Strict laws prevent us from releasing information that could identify you or your family to anyone else without your consent. Congress authorized the NHIS data collection in Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 United States Code 242k). The federal laws that require all information we collect to be held in strict confidence are Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 United States Code 242m (d)), the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (PL 107-347), and Title 13, United States Code, Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes. If any federal employee, contractor, or agent gives out confidential information not authorized by law, he or she can be fired, fined and/or imprisoned.

6. WHO LOOKS OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS?
Every year, the Research Ethics Review Board (ERB) of the National Center for Health Statistics reviews survey content and methods to protect study participants. You may call the ERB if you want to ask about your rights as a participant in this research study. The tollfree number is 1–800–223–8118. Please leave a brief message with your name and phone number. Say you are calling about Protocol # 2009-16. Your call will be returned promptly.