Child and Family Health Measures – Survey Items Displayed in the Data Query

2020-2021 National Survey of Children’s Health (two years combined)

This Content Map presents the list of survey items displayed in the 2020-2021 NSCH Interactive Data Query. The Indicator level Content Maps for the “Child and Family Health Measures” and the “National Performance and Outcome Measures” are available on the DCC website.


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Family Health and Activities

Individual items for school engagement, age 6-17 years

- Children who care about doing well in school
- Children who do all required homework

Individual items for after school activities

- Participation in sports teams or lessons
- Participation in clubs or organizations
- Participation in other organized activities or lessons

Neighborhood Safety and Support

- Sidewalks or walking paths
- Play or playground
- A recreation center, community center, or boys' and girls' club
- A library or bookstore

Individual items for family resilience

- Talk together about what to do
- Work together to solve the problem
- Know we have strengths to draw on
- Stay hopeful even in difficult times

Individual items for food and cash assistance

- WIC benefits
- Cash assistance from government
- Food Stamps
- Free or reduced cost meals

Individual items for cash assistance

- Spouse
- Other family member or close friend

Doctors worked with parents to decide together health care/treatment options
- Qualifying on the CSHCN Screener prescription medication criteria
- Qualifying on the CSHCN Screener for elevated use of service providers
- Qualifying on the CSHCN Screener functional limitations criteria
- Qualifying on the CSHCN Screener special education criteria
- Ongoing emotional, developmental, or behavioral needs and other special health care needs
- Number of CSHCN Screener criteria CSHCN met
- Types of special health care needs
- Complex combined special health care needs

Doctors made it easy for parents to raise concerns or disagree

- Stay calm and in control when faced with a challenge
- Smile and laugh

Health care/treatment options

- Dental check-up
- Dental cleaning
- Instruction on oral health care
- Dental X-rays
- Fluoride treatment
- Dental sealant

Emotional and Mental Health

Individual flourishing items for young children, age 6 months – 5 years

- Bounce back quickly when things don’t go their way
- Affectionate and tender with parent
- Show interest and curiosity in learning new things
- Smile and laugh

Individual flourishing items for children and adolescents, age 5-17 years

- Show interest and curiosity in learning new things
- Stay calm and in control when faced with a challenge
- Work to finish the task they start

Health Insurance Coverage

Individual items for insurance adequacy

- Health insurance benefits met child’s needs
- Coverage allowed child to see needed provider
- Reasonable out-of-pocket health care expenses

Prevalence of special functional difficulties

- Difficulty with breathing or other respiratory problems
- Difficulty with eating or swallowing
- Difficulty with digesting food
- Difficulty with repeated or chronic physical pain, including headaches
- Difficulty using hands, 0-5 years
- Difficulty coordinating or moving around, 0-5 years
- Serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions, 6-17 years
- Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs, 6-17 years
- Difficulty dressing or bathing, 6-17 years
- Difficulty doing errands alone, 12-17 years
- Hearing problems
- Vision problems

Doctor worked with child to make positive choices about their health
- Youths received a summary of their medical history
- Youths currently have a plan of care to meet their health goals and needs
- Youths access to the plan of care
- The plan of care addresses transition to adult health care provider
- Discussed child’s health insurance coverage into adulthood

Prevalence and severity of current physical health conditions

- Difficulty with repeated or chronic physical pain, including headaches
- Difficulty doing errands alone, 12-17 years
- Hearing problem
- Speech or other language disorder, 3 years
- Intellectual disability, 3 years
- Behavioral and conduct problem, 3 years
- Tourette Syndrome, 3 years
- Heart condition
- Genetic or inherited condition
- thalassemia, or hemophilia)
- Arthritis
- Allergies including food, drug, insect, or other allergies
- Diabetes
- Down syndrome (severely data not collected)
- Epilepsy or seizure disorder
- Genetic or inherited condition
- Heart condition
- Frequent or severe headaches, 3-17 years
- Tourette Syndrome, 3-17 years
- Anxiety problems, 3-17 years
- Depression, 3-17 years
- Behavioral and conduct problem, 3-17 years
- Development delay, 3-17 years
- Intellectual disability, 3-17 years
- Speech or other language disorder, 3-17 years
- Learning disability, 3-17 years
- ADHD/ADHD, 3-17 years
- Hearing problem (severely data not collected)
- Vision problems (severely data not collected)

Reasons not covered by insurance entire year

- Not covered by health insurance due to change in employment status
- Not covered by health insurance because of cancellation due to premium
- Dental care, 1 year
- Mental health care, 1 year

Community and School Activities

Individual items for school engagement, age 6-17 years

- Transition Part A: Time alone
- Transition Part B: Actively worked with the child to manage care transition
- Doctor worked with the child to gain skills to manage their health and health care
- Doctor worked with child to understand health care changes
- Transition Part C: Discussed shift to providers who treat adults

Healthy Care Access and Quality

Individual items related to youth transition to adult health care, age 12-17 years

- Doctor worked with the child to make positive choices about their health
- Youths received a summary of their medical history
- Youths currently have a plan of care to meet their health goals and needs
- Youths access to the plan of care
- The plan of care addresses transition to adult health care provider
- Discussed child’s health insurance coverage into adulthood

Prevalence of spec-