

What's New and Changed in the 2023 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) as compared to the 2022 NSCH

Survey items from the 2023 NSCH can be found in the full survey instruments which are available at HRSA's [MCHB website](#). Please reference the original question wording when reviewing.

Changed items

Note: Item wording changes are marked in red.



Topical Questionnaire



This Child's Health

- DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, how often have this child's health conditions or problems affected their ability to do things other children their age do? *Added a skip pattern if the response is "Never".*



Health Care Services

- Is there a place you or another caregiver USUALLY take this child when they are sick or you need advice about their health? If yes, where does this child USUALLY go first?
Response Options: Doctor's Office, Hospital Emergency Room, Hospital Outpatient Department, Urgent Care Center, *Clinic within a drug store or grocery store*, School (Nurse's Office, Athletic Trainer's Office), *Other* Clinic or Health Center, Some other place
- DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, *did you, another caregiver, or a health care provider need to make any decisions regarding this child's health care*, such as whether to get prescriptions, referrals, or procedures?



Demographics (respondent and other parent or caregiver in the household)

- Which of the following best describes your current employment status? [Adult 1 and Adult 2]
Response options: Employed full-time, Employed part-time, Working WITHOUT pay, Not employed but looking for work, Not employed and not looking for work, *Retired*

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Note: Question order changes within the survey instrument sections are not included in this document.

Dropped items



Topical Questionnaire



Child's Health and Child as an Infant

- Has a doctor or other health care provider EVER told you that this child has....Any other genetic or inherited condition?
If yes, specify: Is it Mild, Moderate, Severe
Was this condition identified through a blood test done shortly after birth? These tests are sometimes called newborn screening.
- What was the age of the mother when this child was born? Your best estimate is fine.



Health Insurance Coverage and Health Care Services

- Indicate whether any of the following is a reason this child was not covered by health insurance at any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.
- Thinking specifically about this child's mental or behavioral health needs, how often does this child's health insurance offer benefits or cover services that meet these needs?
- DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, did this child use any type of alternative health care or treatment? Alternative health care can include acupuncture, chiropractic care, relaxation therapies, herbal supplements, and others. Some therapies involve seeing a health care provider, while others can be done on your own.



About You and This Child

- *If this child is LESS THAN 12 MONTHS OLD.* In which position do you most often lay this baby down to sleep now?
- *Sources of emotional support for parents:* If yes, did you receive emotional support from...
- Does this child receive care for at least 10 hours per week from someone other than their parent or guardian? This could be a day care center, preschool, Head Start program, family child care home, nanny, au pair, babysitter, or relative.



About Your Family and Household

- In the past 12 months, were any of this child's health care visits by video or phone because of the coronavirus pandemic?
- DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, did this child miss, delay or skip any PREVENTIVE check-ups because of the coronavirus pandemic?
- DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, have this child's regular daycare or other childcare arrangements been closed or unavailable at any time because of the coronavirus pandemic? [0-5 years]
- DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, have any of this child's regular childcare arrangements been closed or unavailable at any time because of the coronavirus pandemic? Please include before school care, after school care, and all other forms of childcare that were unavailable. [6-11 years]

Dropped items (Cont)



Topical Questionnaire



Demographics (respondent and other parent or caregiver in the household)

- When did you come to live in the United States? Indicate the 4-digit year in which you came to live in the United States.
- When did this caregiver come to live in the United States? Indicate the 4-digit year in which this caregiver came to live in the United States.

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