

Frequently Asked Question

How does NCHS protect the confidentiality of NAMCS data and responses?

We take your privacy very seriously. The answers you provide are used for statistical purposes only. This means that your answers will be combined with other providers' answers in a way that protects everyone's identity. As required by federal law, only those NCHS employees and our specially designated agents who must use your personal information for a specific reason can see your answers.

NCHS complies with numerous federal laws to protect your data, privacy, and confidentiality, as described in detail below. Data collection is authorized under Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k). A number of federal laws require that all information we collect be held in strict confidence: Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m(d)), the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C 3561-3583), and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a). Transmissions across the internet into Federal information systems may be monitored for cybersecurity purposes in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. §§ 151 and 151 note). Every NCHS employee, contractor, and agent has taken an oath to keep your information private. Anyone who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information could get a jail term of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.