2026 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

ENGLISH SHOWCARDS

RTI INTERNATIONAL

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ADULT RESPONDENTS:

INTRO TO CAI -- INTRODUCTION AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR INTERVIEW RESPONDENTS AGE 18+

INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND STUDY AS NECESSARY: Hello, I'm _____, and I'm working on a nationwide study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. You should have received a letter about this study. (SHOW LEAD LETTER, IF NECESSARY.)

READ THE BOXED INFORMATION BELOW BEFORE STARTING EVERY INTERVIEW

This year, we are interviewing about 70,000 people across the nation. You have been randomly chosen to take part. You will represent over 4,500 other people who are similar to you. You may choose not to take part in this study, but no one else can take your place. We will give you $30 when you finish the interview.

GIVE STUDY DESCRIPTION TO R IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

This study asks about tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health issues. It takes about an hour. You will answer most of the questions on the computer, so I will not see your answers. We are only interested in the combined responses from all 70,000 people, not just one person's answers. This is why we do not ask for your name and we keep your answers separate from your address. RTI may contact you to ask a few questions about the quality of my work. This is why we ask for your phone number and current address at the end of the interview.

You may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make you feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. If you become upset during the interview and wish to speak to a mental health professional about how you are feeling, I can provide you with a toll-free helpline number.

While the interview has some personal questions, federal law keeps your answers private. We hope that protecting your privacy will help you to give accurate answers. You can quit the interview at any time and you can refuse to answer any questions.

If it is all right with you, let's get started.

(Can we find a private place to complete the interview?)

YOUTH RESPONDENTS:

PARENTAL PERMISSION SCRIPT, PART OF INTRODUCTION AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR INTERVIEW RESPONDENTS AGE 12-17

A TRANSLATOR CANNOT BE USED FOR ANY PORTION OF THE PARENTAL PERMISSION AND YOUTH INFORMED CONSENT PROCESS

IF NOT DONE EARLIER, GIVE STUDY DESCRIPTION TO PARENT/GUARDIAN, THEN READ THE SCRIPT BELOW AND OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

Your (AGE) year-old child has been selected to be in this study. Your child's participation is voluntary. This interview asks about tobacco, alcohol, and drug use or non-use, knowledge and attitudes about drugs, mental health, and other health related issues.

Your child may consider some of the questions to be sensitive in nature and some questions may also make your child feel certain emotions, such as sadness. For example, the interview asks questions about criminal history, depression, suicide and other topics. Your child can refuse to answer any questions and can stop the interview at any time. If your child becomes upset during the interview and wishes to speak to a mental health professional about how they are feeling, I can provide you with a toll-free helpline number.

All of your child's answers will be confidential and used only for statistical purposes. Since your child will answer most of the questions on the computer, I will never see the answers, and you are not allowed to see them either. If it is all right with you, we'll get started.

(Can we find a private place to complete the interview?)

ONCE PARENTAL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN, CONFIRM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OR ANOTHER ADULT WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE INTERVIEW

THEN, READ THE BOXED INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE BEFORE STARTING EVERY INTERVIEW WITH A 12-17 YEAR OLD

YOUTH RESPONDENTS:

INTRO TO CAI -- INTRODUCTION AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR INTERVIEW RESPONDENTS AGE 12-17 *(CONTINUED)*

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SHOWCARD 1

1 SEPTEMBER 2001 OR LATER

2 AUGUST 1990 TO AUGUST 2001 (INCLUDING PERSIAN GULF WAR)

3 MAY 1975 TO JULY 1990

4 VIETNAM ERA (MARCH 1961 TO APRIL 1975)

5 FEBRUARY 1955 TO FEBRUARY 1961

6 KOREAN WAR (JULY 1950 TO JANUARY 1955)

7 JANUARY 1947 TO JUNE 1950

8 WORLD WAR II (DECEMBER 1941 TO DECEMBER 1946)

9 NOVEMBER 1941 OR EARLIER

SHOWCARD 2

0 NO SCHOOLING COMPLETED
1 1ST GRADE COMPLETED
2 2ND GRADE COMPLETED
3 3RD GRADE COMPLETED
4 4TH GRADE COMPLETED
5 5TH GRADE COMPLETED
6 6TH GRADE COMPLETED
7 7TH GRADE COMPLETED
8 8TH GRADE COMPLETED
9 9TH GRADE COMPLETED
10 10TH GRADE COMPLETED
11 11TH GRADE COMPLETED

12 REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
13 12TH GRADE, NO DIPLOMA
14 GED CERTIFICATE OF HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

15 SOME COLLEGE CREDIT, BUT NO DEGREE
16 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE (FOR EXAMPLE, AA, AS)
17 BACHELOR'S DEGREE (FOR EXAMPLE, BA, BS)

18 MASTER'S DEGREE (FOR EXAMPLE, MA, MS, MENG, M. ED, MSW, MBA)
19 DOCTORATE DEGREE (FOR EXAMPLE, PHD, EDD)
20 PROFESSIONAL DEGREE BEYOND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE (FOR EXAMPLE, MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)

SHOWCARD 3

2 SPOUSE

3 CHILD (INCLUDES STEP, FOSTER, ADOPTIVE)

4 CHILD-IN-LAW

5 SIBLING (INCLUDES HALF, STEP, FOSTER, ADOPTIVE)

6 SIBLING-IN-LAW

7 PARENT (INCLUDES STEP, FOSTER, ADOPTIVE)

8 PARENT-IN-LAW

9 AUNT OR UNCLE

10 NIECE OR NEPHEW

11 GRANDPARENT

12 GRANDCHILD

13 COUSIN

14 EX-SPOUSE

15 UNMARRIED PARTNER

16 HOUSEMATE OR ROOMMATE

17 TENANT, BOARDER, OR EXCHANGE STUDENT

18 OTHER RELATIVE

19 OTHER NON-RELATIVE

SHOWCARD 4

1 PERSON IN FAMILY WITH HEALTH INSURANCE LOST JOB OR CHANGED EMPLOYERS

2 LOST MEDICAID OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE BECAUSE OF NEW JOB OR INCREASE IN INCOME

3 LOST MEDICAID OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE FOR SOME OTHER REASON

4 COST IS TOO HIGH / CAN'T AFFORD PREMIUMS

5 BECAME INELIGIBLE BECAUSE OF AGE OR LEAVING SCHOOL

6 EMPLOYER DOES NOT OFFER COVERAGE, OR NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE

7 GOT DIVORCED OR SEPARATED FROM PERSON WITH INSURANCE

8 DEATH OF SPOUSE OR PARENT

9 INSURANCE COMPANY REFUSED COVERAGE

10 DON'T NEED IT

11 RECEIVED MEDICAID OR MEDICAL INSURANCE ONLY WHILE PREGNANT

SHOWCARD 5

1 COST IS TOO HIGH / CAN'T AFFORD PREMIUMS

2 EMPLOYER DOES NOT OFFER COVERAGE, OR NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE

3 INSURANCE COMPANY REFUSED COVERAGE

4 DON'T NEED IT

SHOWCARD 6

INCOME EARNED AT A JOB OR BUSINESS

RETIREMENT, DISABILITY, OR SURVIVOR PENSION

UNEMPLOYMENT OR WORKER'S COMPENSATION

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS

CHILD SUPPORT

ALIMONY

INTEREST INCOME

DIVIDENDS FROM STOCKS OR MUTUAL FUNDS

INCOME FROM RENTAL PROPERTIES, ROYALTIES, ESTATES OR TRUSTS

SHOWCARD 7

1	LESS THAN $1,000
2	$1,000 - $1,999
3	$2,000 - $2,999
4	$3,000 - $3,999
5	$4,000 - $4,999
6	$5,000 - $5,999
7	$6,000 - $6,999
8	$7,000 - $7,999
9	$8,000 - $8,999
10	$9,000 - $9,999
11	$10,000 - $10,999
12	$11,000 - $11,999
13	$12,000 - $12,999
14	$13,000 - $13,999
15	$14,000 - $14,999
16	$15,000 - $15,999
17	$16,000 - $16,999
18	$17,000 - $17,999
19	$18,000 - $18,999
20	$19,000 - $19,999

SHOWCARD 8

21 $20,000 - $24,999

22 $25,000 - $29,999

23 $30,000 - $34,999

24 $35,000 - $39,999

25 $40,000 - $44,999

26 $45,000 - $49,999

27 $50,000 - $74,999

28 $75,000 - $99,999

29 $100,000 - $149,999

30 $150,000 OR MORE