

How is my privacy protected?

The information you provide to the interviewer is confidential and is protected by the Privacy Act 1993. This means that the interviewer can not discuss your information with anyone else, and no one else will know that you have taken part in the survey. The answers you give in the survey are added to other people's answers to create grouped results. For example, we are interested in the number of children who have asthma in New Zealand. No information that could identify you will be given to other government departments or researchers.

The Ministry of Health may combine your survey information with other health-related information already routinely collected, such as information on hospital admissions. This step enables us to look at more complex health issues. We will ask your permission for this separately at the end of the interview.

Your information will always remain confidential.

Where can I find the survey results?

The results of the New Zealand Health Survey will be published on the Ministry of Health website: www.moh.govt.nz

Need more information?

For more information on the New Zealand Health Survey, visit the Ministry of Health website: www.moh.govt.nz or phone CBG Health Research Limited on **0800 478 783** or visit www.nzhs.org.nz.

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this survey you can contact an independent health and disability advocate for free advice. Telephone: **0800 555 050**
Email: advocacy@hdc.org.nz

The New Zealand Health Survey has been approved by the Multi-region Ethics Committee.

Thank you for reading this pamphlet.



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Information for Participants



What is the New Zealand Health Survey?

The **New Zealand Health Survey** collects information about the health of New Zealanders and the health services they use. Every year, about 14,000 New Zealand households take part in the survey.

Who is carrying out the survey?

The Ministry of Health contracts a company called CBG Health Research Limited to carry out the interviews for the New Zealand Health Survey. CBG Health Research Limited is a New Zealand company experienced in carrying out surveys.

Who is asked to participate?

Addresses from across New Zealand are chosen at random. From each selected household, we will invite one adult and one child (if any) to take part in the survey. A parent or legal guardian will be invited to complete the survey on behalf of children aged under 15 years.

Information about your health and your experience of health services is important to help improve health care for all New Zealanders. This information is needed from healthy people as well as from those with health problems. The Ministry of Health relies on your help to find out about important health issues.

What information is collected?

The New Zealand Health Survey collects information about:

- common health conditions and diseases
- health services used
- factors that affect health across all of New Zealand.

These are some examples of questions in the New Zealand Health Survey:

- Was there a time you had a medical problem but did not visit a doctor because of cost?
- How good is your doctor or nurse at explaining your health conditions or treatments in a way you can understand?
- Has a doctor told you that your child has asthma?

The interviewer will also ask to measure your height and weight. However, if you would rather not have your height and weight measured you can simply tell the interviewer at the time.

What is the information used for?

The Ministry of Health uses information from the New Zealand Health Survey to:

- monitor the health of New Zealanders
- develop health services, policies and programmes to help more New Zealanders
- monitor the use of health services
- focus additional health research.

Approved health researchers from outside of the Ministry of Health can apply to use information from the New Zealand Health Survey. This information will not contain any details that could identify you.

How long does the survey take?

The interview for adults takes about one hour and the interview for children takes about 30 minutes. Interviews can be done at a date and time that suits you and your family.

