



Coordinated State Coverage Survey (CSCS) Overview of Survey Content

Introduction

The Coordinated State Coverage Survey (CSCS) is a household telephone survey developed by researchers at the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) for estimation of health insurance coverage at the state level. It is modeled after the state household survey used to monitor the uninsured for the state of Minnesota since 1989. Versions of this survey have been used by more than 20 states and territories in the United States.

The survey instrument is programmed using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) software and the survey tool, CATI program, and training materials are provided free of charge for adaptation to states interested in collecting data on health insurance coverage. SHADAC will provide detailed survey documentation on weighting, editing and imputation for the CSCS. The CSCS instrument is designed to save states time and resources by providing a high quality survey instrument, CATI programming and the accompanying survey documentation.

Overview of the CSCS Approach

The CSCS is designed to achieve concise estimates of health insurance coverage by...

- establishing contact with the person in household most knowledgeable about health insurance,
- enumerating who is in the household,
- selecting one "target" person at random,
- establishing the relationship of the target to all other household members,
- determining the target's current and prior year (annual) health insurance coverage, and
- obtaining current health insurance coverage information about all other household members (optional but recommended).

Based on annual insurance status, target respondents are sorted into the following groups:

1. employer based insurance all year,
2. individual coverage all year,
3. public coverage all year,
4. uninsured all year, and
5. had a spell of uninsurance during the past 12 months, and everyone else.

The CSCS also includes modules of additional questions specifically designed for these groups which are optional. Finally, the CSCS includes a health status and demographic section, as well as questions used in weighting the data that are recommended.

Outline of CSCS Content

I. Health Insurance Coverage for Target Person

Is target currently covered by:

- A. State and Federal Government Health Coverage:
 - 1. Medicare coverage (with follow-up questions about Medigap and Medicare + Choice participation, and drug benefits)
 - 2. Railroad Retirement Plan insurance
 - 3. VA, CHAMPUS, and Military Health Care
 - 4. Indian Health Services (asked about but not considered comprehensive coverage if this is only coverage held)
 - 5. Medicaid coverage with state specific Medicaid program names
 - 6. Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) with state specific names
 - 7. Other state specific health insurance programs
 - 8. State specific programs targeting a pool of high risk people
- B. Employer based health insurance:
 - 1. Through a person's own employer/union
 - 2. Through someone else's employer/union
- C. Individually purchased health plans
 - 1. Health insurance purchased directly from an insurance company
 - a. Follow-up regarding whether the policy is for self only or covers others
 - b. Follow-up to determine the premium cost, deductibles, and provision of drug coverage
- D. Follow-up verification question to make sure that persons who did not select a health insurance plan really are uninsured.

After current health insurance coverage is established, coverage over past year (12 months) is established.

II. Current Health Insurance Status for Everyone Else in Household

Asked using a roster question (optional)

III. Access to Health Insurance through own or family members employer, awareness of public programs (optional)

IV. Dental Coverage (optional)

V. General Health Status (a general health status question)

VI. Household Characteristics

- A. Household size
- B. Relationships for people within the household
- C. Age of household members
- D. Gender of household members
- E. How many people live off the family income
- F. Total pooled income for family
- G. Key follow-up questions for poverty cut offs to the categorical income question

VI. Target Person Characteristics *(If the target person is a minor, detailed information is collected on one adult in the family and not on the minor child)*

- A. Hispanic ethnicity
- B. Race
- C. Length of time person has lived within the U.S.
- D. Country of birth
- E. Marital status
- F. Education
- G. Employment status
 - 1. How many paying jobs
 - 2. How many hours per week worked
 - 3. Full time or part-time
 - 4. Permanent position or temporary
 - 5. Size of employer
- H. Veteran status (optional)
- I. Home ownership status (vs renter)

VII. Geography

- A. County
- B. Zip code

VIII. Survey Operational Items

- A. A Check item to make sure children are not being interviewed
- B. Question to determine whether a proxy interview is necessary
 - 1. Reason for proxy, if it is a proxy interview
- C. Number of answerable phone numbers connecting to the household
- D. Interruption in phone service
- E. Prevalence of cell phone ownership among household members
- F. Date and time of interview
- G. Unique interviewer identifier
- H. Final disposition codes for determining response rate
- I. Is the housing unit a seasonal home or temporary residence