

statistics program of NCHS; (3) administers Division programs comprised of national health interview surveys, longitudinal surveys, population-based telephone surveys, targeted follow-up studies, and national and subnational surveys on selected health topics; (4) conducts research on data collection and estimation methodology, survey methodology, questionnaire design, data quality and reliability, and statistical computation related to health interview statistics; (5) analyzes data and publishes reports on the prevalence and incidence of disease and associated disabilities, health status, health-related behaviors, utilization of health care resources, health insurance status, and other health and well-being related topics; (6) conducts multidisciplinary research directed toward development of new scientific knowledge in areas related to health and health care, population demographics, economics, epidemiology, statistics, and disability, *e.g.*, determining associations between risks and outcomes; (7) performs theoretical and experimental investigations of the content of health interview surveys; (8) develop sophisticated approaches to making data available to users, including techniques to avoid disclosure of confidential data; (9) conducts and publishes descriptive analyses and sophisticated multivariate analyses that may integrate data across multiple surveys or data sets; (10) designs, develops, and implements state-of-the art computing systems for collecting, storing, and retrieving health interview statistics and for subsequent analysis and dissemination; (11) applies computer systems and software in its programs, consistent with NCHS information technology requirements; (12) conducts methodological research on the utilization, evaluation, and presentation of health interview statistics; (13) produces and publishes a wide variety of health interview statistics reports, papers, and tabulations in multiple formats as well as makes presentations on analyses of such data; and (14) develops and sustains collaborative partnerships with, and provides expert advice and technical assistance to, NCHS, CDC, DHHS, and externally with public, private, domestic and international entities on issues regarding health interview survey data.

*Office of the Director (CS71).* (1) Participates in the development of policy, long-range plans, and programs of NCHS; (2) provides leadership for the design, development, conduct, and statistical evaluation of the Division's

data systems, and the analysis and dissemination of national and subnational health interview statistics; (3) directs, plans, and monitors the scientific integrity and relevance to public health of the Division's data, publications, and other products; (4) directs and coordinates the planning and production activities of the Division, including data collection, information technology, and data dissemination; (5) develops and administers a research and analytic program in health interview statistics; (6) plans and conducts a program to improve methods for obtaining information on subpopulations defined by age, gender, geography, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, etc.; and (7) provides advice and leads development of collaborative partnerships within NCHS, CDC, and DHHS, and externally with public, private, domestic and international entities on issues regarding health interview statistics and the manner in which statistics may impact policy issues.

*Systems and Programming Branch (CS72).* (1) Conducts research into the design, development, deployment, and administration of information technology systems to collect, process, and disseminate national health interview survey data; (2) performs systems analysis and computer programming, employing state-of-the-art information technologies (*e.g.*, relational databases, Web-enabled applications, applications development tools) in support of data collection, processing, maintenance, analysis, and dissemination activities associated with national health interview surveys; (3) develops and implements computer technologies, data architectures, and security infrastructure and information technology management for the national health interview survey information technology systems ensuring consistency with the Center and Agency information technology requirements (4) designs, implements, and administers health interview survey information technologies; (5) conducts studies on statistical computation and data quality; (6) directs and coordinates the Division's procurement of computer hardware and software; (7) conducts studies and analyses to endure data confidentiality; (8) designs and implements computer applications to produce final edited and imputed health interview survey data and statistics; (9) produces health statistics reports and tabulations of data from health interview surveys in multiple formats; (10) designs and conducts evaluative

studies of health interview survey data collection, processing, and dissemination systems to incorporate new concepts, methods and technologies; (11) provides consultation, policy guidance, and expert technical assistance NCHS-wide as well as to a broad range of agencies, institutions, federal, local, and international governments, researchers, and individuals, in regard to the design, administration, and usage of health interview statistics technology systems.

*Survey Planning and Development Branch (CS73).* (1) Establishes the design and content of the national health interview surveys in response to public health priorities; (2) converts identified data needs into research, development, and evaluation activities and related public health information in the areas of prevalence and incidence of disease and associated disabilities, health status, health-related behaviors, health insurance status, and other health and well-being related topics; (3) coordinates survey instrument development and data collection activities by outside contractors; (4) designs and conducts methodological, analytical, developmental, and evaluation studies of health interview survey processes, questions, and data; (5) performs theoretical and experimental research on the content of and data collection efforts for health interview surveys in order to improve timeliness, quality, and availability of health interview survey data; (6) collaborates with other NCHS programs and through contracts and interagency agreements with outside sponsors of survey supplements in the development, implementation, and analysis of survey questions and data; and (7) provides technical advice and consultation in survey methodology, data collection, quality control, and analysis of health interview statistics data to a broad range of institutions, governments, and researchers.

*Data Analysis Branch (CS74).* (1) Conducts research and analysis on topics relevant to public health using national health interview survey data; (2) integrates, analyzes, and disseminates data from the national health interview survey; (3) facilitates linkages across the national health interview survey components and with other databases; (4) prepares and presents scientific papers on health issues using data from the national health interview survey; (5) collaborates in the development and application of analytical and methodological techniques and guides for the Division's data collection programs; (6) identifies substantive methodological and