

technological research needs pertaining to health interview survey data; (7) serves as the NCHS resource on health interview survey data and their use in assessing the prevalence and incidence of disease and associated disabilities, health status, health related behaviors, health insurance status, and other health and well-being related topics; (8) collaborates in the questionnaire development process for health interview surveys; and (9) provides consultation, technical assistance, and liaison to academia, other research groups, and state, federal, and international entities concerning data needs and the definitions and uses of health interview survey data.

*Special Population Surveys Branch (CS75).* (1) Plans and directs special customized population surveys, such as the State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey (SLAITS), in order to obtain timely state and smaller-area data as well as national data relevant to public health; (2) plans and directs the methodological and development aspects of data systems for producing health, welfare, and well-being statistics for populations defined by geography, race and ethnicity, and for other special populations; (3) collaborates through contracts, grants, and interagency agreements with outside sponsors of special population surveys in the development, implementation, and analysis of survey questions and data; (4) coordinates special population survey instrument development and data collection and processing activities by outside contractors; (5) designs and implements computer applications to produce final edited and imputed special population survey data and statistics; (6) conducts methodological research and analysis to improve the quality of health, welfare, and well-being statistics for special populations; (7) conducts innovative research and analysis activities that will establish baseline health and health-related data at national and subnational levels; (8) converts identified data needs into research, development, and evaluation activities; (9) conducts theoretical and experimental research to improve the content of the data collection effort for special population surveys by linkage with other surveys and by conducting record validation; (10) designs, conducts, publishes, and presents results of methodological, analytical, developmental, and evaluation studies of special population survey processes, questions, and data; (11) serves as the NCHS resource on special population surveys data and their use in evaluating programs and activities related to the

NCHS mission; and (12) provides consultation and technical assistance to academia, other research groups, and state, federal, and international entities addressing the definitions, needs, and uses of special population survey data.

*Division of Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (CS8).* Plans and administers complex data collection systems and analytic programs and conducts a program of methodologic and substantive public health research activities based on the nationwide collection of data from health and nutrition examination surveys. (1) Participates in the development of policy, long-range plans, and programs of the Center; (2) plans, directs and coordinates the health and nutrition examination statistics program of the Center; (3) administers national cross-sectional, longitudinal and special health and nutrition examination studies responsive to the needs for complex health, nutritional, and related public health information; (4) manages and coordinates activities of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys; (5) conducts research on data collection methodology, survey methodology, data quality, and statistical computation related to health and nutritional status assessment; (6) conducts multidisciplinary research directed toward development of new scientific knowledge in the areas related to health and nutrition status, e.g. determining the causal relationships between risks and outcomes; (7) performs innovative theoretical and experimental investigations into the content of the health and nutrition examination statistics data collection effort; (8) develops sophisticated approaches to making health and nutrition examination statistics data available to users, including techniques, to avoid disclosure of confidential data; (9) prepares and publishes descriptive analyses and sophisticated multivariate analyses that integrate health and nutrition examination statistics data across multiple surveys or data sets; (10) consults and provides technical assistance on the assessment of health and nutritional status for application in setting medical standards, evaluation of national programs, and regulatory processes; (11) provides leadership for the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program; (12) designs, develops, and implements state-of-the-art computing systems and technologies for collecting, storing, and retrieving health and nutrition examination data for subsequent analysis and

dissemination; (13) applies computer systems and software for its programs consistent with Center information technology requirements; (14) produces a wide variety of health and nutrition examination statistics analytic reports and tabulations in multiple formats; and (15) develops and sustains collaborative partnerships within NCHS, CDC, and DHHS, and externally with public, private, domestic and international entities on health and nutrition examination statistics programs.

*Office of the Director (CS81).* (1) Participates in the development of policy, long-range plans, and programs of the Center; (2) provides leadership for the monitoring and statistical evaluation of national health and nutrition examination statistics; (3) plans, directs and coordinates the statistical activities of the Division; (4) develops and administers a research and analytic program in health and nutrition examination statistics; (5) provides advice and leads development of collaborative partnerships within NCHS, CDC, and DHHS and externally with public, private, domestic and international entities on health and nutrition examination statistics; (6) provides support and focus for DHHS activities in the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program, coordinating these activities in CDC, DHHS, and other Federal agencies; and (7) manages and coordinates activities of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys.

*Analysis Branch (CS82).* (1) Analyzes data and prepares scientific papers on the prevalence of disease or health-related characteristics and the interrelationships of these variables; (2) collaborates in the development and application of analytic techniques and guidelines for the Division's data collection programs; (3) performs innovative health and nutrition examination statistics data needs into research, development, and evaluation activities; (5) conducts theoretical and experimental research to improve the content of the health examination statistics data collection effort; (6) prepares and publishes descriptive analyses as well as sophisticated multivariate analyses that integrate data across multiple surveys or data sets; (7) develops a wide variety of health and nutrition examination statistics reports and tabulations in multiple formats and arranges for dissemination through appropriate media; and (8) administers analysis and scientific peer review of manuscripts for data collected in the Division's data collection programs; and