

Any other questions?

The field representative who visits your home will be able to answer questions you may have about this survey. You may also call the Irish Health Survey at:

LoCall number 1890 252 293 or visit the survey website www.ihsurvey.cso.ie



**Thank you in advance for participating
in this important survey**

Central Statistics Office

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) is responsible for the collection and publication of most official statistics in Ireland. The CSO guarantees the confidentiality of the individual details it collects.

If you would like more information about the CSO or about the Irish Health Survey, please contact:

**Central Statistics Office
IHS Section
Skehard Road
Cork.**

Tel: LoCall 1890 252 293

**Office hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
or**

E-mail: ihc@csa.ie

CSO IHS on the Web: www.ihsurvey.cso.ie



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Central Statistics Office



Irish Health Survey (IHS)



Statistics for a Modern Ireland

What is the Irish Health Survey?



The Irish Health Survey (IHS) is a household survey which collects information on the health of people in Ireland. It covers areas such as general health and wellbeing, as well as any accidents and illnesses suffered. The survey will also collect data on what health services have been used, people's physical activity, consumption of products such

as fruit, vegetables, alcohol etc., and what social supports are available. For some groups such as the elderly there are also questions on any limitations in day to day activities.

The Irish Health Survey (IHS) is being conducted by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), under the provisions of the Statistics Act, 1993.

Who will use the results?

The data we will collect will be used by a wide variety of users including Irish Government departments, health researchers, the bodies of the European Union and any person with an interest in the health and wellbeing of the Irish population.

Why did you pick my house?

Since interviewing every household in Ireland would be very expensive and difficult, we have randomly selected individual households and persons within the households to represent the whole country. The sample is therefore designed to be fully representative of the country.

Why should I participate?

We hope you understand the importance of the survey as it will enable us to paint a detailed, accurate picture of the health of the country. Your participation is vital because you represent thousands of other adults throughout the country so

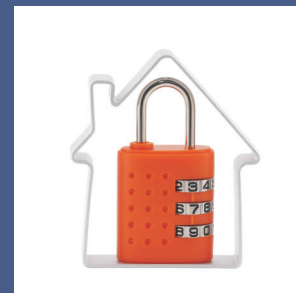


it is important that every person selected takes part in the survey. This will ensure that policymakers use the most complete information when making decisions that will affect us all.

How do I do the survey?

The CSO interviewer will give you a paper version of the questionnaire which you may complete and return directly to the CSO using the return envelope provided. Alternatively you can go to the secure website <https://eforms.cso.ie/public/ihs.htm> and do the survey online using the number on the front of the questionnaire as the reference number. In either case it should take no longer than 15 minutes to do the survey.

Is my data secure?



The IHS is being conducted under the provisions of the Statistics Act, 1993. In strict conformity with the Act, the CSO guarantees that the confidentiality of individual data will be fully protected at all times. Everyone working on the survey has

signed a confidentiality agreement pledging to keep all information provided by respondents confidential. Furthermore, no information that would permit the identification of an individual will be released or published.

The field representative who contacts you about the survey will be carrying a survey photo identification badge authorised by the CSO.