

National Survey of Children's Health: Essential Data for Pediatricians in

Funded and directed by the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and conducted by the US Census Bureau, the [National Survey of Children's Health](#) (NSCH) **examines the lives of children**, "including physical and mental health, access to quality health care, and the children's family, neighborhood, school, and social context."ⁱ The NSCH is conducted annually, and over 30,000 families with children ages 0-17 completed the questionnaire in 2018.ⁱⁱ Households are randomly selected from each US state and the District of Columbia, and children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) are oversampled. National and state-level estimates are available for each survey topic, including medical home, and comparisons can be made between state and national data.^{iv}

CYSHCN receiving care through a medical home in 2017-2018	National Average: 42.7%	
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Why does the National Survey of Children's Health

• Matter to me?

Pediatricians play a critical role in systems that support CYSHCN and their families. Families in our state report annually on the care they receive from their pediatrician or other physician, including receipt of care within a medical home. The NSCH is one important way medical home is measured and tracked over time.

• Matter to my patients?

The NSCH data inform funding priorities and policy decisions that greatly impact the lives of CYSHCN and their families in

• Matter to the healthcare system and its resources?

Data from the NSCH are an important tool for our state's Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH)/CYSHCN programs to examine gaps and challenges in ensuring families are receiving high quality care and services. The NSCH provides critical information that inform state level planning and evaluation.

Title V MCH/CYSHCN programs have utilized NSCH data to implement key medical home programs and policies that support CYSHCN and their families, including:

Contact us:

For strategies, tools, and resources for implementing the medical home model of care, visit the [National Resource Center for Patient/Family-Centered Medical Home](#).

ⁱ <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/data/national-surveys>

ⁱⁱ <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/data/national-surveys/data-user>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/Data/NSCH/NSCH-2018-factsheet.pdf>

^{iv} <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/Data/NSCH/NSCH-factsheet-2019.pdf>