

professional persons concerned with the study of mortality, natality, marriage, and divorce in the United States.

The national health survey program was begun in 1956 under authority of the National Health Survey Act passed by Congress in that year.

The Center's health survey program collects, analyzes, and publishes current information on many of the health aspects of the U.S. population including heart disease, dental care, costs of medical care, accidental injuries, and many other subjects.

4. *Level of operations.* (See table 1.)

Program: National Center for Health Statistics.

Department: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Public Health Service—Office of the Surgeon General.

TABLE 1.—*Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964-67*

Measure	Fiscal year			
	1964	1965	1966 estimates	1967 estimates
(a) Magnitude (not applicable).....				
(b) Applicants or participants (not applicable).....				
(c) Federal finances (dollars) (obligations incurred).....	5,788,000	6,278,000	7,230,000	9,312,000
(d) Matching expenditures (not applicable).....				
(e) Number of Federal employees.....	349	384	404	444
(f) Non-Federal employees (not applicable).....				
(g) Other measures of level, none.				
The National Center for Health Statistics is a general purpose statistical organization and makes its statistical products available to a wide range of consumers. In addition to over 8,000 regular consumers of the Center's statistical publications, over 1,600 persons per year telephone or write for special statistical data of one type or another.				

5. *Estimated magnitude of program in 1970*

Not answered.

6. *Prospective changes in program orientation*

Not answered.

7. *Coordination and cooperation*

The NCHS, serving as a national resource for general purpose health statistics, coordinates its programs with a variety of Federal and non-Federal organizations. The Bureau of the Census works closely with the Center in developing health survey designs and in collecting statistical data. The Center also cooperates with State and local officials by participating in such activities as the Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics and by providing technical advice and guidance to the States on registration problems. Whenever possible within the limits imposed by manpower and budget, the Center responds to requests from a wide variety of consumers for special types of health statistics data.

8. *Laws and regulations*

Public Health Service Act, as amended, particularly sections 301, 305, 312(a), 313, 314(c) and 315 (42 U.S.C. 241, 242c, 244a, 245, 246c, 247).