

Selecting a new Race and Ethnicity using new Federal Codes

Additional Information

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Included in this document is information from the Texas Education Agency that may help you determine your race and ethnicity.

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1. Expanded definitions of the new ethnic and racial categories

The following definitions are provided for the ethnic and racial categories:

Ethnic and Race Category	Definition
<i>Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity</i>	A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native Race</i>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.
<i>Asian Race</i>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
<i>Black or African American Race</i>	A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Race</i>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
<i>White Race</i>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

2. Using Languages Spoken to Determine Race and Ethnicity

Languages can be an indication of an individual's race and ethnicity. The following are the nine most common languages other than English spoken and their probable "race/ethnicity" designations:

If an individual's native home language is:	He/She is likely:	Therefore...
Chinese	Asian	Asian Race
Hindi (India)	Asian	Asian Race
Spanish	Hispanic, with one or more of any racial categories	Check "country of birth or origin"
Bengali (India and Bangladesh)	Asian	Asian Race
Portuguese	White, Black, or Asian. <i>Note that Portuguese-speaking groups are not considered Hispanic.</i>	Check "country of birth or origin" (as the language is used in South American countries such as Brazil, Asian countries such as Macao, or the Caribbean)
Russian	White	White Race
Japanese	Asian	Asian Race
German	White, some could be Hispanic in ethnicity	Check "country of birth or origin" (as the language is spoken by a few in South America and South Africa)
Korean	Asian	Asian Race

3. Selecting an Ethnicity using Hispanic Ancestry groups

The following is a list of Hispanic ancestry groups with which a Hispanic person may identify. If a person is of any of these ancestry groups they should probably choose the Hispanic ethnicity.

Spaniard	Andalusian	Asturian	Castillian	Catalonian
Balearic Islander	Gallego	Valencian	Canary Islander	Mexican
Mexican American	Mexicano	Chicano	La Raza	Mexican American
				Indian
Mexican State	Costa Rican	Guatemalan	Honduran	Nicaraguan
Panamanian	Salvadoran	Central American	Canal Zone	Argentinean
Bolivian	Chilean	Colombian	Ecuadorian	Paraguayan
Peruvian	Uruguayan	Venezuelan	Criollo	South American
Latin American	Latino	Puerto Rican	Dominican	Hispanic
Spanish	Californio	Tejano	Nuevo Mexicano	Spanish American

4. Selecting a Race

Below is information on how to select a race using the geographic or national origin, a list of American Indian tribes or a list of Alaskan native tribes

Selecting a Race using geographic/national origin

The following chart may help in connecting an individual's geographic/national origin with a race, as defined in the USDE Guidance:

If an individual considers him- or herself to be:	...or comes from one of the following countries or regions:	...and assuming single-race, the individual may be identified as:
European American	<p>Northern Europe such as: Britain (Scotland, Ireland, Wales) Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden</p> <p>Western Europe such as: Belgium, France, Holland, Luxembourg,</p> <p>Central Europe such as: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland</p> <p>Eastern Europe such as: Belarus, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Ukraine</p> <p>Southern Europe such as: Bosnia, Catalonia, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain</p> <p>Other such as: Caucasus, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan</p>	White
Middle Eastern American	Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen	White
North African American	Algeria, Egypt, Morocco	White
Black, African American, Afro-American	Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Ethiopia, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Nigriti, South Africa, Sudan, Tobago, Trinidad, West Indies, Zaire	Black
Asian American	Asian Indian, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, China, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Okinawa, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam; or ancestry groups such as Hmongs, Mongolians, Iwo Jiman, Maldivian	Asian
Pacific Islander	Caroline Islands, Fiji, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Polynesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tarawa Islands, Tonga	Pacific Islander
Australian or New Zealander—not an indigenous person	Australia, New Zealand	White
Aborigine, Indigenous Australian, Melanesian, Torres Straits Islander	Australia, New Zealand, Torres Straits Islands	Pacific Islander

Selecting a Race using lists of American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Tribes

Though not exhaustive, the following is a list of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes or self-descriptions that may assist students or staff in race identification.

American Indian Tribes

Abenaki	Algonquian	Apache	Arapahoe	Arikara
Assiniboine	Assiniboine Sioux	Bannock	Blackfeet	Brotherton
Burt Lake Band	Caddo	Cahuilla	California Tribes	Canadian and Latin American
Catawba	Cayuse	Chehalis	Chemakuan	Chemehuevi
Cherokee	Cherokee Shawnee	Cheyenne	Cheyenne-Arapaho	Chickahominy
Chickasaw	Chinook	Chippewa	Chippewa Cree	Chitimacha
Choctaw	Choctaw-Apache	Chumash	Clear Lake	Coeur D'Alene
Coharie	Colorado River Indian	Colville	Comanche	Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw
Coos	Coquille	Costanoan	Coushatta	Cowlitz
Cree	Creek	Croatan	Crow	Cumberland
Cupeno	Delaware	Diegueno	Eastern Tribes	Esselen
Fort Belknap	Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota	Fort McDowell	Fort Hall	Gabrieleno
Grand Ronde	Guilford	Gros Ventres	Haliwa-Saponi	Hidatsa
Hoopa	Hoopa Extension	Indians of Person County	Iroquois	Juaneno (Acjachemem)
Kalispel	Karuk	Kaw	Kickapoo apoo	Kiowa
S'Klallam	Klamath	Konkow	Kootenai	Lassik
Long Island	Luiseno	Lumbee	Lummi	Maidu
Makah	Maliseet	Mandan	Mattaponi	Menominee
Metrolina	Miami	Miccousukee	Micmac	Mission Indians
Miwok	Me-Wuk	Modoc	Mohegan	Monacan
Mono	Nanticoke	Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape	Narragansett	Navajo
Nez Perce	Nipmuc	Nomlaki	Northwest Tribes	Omaha
Oneida Tribe	Oregon Athabaskan	Otoe-Missouria	Ottawa	Paiute
Pamunkey	Passamaquoddy	Pawnee	Penobscot	Peoria
Pequot	Pima	Piscataway	Pit River	Pomo and Pit River Indians
Pomo	Ponca	Potawatomi	Powhatan	Pueblo
Puget Sound Salish	Quapaw	Quinault	Rappahannock	Reno-Sparks
Round Valley	Sac and Fox	Salinan	Salish	Salish and Kootenai
Schaghticoke	Seminole	Serrano	Shasta	Shawnee
Shinnecock	Shoalwater Bay	Shoshone	Te-Moak Tribes of Western Spokane	Shoshone Indians of Nevada
Paiute-Shoshone	Siletz	Siuslaw		Stockbridge-Munsee
Tohono O'Odham	Tolowa	Tonkawa	Trinidad	Tygh
Umatilla	Umpqua	Wailaki	Walla-Walla	Wampanoag
Warm Springs	Wascopum	Washoe	Wichita	Wind River
Winnebago	Wintun	Wintun-Wailaki	Wiyot	Yakama
Yakama Cowlitz	Yaqui	Yavapai Apache	Yokuts	Yuchi
Yuman	Yurok			

Alaska Native Tribes

Alaska Native	Alaska Indian Tribes	Alaska Indian	Alaskan Athabascans	Tlingit-Haida
Tsimshian	Sealaska	Southeast Alaska	Eskimo Tribes	Greenland Eskimo
Inuit	Inupiat Eskimo	Siberian Eskimo	Cupiks Eskimo	Yup'ik
Aleut Tribes	Aleut	Alutiiq Aleut	Bristol Bay Aleut	Chugach Aleut
Eyak	Koniag Aleut	Sugpiaq	Suqpigaaq	Unangan Aleut

5. Comparison of Prior and New USDE Ethnicity and Race Reporting Standards

Below are the most likely translations from the old race/ethnicity codes to the new race codes and new ethnicity options.

Prior Federal Standards (1977- 2007)	New Federal Standards (2007)
Race and Ethnicity Categories	
American Indian or Alaska Native	Same Race (American Indian or Alaska Native)
Asian or Pacific Islander	Separate into 2 categories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asian Race• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Race
Black or African American	Same Race (Black or African American)
Hispanic/Latino	Same Ethnicity except that individuals are now asked to choose a race(s) as well as an ethnicity.
White	Same Race (White)