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## OMB recognizes the following categories for race:

- **American Indian/Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment
- **Asian:** 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
- **Black/African American:** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as “Haitian,” “Dominican,” or “Somali” can be used in addition to “Black or African American”
- **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands
- **White:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa

## OMB recognizes the following categories for ethnicity:

- **Hispanic or Latino or Spanish:** A person of Chicano, Cuban, Mexican, Mexican American, Puerto Rican, or another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish culture or origin
- **Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin**



RACE	ETHNICITY
American Indian / Alaska Native	Hispanic / Latino / Spanish
Asian	Not Hispanic / Latino / Spanish
Black / African American	
Native American / Other Pacific Islander	
White	

Source: OMB (Office of Management and Budget). 1997b. Revisions to the standards for the classification of federal data on race and ethnicity. Federal Register 62:58781-58790.