

Data for Indian Economic Development Workshop:

U.S. Census Bureau Population Statistics

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Current Data on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Populations



2010 Census Question on AIAN

Figure 1.

Reproduction of the Questions on Hispanic Origin and Race From the 2010 Census

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 5 about Hispanic origin and Question 6 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

5. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — *Print origin, for example, Argentinian, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.* ↘

6. What is this person's race?, Mark one or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African Am., or Negro
- American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.* ↘

- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.* ↘
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.* ↘

- Some other race — *Print race.* ↘

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census questionnaire.

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American Community Survey (ACS) Question on AIAN

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 5 about Hispanic origin and Question 6 about race. For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.

5 Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – *Print origin, for example, Argentinian, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.* ↴

6 What is Person 1's race? Mark (X) one or more boxes.

- White
- Black or African Am.
- American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.* ↴

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian – <i>Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.</i> ↴ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander – <i>Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.</i> ↴ |

- Some other race – *Print race.* ↴



Excerpt from 2010 Census Code List

2010 Race Code	2010 Race code List (See expanded names for some tribes in special AIAN tabulations on the AFF)
J66	Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
A61	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
K77	Ak-Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa Indian Reservation
C65	Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town
C52	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
G97	Alturas Indian Rancheria
A15	Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
A27	Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming
F27	Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians
A62	Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
B67	Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe
D05	Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band
B68	Bay Mills Indian Community
A88	Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
E92	Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians
K88	Big Lagoon Rancheria
G23	Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley

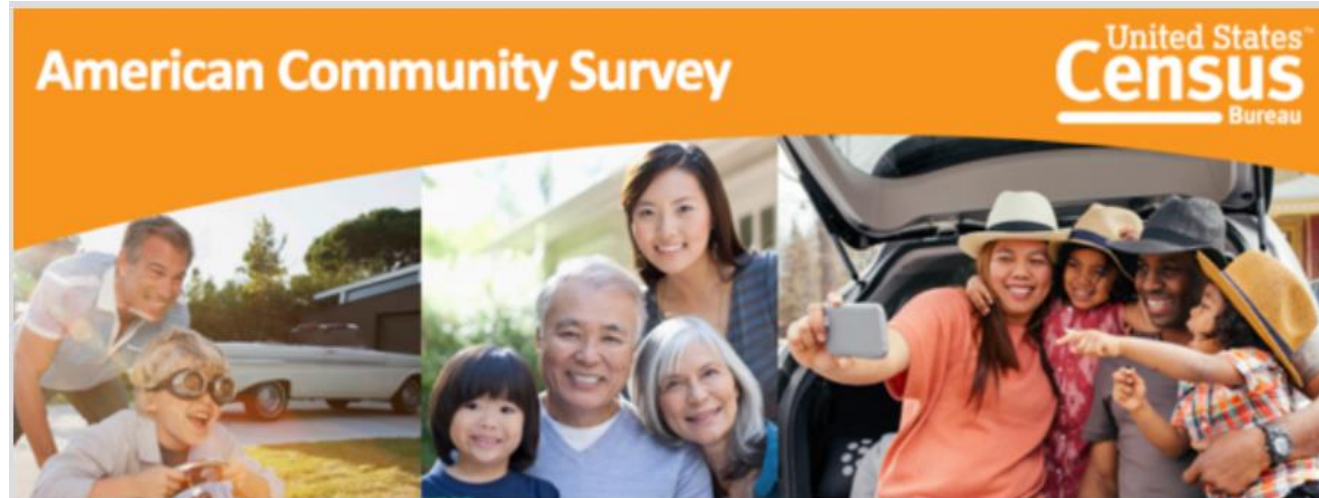


Data Products

- 2010 Census
 - Summary File 2
 - American Indian and Alaska Native Summary File
- 2010 ACS 5-Year Special Population Tables (SPT) and American Indian and Alaska Native Tables (AIANT)
- ACS release
 - 1-year estimates
 - 5-year estimates
- 2015 ACS 5-Year SPT and AIANT release



2015 ACS SPT/AIANT Release



**U.S. Census Bureau Releases New
American Community Survey Statistics
for Detailed Race, Hispanic Origin,
Ancestry, and Tribal Population Groups**

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2017/acs-selected-population-tables-aian.html>



Mid-Decade Research on Race and Ethnicity Questions



Concerns with the Current Race/Ethnicity Questions

- Growing number of groups find the race and Hispanic origin questions confusing
- Increasing responses of “Some Other Race”
- Campaigns and lobbying of the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Congress for changes to the race and Hispanic origin questions
- Led to the 2010 Census Race and Hispanic Origin Alternative Questionnaire Experiment (AQE)



Overview of Mid-Decade Research for AIAN

- 2014 focus groups on alternative race questions and instructions for tribal reporting
- 2015 cognitive testing of alternative answer formats
- 2015 National Content Test (NCT)
- 2017 Census Test (CT)



2014 Focus Groups

- Purpose of focus groups was to evaluate different words and instructions for the AIAN population
- Diverse representation of AIAN population: representing different tribes, different ages, different education attainment, etc.
- Participants didn't agree what the different terms and concepts (e.g., "enrolled," "affiliated," "villages," "race," "origin," "tribe," etc.) meant
- Majority of AIAN participants preferred "*Print, for example...*" instruction wording



2014 Focus Groups Results

- Tested “***Print, for example....***” instructions, with varying combinations of question instructions in the 2015 NCT (e.g., “***What is your race or origin?***” “***Which categories describe you?***”)

American Indian or Alaska Native – *Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. ↴*



2015 Cognitive Interviews

Version 1

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – *Provide details below.*

Navajo Nation Blackfeet Tribe Mayan

Aztec Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Nome Eskimo Community

Print, for example, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Taino, Orutsararmuit Native Village, etc. ↴

Version 2

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – *Provide details below.*

American Indian Alaska Native Central or South American Indian

Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. ↴



2015 Cognitive Interviews Results

- Desire to report participant's complex and diverse racial identify
- Examples provided guidance to participants to find themselves and report their identities
- For AIAN respondents, a sense of fairness among the different tribes was important

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2015 National Content Test Designs

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
Mark one or more boxes AND print origins.

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc. z

9. What is Person 1's race?
Mark one or more boxes AND print origins.

White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc. z

Black or African Am. – Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc. z

American Indian or Alaska Native – Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. z

<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian
<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian – Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc. z	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander – Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc. z	

Some other race – Print race or origin. z

8. What is Person 1's race or origin?
Mark all boxes that apply AND print origins in the spaces below. Note, you may report more than one group.

White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, French, etc. z

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print, for example, Mexican or Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, etc. z

Black or African Am. – Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc. z

Asian – Print, for example, Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc. z

American Indian or Alaska Native – Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. z

Middle Eastern or North African – Print, for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Moroccan, Algerian, etc. z

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – Print, for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc. z

Some other race or origin – Print race or origin. z

8. Which categories describe Person 1?
Mark all boxes that apply AND print details in the spaces below. Note, you may report more than one group.

WHITE – Provide details below.

<input type="checkbox"/> German	<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> English
<input type="checkbox"/> Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> Polish	<input type="checkbox"/> French

Print, for example, Scottish, Norwegian, Dutch, etc. z

HISPANIC, LATINO, OR SPANISH – Provide details below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican or Mexican American	<input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican	<input type="checkbox"/> Cuban
<input type="checkbox"/> Salvadoran	<input type="checkbox"/> Dominican	<input type="checkbox"/> Colombian

Print, for example, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc. z

BLACK OR AFRICAN AM. – Provide details below.

<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican	<input type="checkbox"/> Haitian
<input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopian	<input type="checkbox"/> Somali

Print, for example, Ghanaian, South African, Barbadian, etc. z

ASIAN – Provide details below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese

Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc. z

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – Provide details below.

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Central or South American Indian
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Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. z

MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN – Provide details below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Iranian	<input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian
<input type="checkbox"/> Syrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Moroccan	<input type="checkbox"/> Algerian

Print, for example, Israeli, Iraqi, Tunisian, etc. z

NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER – Provide details below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan	<input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro
<input type="checkbox"/> Tongan	<input type="checkbox"/> Fijian	<input type="checkbox"/> Marshallese

Print, for example, Palauan, Tahitian, Chuukese, etc. z

SOME OTHER RACE, ETHNICITY, OR ORIGIN – Print below. z



2015 National Content Test Designs for AIAN

Version 1



American Indian or Alaska Native – *Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.* ↗

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Version 2



AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – *Provide details below.*



American Indian



Alaska Native



Central or South American Indian

Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. ↗

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American Indian or Alaska Native – Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. [?](#)

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You said that NAME is:
 White
 Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish
 Black or African Am.
 Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Some other race, ethnicity, or origin

What are NAME's specific **American Indian or Alaska Native** categories? — Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. [\(help\)](#)

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2015 NCT Question Designs for AIAN

Version 2

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AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – *Provide details below.*

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Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. ↴

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- Some other race, ethnicity, or origin

What are NAME's specific American Indian or Alaska Native categories? — [\(Help\)](#)

American Indian
Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, etc.

Alaska Native
Enter, for example, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Quitsarmuit Native Village, etc.

Central or South American Indian
Enter, for example, Mayan, Aztec, Taino, etc.

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