

Census Humor

A person of Spanish ancestry,
a person of Spanish origin,
and a person of Spanish surname
walk into a bar...



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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Persons of Spanish Ancestry

This report presents data from the 1970 census on the numbers and geographic distribution of persons of Spanish ancestry. The 1970 census used four identifiers to provide statistical information for persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish background. Each of these identifiers provides useful information about people frequently referred to as "Spanish speaking" or "Spanish Americans." The four identifiers are based, respectively, on origin, surname, language, and birthplace.

The data presented in this report are drawn from various other 1970 census reports and are summarized here for the convenience of users. This report shows counts of the Spanish ancestry population for the country as a whole, regions, divisions, and States. Also, in tables 2, 4, and 6, data are shown for those standard metropolitan statistical areas in which there were 5,000 or more persons classified as of Spanish origin, language, or birthplace.

Spanish origin. This identifier, used in a decennial census for the first time in 1970, is based on self-identification by the respondent. For each person in a 5-percent sample of households throughout all areas of the country, a question was asked which permitted respondents to specify whether they considered themselves to be of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish origin or descent.¹ The question was worded as follows:

¹ An explanation of the sampling procedures used is found in the report Census of Population: 1970, General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report, PC71-1C1, United States Summary, Introduction, p. 111.

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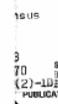
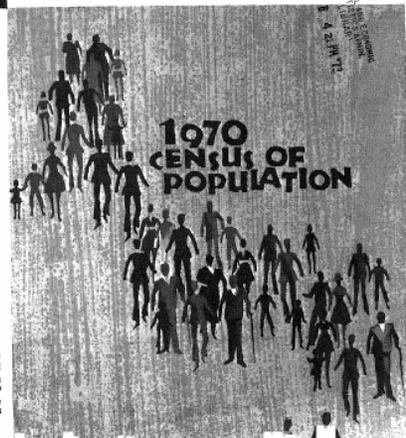
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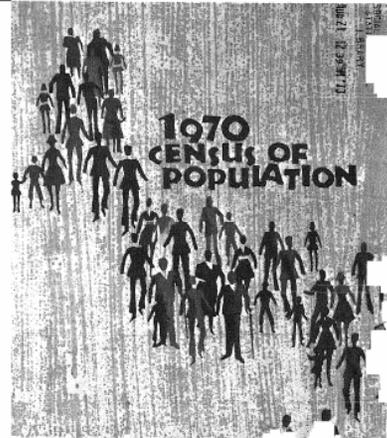


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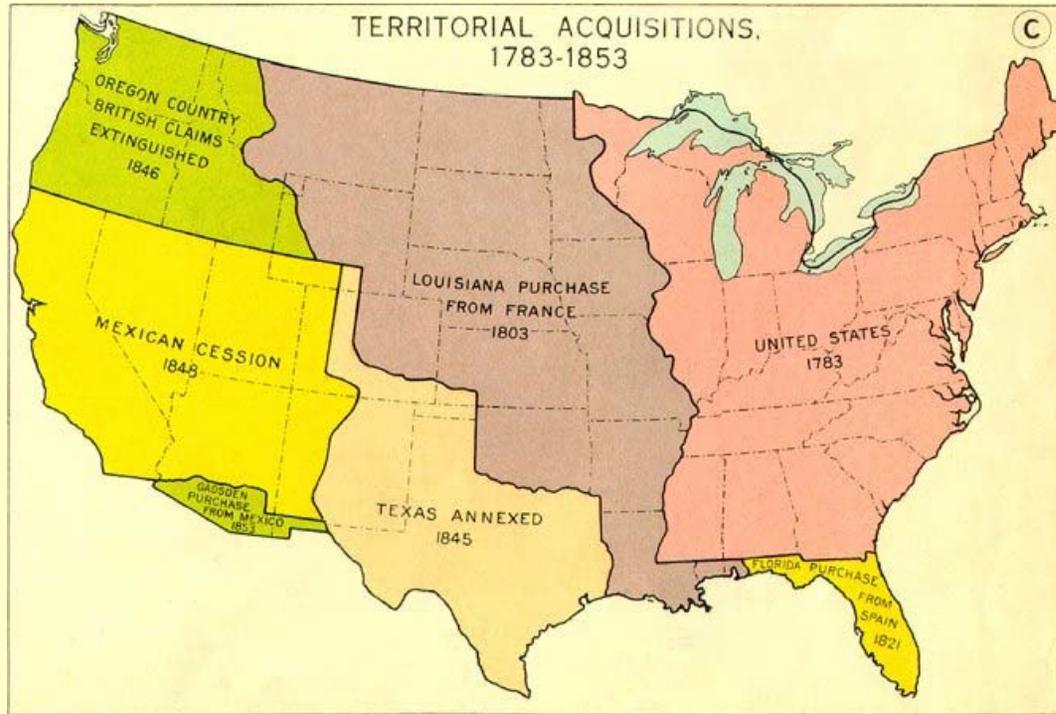
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Persons of Spanish Surname



“Hispanics” in the U.S.

- Spanish-American; Spanish Colonial; Hispano
 - 16th Century
 - Florida
 - New Mexico, then California and Texas
 - Lived in territory that came under U.S. flag



“Hispanics” in the U.S.

- Mexican Americans
 - Immigrants from Mexico and descendants
- descendants of:
 - Original “Hispanic” residents
- Other immigrants and descendants
- Race?
 - Racial mixture of European colonizers and indigenous residents

Census 2000 – Hispanic or Latino origin

- Hispanic or Latino categories

- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino

- Origin

- Heritage
- Nationality group
- Lineage
- Country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the U.S.

- Can be of any race

	United States
Total:	281,421,906
Not Hispanic or Latino:	246,116,088
White alone	194,552,774
Black or African American alone	33,947,837
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,068,883
Asian alone	10,123,169
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	353,509
Some other race alone	467,770
Two or more races	4,602,146
Hispanic or Latino:	35,305,818
White alone	16,907,852
Black or African American alone	710,353
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	407,073
Asian alone	119,829
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	45,326
Some other race alone	14,891,303
Two or more races	2,224,082

48%



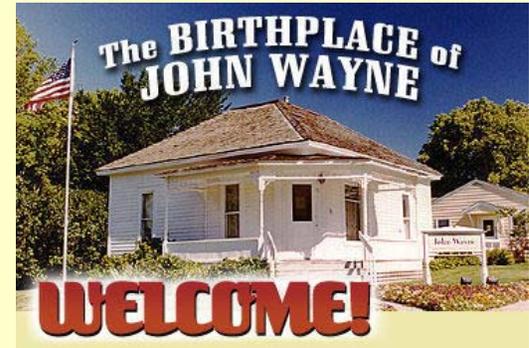
42%



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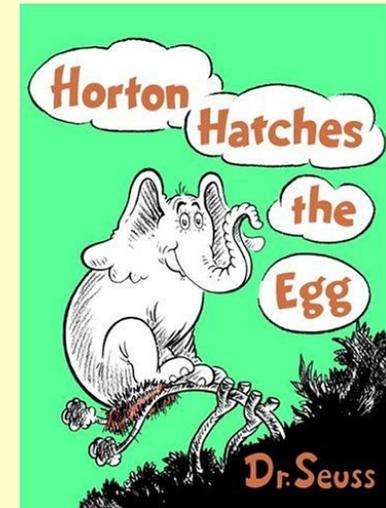
Nativity

- 1850-current
- Data on immigrants



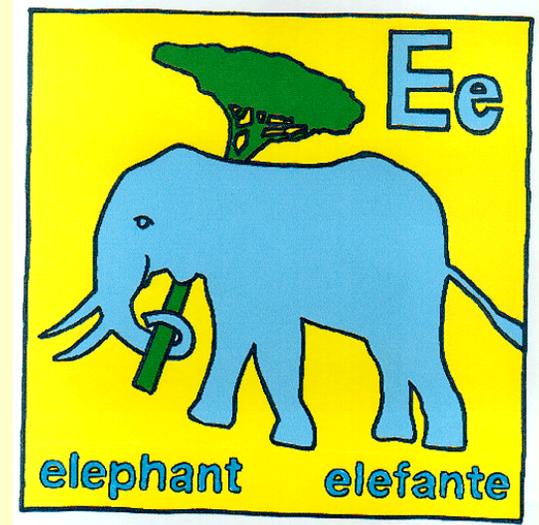
Parentage

- 1880-1970
- Data on children of immigrants



Mother tongue

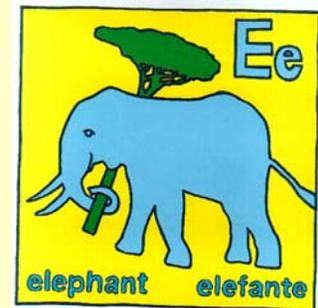
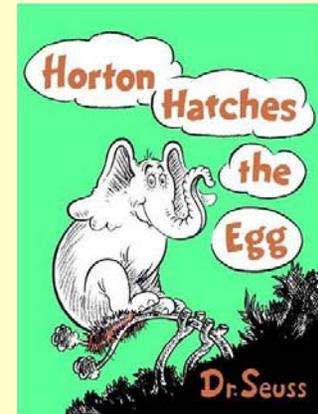
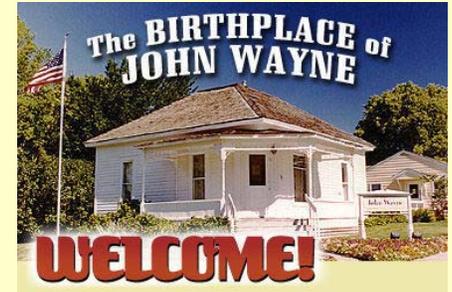
- 1910 & 1920 – foreign white stock*
- 1930 – foreign-born white
- 1940 – total white population
- 1950 – no question
- 1960 – total foreign-born
- 1970 – total population



* foreign-born white or native white of foreign or mixed parentage

1850 - 1920

- Nativity
 - Immigrants
- Parentage
 - Children of immigrants
- Mother tongue
 - Foreign white stock only



1930 - Mexican (race)

- First indicator



- “All persons born in Mexico, or having parents born in Mexico, and definitely not white, Negro, Indian, Chinese, or Japanese.”

1930 – Mexican (race)

- Problems

- 1st & 2nd generations

- Hispanics can be U.S. citizens and U.S.-born children of U.S.-born parents

- Rule applies to citizens of Mexico

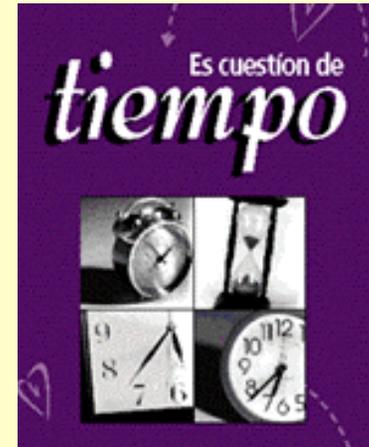
- Many did not want to be identified as “Mexicans”

1930 – Mexican (race)

- Problems – cont'd
 - Birth/parentage \approx Race?
 - Judgment of enumerator
 - Mexican \neq white
 - Protests & litigation
 - e.g. pressure from the League of United Latin American Citizens (founded in 1929)

1940 – Spanish mother tongue

- Mexican race category eliminated
- Spanish mother tongue
 - 5% sample
 - total white population
 - relatively few individuals of Spanish mother tongue who were not white

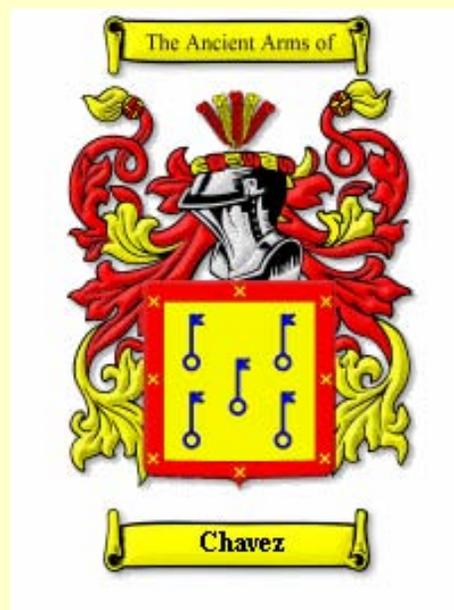


1950 - Puerto Ricans

- Puerto Rican birth or parentage
 - essentially immigrants and their children
- 20% sample
- Data presented:
 - Continental United States
 - New York State
 - New York City

1950 - Spanish surname

- Last names of white persons compared to list of ~6,000 Spanish surnames
 - Arizona
 - California
 - Colorado
 - New Mexico
 - Texas
- 5% sample



1950 - Spanish surname

- Problems
 - Europeans (e.g. Italians, Portuguese, Irish, etc.)
 - Intermarriage

1960 - Puerto Ricans

- Puerto Rican birth or parentage
 - essentially immigrants and their children
- 25% sample
- Data presented:
 - Continental United States
 - States with PR population 25,000+
 - SMSAs with total population 250,000+ and PR population 25,000+

1960 – Spanish surname

- Five southwestern states
- 5 % sample
- ~7,000 Spanish surnames on list



1970 Census

First effort at
self-identification

1970 Census

Late 1960s

- Mexican-American leaders contest
 - Inter-Agency Committee on Mexican American Affairs
 - Current Census methods inadequate
 - Requested inclusion of self-identification item

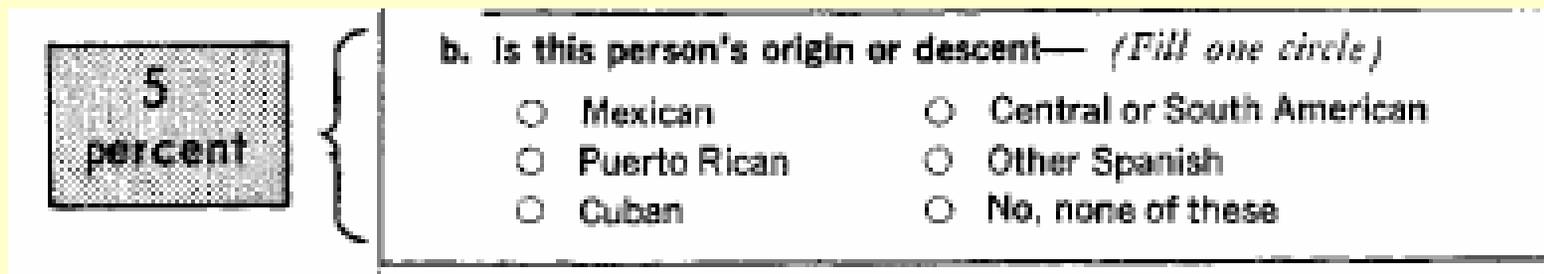
1970 Census

Late 1960s

- Census resists
 - Current methods more valid than self-identification
 - Request for 109 million short form & 26 million long form questionnaires already sent to printers
 - Untested question

1970 Census

- White House intervenes
 - Instructs Census to include self-identification
- Census responds
 - Too many “100%” short forms printed
 - “5%” sample forms destroyed & reprinted



5 percent

b. Is this person's origin or descent— *(Fill one circle)*

<input type="radio"/> Mexican	<input type="radio"/> Central or South American
<input type="radio"/> Puerto Rican	<input type="radio"/> Other Spanish
<input type="radio"/> Cuban	<input type="radio"/> No, none of these

1970 - Puerto Ricans

- Puerto Rican birth or parentage
 - essentially migrants and their children
- 15% sample
- Data presented:
 - United States and every state
 - Selected SMSAs and cities

1970 – Spanish surname

- Five southwestern states
- 5% sample
- ~8,000 Spanish surnames on list



1970 - Spanish language

- 15% sample

17. What language, other than English, was spoken in this person's home when he was a child? *Fill one circle.*

<input type="radio"/> Spanish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> Other—
<input type="radio"/> French		<i>Specify</i> _____
<input type="radio"/> German		<input type="radio"/> None, English only

- Based on question of mother tongue
- Spanish language comprises:
 - persons of Spanish mother tongue
 - all persons in families where head or wife reported Spanish as mother tongue

1970 - Spanish heritage

- 15% sample
- Five southwestern states
 - Spanish language and/or Spanish surname
- New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
 - Puerto Rican birth or parentage
- Elsewhere
 - Spanish language

1970 - Spanish heritage

United States:

Table 190. Persons of Races Other Than White and Persons of Spanish Heritage, by Nativity, Sex, and Age: 1970

Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas:

Table 139. Persons of Races Other Than White and Persons of Spanish Language or Spanish Surname, by Nativity, Sex, and Age: 1970—Continued

New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania:

Table 139. Persons of Races Other Than White and Persons of Puerto Rican Birth or Parentage, by Nativity, Sex, and Age: 1970

All other states:

Table 139. Persons of Races Other Than White and Persons of Spanish Language, by Nativity, Sex, and Age: 1970

1970 – Spanish origin

- 5% sample
- Self-identification by respondent

5 percent	{	b. Is this person's origin or descent— <i>(Fill one circle)</i> <input type="radio"/> Mexican <input type="radio"/> Puerto Rican <input type="radio"/> Cuban <input type="radio"/> Central or South American <input type="radio"/> Other Spanish <input type="radio"/> No, none of these
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1970 – Summary

United States population:

- Spanish language: 9,589,216
- Spanish origin: 9,072,602
- Spanish heritage: 9,294,509
 - Spanish language or surname
 - Puerto Rican birth or parentage
 - Spanish language

1970 – Summary

- Colorado (for example)
 - Spanish surname: 245,390
 - Spanish language: 255,994
 - Spanish heritage: 286,467
 - Spanish origin: 255,506

1970 – Summary

- New York City

- Puerto Rican birth or parentage: 811,843

- released first

- Puerto Rican origin: 846,731

- released much later

1970 – Analysis

- Spanish origin question considered best
 - Most consistent
 - Self-determined
 - Distinguished among Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, etc.
 - Applied to all respondents regardless of nativity or parentage

1970 – Analysis

- Problems

- Self-identification used only on 5% sample
- Large rate of non-respondents, many of whom were non-Hispanics
- Many non-Hispanic residents in the central or southern U.S. identified as Hispanics

5
percent

b. Is this person's origin or descent— *(Fill one circle)*

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Mexican | <input type="radio"/> Central or South American |
| <input type="radio"/> Puerto Rican | <input type="radio"/> Other Spanish |
| <input type="radio"/> Cuban | <input type="radio"/> No, none of these |

1970 – Analysis

- Problems

- Mailout-mailback procedure problematic for many housing arrangements

- Spanish instructions and questionnaires available in only 14 of 212 Census districts (6.6%)

- Inadequate number of bilingual enumerators

1970 – Analysis

- Problems

- Undercounts reported by:

- Mexican American Population Commission
 - U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
 - National Urban League
 - National Council of La Raza

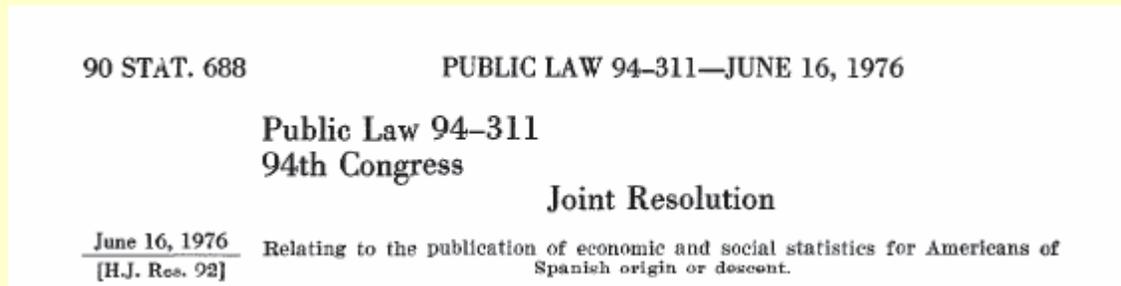
1970 – Analysis

- Problems

- March 1973 Current Population Survey
 - 17% increase in Spanish-origin population
 - 40% increase in Mexican American population

1976

- Congress passes P.L. 93-311
 - to improve and expand methods of collecting statistics on the American Spanish-origin or descent population.



- Includes:
 - Dept. of Labor
 - Dept. of Commerce (includes Census)
 - Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare
 - Dept. of Agriculture
 - Office of Management and Budget

1976

Census required to:

- undertake a study to determine steps necessary to develop credible estimates of future undercounts
- produce Spanish language questionnaires and use bilingual enumerators
- Implement an affirmative action program to hire Spanish-origin or descent personnel

1977



Directive No. 15:

“Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting”

1977



- Four race categories
 - White
 - Black
 - Asian or Pacific Islander
 - American Indian or Alaska Native'
 - (Census also added “Other”)
- One ethnic category
 - Hispanic origin

1980 - Spanish/Hispanic origin

- 100% (short) form
- Follows race, age, marital status

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1990 – Spanish/Hispanic origin

- 100% (short) form
- Follows race, age, marital status

<p>4. Race Fill ONE circle for the race that the person considers himself/herself to be.</p> <p>If Indian (Amer.), print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe. _____</p> <p>If Other Asian or Pacific Islander (API), print one group, for example: Hmong, Fijian, Laotian, Thai, Tongan, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on. _____</p> <p>If Other race, print race. _____</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> White</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Black or Negro</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Indian (Amer.) (Print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe.) _____</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eskimo</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Aleut</p> <p>Asian or Pacific Islander (API)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chinese <input type="radio"/> Japanese</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Filipino <input checked="" type="radio"/> Asian Indian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hawaiian <input type="radio"/> Samoan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Korean <input type="radio"/> Guamanian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Vietnamese <input type="radio"/> Other API _____</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other race (Print race) _____</p>																						
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<p>7. Is this person of Spanish/Hispanic origin? Fill ONE circle for each person.</p> <p>If Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic, print one group. _____</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> No (not Spanish/Hispanic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes, Mexican, Mexican-Am., Chicano</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes, Puerto Rican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, Cuban</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic (Print one group, for example: Argentinian, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.) _____</p>																						

Historical Census Statistics on Population Totals By Race, 1790 to 1990, and By Hispanic Origin, 1790 to 1990, For The United States, Regions, Divisions, and States, by Campbell Gibson and Kay Jung

September 2002, Working Paper Series No. 56

<http://www.census.gov/population/documentation/twps0056/twps0056.pdf>

Hispanics

Table 1. United States - Race and Hispanic Origin: 1790 to 1990

(See text for sources, definitions, and explanations)

Census year	Total population	Race					Hispanic origin (of any race)	White, not of Hispanic origin
		White	Black	American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	Asian and Pacific Islander	Other race		
NUMBER								
1990	248 709 873	199 686 070	29 986 060	1 959 234	7 273 662	9 804 847	22 354 059	188 128 296
Sample	248 709 873	199 827 064	29 930 524	2 015 143	7 226 986	9 710 156	21 900 089	188 424 773
1980	226 545 805	188 371 622	26 495 025	1 420 400	3 500 439	6 758 319	14 608 673	180 256 366
Sample	226 545 805	189 035 012	26 482 349	1 534 336	3 726 440	5 767 668	14 603 683	180 602 838
1970	203 211 926	177 748 975	22 580 289	827 255	1 538 721	516 686	(NA)	(NA)
15% sample ¹	203 210 158	178 119 221	22 539 362	795 110	1 526 401	230 064	9 589 216	169 023 068
5% sample	203 193 774	178 081 520	22 565 377	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9 072 602	169 615 394
1960 ²	179 323 175	158 831 732	18 871 831	551 669	980 337	87 606	(NA)	(NA)
1960 ³	178 464 236	158 454 956	18 860 117	508 675	565 443	75 045	(NA)	(NA)
1950	150 697 361	134 942 028	15 042 286	343 410	321 033	48 674	(NA)	(NA)
1940 ⁴	131 669 275	118 214 870	12 865 518	333 969	254 918	(X)	1 858 024	116 356 846
5% sample ⁴	(NA)	118 392 040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	1 861 400	116 530 640
1930	122 775 046	110 286 740	11 891 143	332 397	264 766	(X)	(NA)	(NA)
1920	105 710 620	94 820 915	10 463 131	244 437	182 137	(X)	(NA)	(NA)
1910	91 972 266	81 731 957	9 827 763	265 683	146 863	(X)	(NA)	(NA)
1900	75 994 575	66 809 196	8 833 994	237 196	114 189	(X)	(NA)	(NA)
1890 ⁵	62 947 714	55 101 258	7 488 676	248 253	109 527	(X)	(NA)	(NA)
1890 ^b	62 622 250	54 983 890	7 470 040	58 806	109 514	(X)	(NA)	(NA)

Language Origin

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October 30, 1997

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Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity

AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

ACTION: Notice of decision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The new standards will be used by the Bureau of the Census in the 2000 decennial census. Other Federal programs should adopt the standards as soon as possible, but not later than January 1, 2003, for use in household surveys, administrative forms and records, and other data collections. In addition, OMB has approved the use of the new standards by the Bureau of the Census in the "Dress Rehearsal" for Census 2000 scheduled to be conducted in March 1998.

-- **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

2000 – Hispanic/Latino origin

- 100% (short) form
- Immediately precedes race
- Respondents asked to answer BOTH

Person 1

Your answers are important! Every person in the Census counts.

1 What is this person's name? Print the name of Person 1 from page 2.
Last Name
First Name MI

2 What is this person's telephone number? We may contact this person if we don't understand an answer.
Area Code + Number

3 What is this person's sex? Mark ONE box.
 Male
 Female

4 What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth?
Age on April 1, 2000
Print numbers in boxes
Month Day Year of birth

NOTE: Please answer BOTH Questions 5 and 6.

5 Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Mark the "No" box if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.
 No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
 Yes, Puerto Rican
 Yes, Cuban
 Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino — Print group.

6 What is this person's race? Mark one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.
 White
 Black, African Am., or Negro
 American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.
 Asian Indian
 Chinese
 Filipino
 Japanese
 Korean
 Vietnamese
 Other Asian — Print race.
 Native Hawaiian
 Guamanian or Chamorro
 Samoan
 Other Pacific Islander — Print race.
 Some other race — Print race.

7 What is this person's marital status?
 Now married
 Widowed
 Divorced
 Separated
 Never married

8 a. At any time since February 1, 2000, has this person attended regular school or college? Include only nursery school or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and schooling which leads to a high school diploma or a college degree.
 No, has not attended since February 1 → Skip to 9
 Yes, public school, public college
 Yes, private school, private college

Question is asked of all persons on the short (100-percent) and long (sample) forms.

American Community Survey

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 Japanese
 Korean
 Vietnamese
 Other Asian — Print race. →

Native Hawaiian
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 Samoan
 Other Pacific Islander — Print race below. ↴
 Some other race — Print race below. ↴ ↴

- Immediately precedes race
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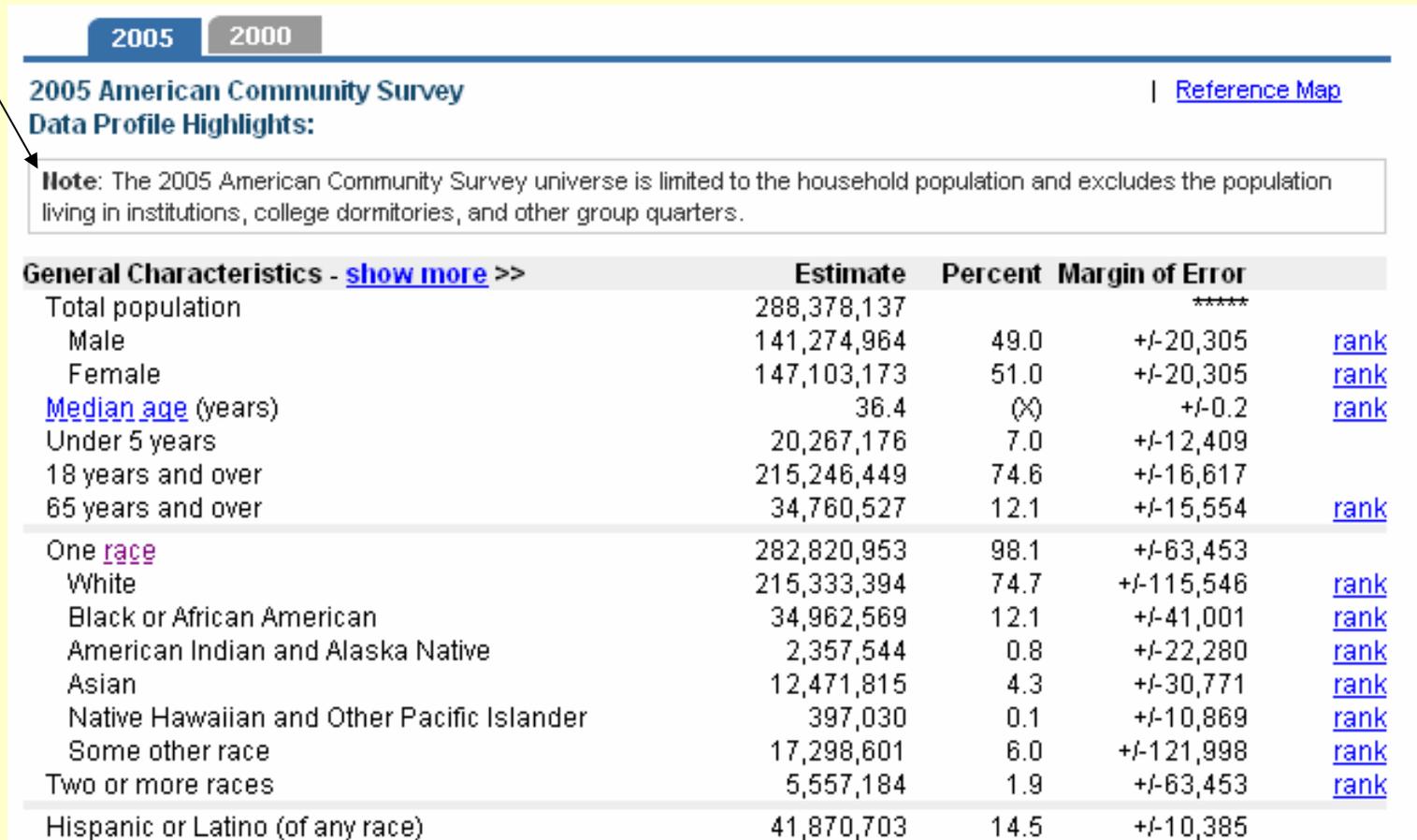
12.5%

	United States
Total:	281,421,906
Not Hispanic or Latino:	246,116,088
White alone	194,552,774
Black or African American alone	33,947,837
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,068,883
Asian alone	10,123,169
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	353,509
Some other race alone	467,770
Two or more races	4,602,146
Hispanic or Latino:	35,305,818
White alone	16,907,852
Black or African American alone	710,353
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	407,073
Asian alone	119,829
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	45,326
Some other race alone	14,891,303
Two or more races	2,224,082

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- Caution



2005 2000

2005 American Community Survey | [Reference Map](#)

Data Profile Highlights:

Note: The 2005 American Community Survey universe is limited to the household population and excludes the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.

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	Estimate	Percent	Margin of Error	
Total population	288,378,137		*****	
Male	141,274,964	49.0	+/-20,305	rank
Female	147,103,173	51.0	+/-20,305	rank
Median age (years)	36.4	(X)	+/-0.2	rank
Under 5 years	20,267,176	7.0	+/-12,409	
18 years and over	215,246,449	74.6	+/-16,617	
65 years and over	34,760,527	12.1	+/-15,554	rank
One race	282,820,953	98.1	+/-63,453	
White	215,333,394	74.7	+/-115,546	rank
Black or African American	34,962,569	12.1	+/-41,001	rank
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,357,544	0.8	+/-22,280	rank
Asian	12,471,815	4.3	+/-30,771	rank
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	397,030	0.1	+/-10,869	rank
Some other race	17,298,601	6.0	+/-121,998	rank
Two or more races	5,557,184	1.9	+/-63,453	rank
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	41,870,703	14.5	+/-10,385	

14.5%

2005 Population Estimates

14.4%

Table 3: Annual Estimates of the Population by Sex, Race and		
Sex, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race	Population	
	July 1, 2005	2000 Census
NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO	253,723,180	246,116,088
One race	249,749,485	242,709,840
White	198,366,437	195,575,485
Black	36,324,593	34,313,007
AIAN	2,232,922	2,097,440
Asian	12,420,514	10,356,804
NHPI	405,019	367,104
Two or more races	3,973,695	3,406,248
<i>Race alone or in combination:(1)</i>		
White	201,782,278	198,475,591
Black	37,858,590	35,498,173
AIAN	3,602,649	3,455,525
Asian	13,933,501	11,631,935
NHPI	812,287	751,844
HISPANIC OR LATINO	42,687,224	35,305,818
One race	42,081,895	34,814,386
White	39,488,517	32,529,000
Black	1,584,748	1,391,117
AIAN	630,079	566,378
Asian	266,958	232,461
NHPI	111,593	95,430
Two or more races	605,329	491,432
<i>Race alone or in combination:(1)</i>		
White	40,024,538	32,958,797
Black	1,865,546	1,606,075
AIAN	851,011	769,533
Asian	443,157	374,959
NHPI	177,386	154,941
Suggested Citation:		
Table 3: Annual Estimates of the Population by Sex, Race and Hispanic or Latino		
Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau		
Release Date: May 10, 2006		

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- Discussion:

- Marking “Hispanic” AND “Not-Hispanic”
 - Deserves further research
- Arab or Middle Eastern ethnic category?
 - Deserves further research
- Cape Verdean ethnic category?