RACE AND ETHNICITY CATEGORIES
County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Race and ethnicity are different forms of identity but are sometimes categorized in non-exclusive ways.

> **Race** is a form of identity constructed by our society to give meaning to different groupings of observable physical traits. An individual may identify with more than one race group.

> **Ethnicity** is used to group individuals according to shared cultural elements.

Racial and ethnic categorizations relate to health because our society sorts groups of individuals based on perceived identities. These categorizations have meaning because of social and political factors, including systems of power such as racism. Examining the variation among racial and ethnic groupings in health factors and outcomes is key to understanding and addressing historical and current context that underlie these differences.

Methods for defining and grouping race and ethnicity categories can differ between data sources and within data sources over time. To incorporate as much information as possible in our summaries, CHR&R race/ethnicity categories vary by data source.

With a few exceptions, CHR&R adheres to the following nomenclature originally defined by The Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

> **American Indian & Alaska Native (AIAN):** includes people who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native and do not identify as Hispanic.

> **Asian:** includes people who identify as Asian or Pacific Islander and do not identify as Hispanic.

> **Black:** includes people who identify as Black or African American and do not identify as Hispanic.

> **Hispanic:** includes people who identify as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, other Hispanic, or Hispanic of unknown origin.

> **White:** includes people who identify as White and do not identify as Hispanic.

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County Health Rankings data disaggregated by race and ethnicity are available for the following:

Ranked Measures

Premature Death
Low Birthweight
Teen Births
Preventable Hospital Stays
Mammography Screening
Flu Vaccinations
Children in Poverty
Injury Deaths
Driving Alone to Work

Additional Measures

Infant Mortality
Child Mortality
Premature Age-Adjusted Mortality
Life Expectancy
Median Household Income
Suicides
Homicides
Firearm Fatalities
Drug Overdose Deaths
Motor Vehicle Crash Deaths
Reading Scores
Math Scores

More detailed subgroup data may exist at the state, county and even city or ZIP code level. Please visit www.countyhealthrankings.org for more information.