

Table 3. National Health Interview Survey procedures for race and Hispanic origin data collection, 1997-2006

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Data collection method										
CAPi questionnaire 1/										
Placement of race questions										
Hispanic origin before race										
Location of race and Hispanic origin questions										
Household composition section										
Other questionnaire changes										
Race and Hispanic origin question wording changes										
Race and Hispanic origin question number changes										
Instruction added to select more than one race or Hispanic origin:										
Questionnaire										
Flashcard										
Observed race collected 2/										
Changes related to the OMB standards										
1997 Revised OMB standards implemented										
Bridge variables added to data file (old OMB standards)										
New race variables added to data file (new OMB standards)										
Multiple race/Hispanic origin reporting										
Multiple race responses allowed										
Multiple Hispanic origin responses allowed										
Main race/Primary race collected										
Variable name changes										
Data collection for race groups 3/										
White										
Black										
American Indian										
Eskimo										
Aleut										
Alaska Native										
Asian Pacific Islander										
Asian										
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander										
Asian subgroups										
Chinese										
Japanese										
Vietnamese										
Filipino										
Asian Indian										
Korean										
Other Asian										
Pacific Islander subgroups										
Guamanian										
Samoan										
Other Pacific Islander										
Data collection for Hispanic origin subgroups 4/										
Puerto Rican										
Cuban/Cuban-American										
Mexican										
Mexicano										
Mexican-American										
Dominican (Republic)										
Central and South American										
Chicano										
Other Latin American										
Other Spanish										
Oversampling										
Black households										
Hispanic households										
Asian households										

1/ CAPi is Computer Assisted Personal Interview

2/ Beginning in 1997, observed race was no longer collected in the NHIS.

3/ Beginning in 1999, Aleut and Eskimo were combined into a single category, Alaska Native, in accordance with the 1997 revised OMB standards. Additionally, Asian/Pacific Islander was separated into Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.

4/ Beginning in 1999, the NHIS added Dominican (Republic) as a Hispanic origin subgroup, and dropped Chicano.