

Table 1. Overview of major data collection procedures and changes in the National Health Interview Survey race and Hispanic origin questions, 1975-2006

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006			
OMB Directive 15 federal standards for data collection																																			
1997 revised federal standard for data collection																																			
Observed race collected																																			
Race category changes																																			
Hispanic origin category changes																																			
Race collected only for persons age 17 and older																																			
Race collected for all persons in NHIS households																																			
Selected race groups oversampled																																			
Missing data on race and Hispanic origin imputed 1/																																			

1/ From 1982-1999, informal methods (a series of simple algorithms) were applied to the data to impute missing responses on Hispanic origin and race. Beginning in the 2000 data year, hot-deck imputation methods (consistent with those used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census) were applied to the race and Hispanic origin data.