

Tracking of Name Changes on Hispanic Origin/Race Variables

1997 Variable name	1998 1/ Variable name	1999 2/ Variable name	2000-2002 3/ Variable name	2003-2005 4/ Variable name	2006 5/ Variable name	Public use?	Bridge variable name 6/ for 2000-2002	Bridge variable name for 2003-2005	Bridge variable name for 2006	Public Use?
ORIGIN	ORIGIN	ORIGIN	ORIGIN_I	ORIGIN_I	ORIGIN_I	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
HISPANIC	HISPANIC	HISPANCR	HISPAN_I	HISPAN_I	HISPAN_I	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
MRACE_P	MRACE_P	MRACER_P	MRACRP_I	MRACRP12	MRACRP12	yes	MRACBP_I	MRACBP12	MRACBP12	yes
n/a	n/a	RACDET_P	RCDT1P_I	deleted	n/a	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
n/a	n/a	RC_SUM_P	RC_SMP_I	deleted	n/a	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
RACEREC	RACEREC	RACERECR	RACREC_I	RACREC12	RACREC13	yes	RACERCBR(not in use)	deleted	n/a	
HISPAN_P	HISPAN_P	HISPNR_P	(not in use, deleted)	n/a	n/a	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
RACE	RACE	RACER_P	RACERP_I	RACERPI2	RACERPI2	yes	RACEBR(not in use)	deleted	n/a	
HISPCODE	HISPCODE	HISPCODR	HISCOD_I	HISCOD12	HISCOD12	yes	HISPCDBR(not in use)	deleted	n/a	
n/a	n/a	n/a	ORIGIMPT	ORIGIMPT	ORIGIMPT	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
n/a	n/a	n/a	HISPIMPT	HISPIMPT	HISPIMPT	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
n/a	n/a	n/a	RACEIMP2	RACEIMP2	RACEIMP2	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	
n/a	n/a	n/a	ERIMPFLG	ERIMPFLG	ERIMPFLG	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	

- 1/ The variable names for 1998 are identical to those used in 1997.
- 2/ The 1997 revised OMB standards were implemented in the 1999 NHIS. New recodes were developed to distinguish between variables collected under the old race standards (bridge variables) and the new race standards. This resulted in name changes for most of the race variables, as well as the creation of new variables.
- 3/ Beginning in the 2000 survey year, the NHIS implemented hot deck imputation of race and Hispanic origin data. As a result, new variable names were assigned to the race and Hispanic origin variables.
- 4/ Beginning in the 2003 survey year, we implemented editing procedures that are consistent with the methods used to edit the race and Hispanic origin data in the 2000 Census. The major feature of this editing process is that "Other race" is no longer a separate race response. This response category is treated as "missing" and the data are imputed if this is the only race response. When "Other race" is mentioned along with an OMB race group, the "Other race" is dropped and the OMB race group information is retained. More detailed information is available in the 2003 NHIS Survey Description Document and Data Documentation.
- 5/ Beginning in the 2006 survey year, the NHIS is oversampling Asian households. An additional category has been added to the variable used for in-house weighting specifications, which has resulted in a variable name change (see above).