

RANDS 9: technical documentation of the AmeriSpeak racethnicity panel variable

The RANDS 9 survey contractor NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) collects race and ethnicity information from AmeriSpeak panel members after recruitment, and uses this information to create the panel variable racethnicity.

The panel members are asked to respond to the following questions:

RACE: Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race or races you consider yourself to be.

1. White
2. Black or African American
3. American Indian or Alaskan Native - Type in name of enrolled or principal type
4. Asian Indian
5. Chinese
6. Filipino
7. Japanese
8. Korean
9. Vietnamese
10. Other Asian - Type in race
11. Native Hawaiian
12. Guamanian or Chamorro
13. Samoan
14. Other Pacific Islander - Type in race
15. Some other race - Type in race

ETHNICITY: This is about Hispanic ethnicity. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent?

1. No, I am not
2. If Yes, is that Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano or
3. Puerto Rican or
4. Cuban
5. Central American or
6. South American or
7. Caribbean or
8. Other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

NORC recodes the responses to the questions to form the racethnicity variable as follows:

1. White non-Hispanic (White only, non-Hispanic)
2. Black non-Hispanic (Black only, non-Hispanic)
3. All other non-Hispanic (American Indian or Alaskan Native or some other race only, non-Hispanic)
4. Hispanic (Any race, Hispanic ethnicity)
5. 2+ non-Hispanic (More than one selection in the race question, non-Hispanic)

6. Asian non-Hispanic (Asian only, non-Hispanic). Note that if multiple Asian races are selected the person is counted as Asian only, as long as zero non-Asian races are selected; if one or more Asian races plus a non-Asian race are selected the person is counted as multi-race (2+)

For the RANDS 9 data release, NCHS combined the categories "2+ non-Hispanic" and "Asian non-Hispanic" with the category "All other non-Hispanic" to limit disclosure risk.