



Center for Educational Performance and Information
Interpretation of Race and Ethnicity Data from School Districts
(Effective Fall 2010)

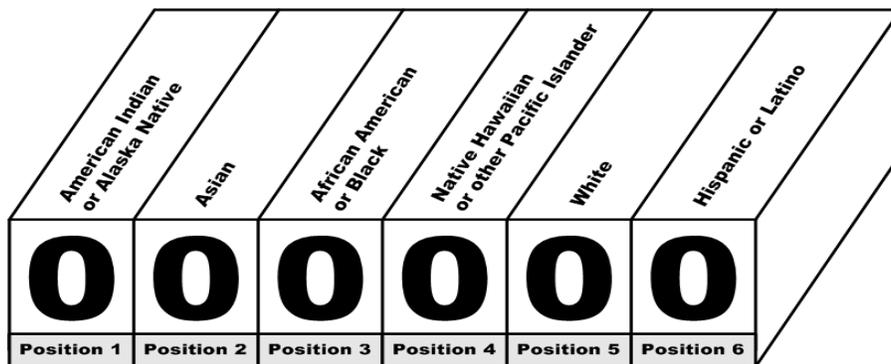
The U.S. Department of Education (U.S. ED) has mandated the collection of race and ethnicity data utilizing a two-part question. The U.S. ED now further mandates the reporting of aggregated race and ethnicity data in seven categories. This document will explain how race and ethnicity data submitted by school districts will be interpreted and reported to U.S. ED starting in the fall of 2010.

Data Reported from the School Districts:

The race and ethnicity categories **reported to CEPI** from the school districts are:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- African-American or Black
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Hispanic or Latino

Below is an example of the six-position field structure used to report race and ethnicity via the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and the Registry of Educational Personnel (REP) for students and educational staff members:



When reporting race and ethnicity data to CEPI, any non-zero (1-6) code reported in any position of the race and ethnicity field will be interpreted as the respondent associating with that particular race or ethnicity. The interpretation of non-zero codes will not be weighted or prioritized. If a non-zero code is contained within any of the positions, the respondent will be associated with the corresponding race or ethnicity.

Data Reported to U.S. ED:

When reporting race and ethnicity data to U.S. ED, **the respondent will first be assigned to an ethnic category.** Any non-zero (1-6) code reported in position 6 will indicate that the respondent is Hispanic or Latino. The respondent then will be categorized as Hispanic or Latino and reported in this category to U.S. ED. The respondent will **ONLY** be reported as Hispanic or Latino.

For all other respondents **not assigned to the Hispanic/Latino ethnic category**, a respondent will be assigned to a race category using any non-zero code in positions 1 through 5. Any non-zero code reported in any position 1 through 5 of the race and ethnicity field will be interpreted as the respondent associating with that particular race. If two or more non-zero codes are contained in positions 1 through 5, then the respondent will be categorized as "two or more races."

The race and ethnicity categories **reported to U.S. ED** from CEPI are:

- Hispanic or Latino
- American Indian or Alaska Native (who is not Hispanic or Latino)
- Asian (who is not Hispanic or Latino)
- African-American or Black (who is not Hispanic or Latino)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (who is not Hispanic or Latino)
- White (who is not Hispanic or Latino)
- Respondents who reported two or more races (who are not Hispanic or Latino)

Examples of individual combinations and each resulting federal reporting category:

| American Indian or Alaska Native | Asian | African-American or Black | Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | White | Hispanic or Latino | federal reporting category |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | American Indian or Alaska Native |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Asian |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | African-American or Black |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | White |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Hispanic or Latino |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Hispanic or Latino |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Hispanic or Latino |
| 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Hispanic or Latino |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | Hispanic or Latino |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | Hispanic or Latino |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Two or more races |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Two or more races |
| 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Two or more races |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | Two or more races |

Additional information concerning the standards for maintaining, collecting and reporting students' and educational staff members' race and ethnicity data is available via the CEPI Web site at www.michigan.gov/CEPI.