

Collection of Race, Ethnicity, Language (REL) Data in Medicaid Applications:

A 50-state Review of the Current Landscape

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Introduction

Medicaid is a vital source of health insurance coverage for low-income children, adults, and individuals with disabilities; however, many individuals in Medicaid experience significant health disparities. Collecting and monitoring data on disparities by race, ethnicity, and language is an essential first step in any effort to reduce health disparities and address health equity. Today, all state Medicaid agencies collect self-reported data on race, ethnicity, and language (REL) from applicants during the eligibility and enrollment process. However, the type and granularity of information collected varies considerably, and many **states continue to face longstanding and persistent challenges in collecting complete, accurate, and consistent data on REL.**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides guidance, but does not mandate, that states use REL data collection standards that were developed by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and updated after passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).¹ (See BOX pages 3 - 5) However, states are only allowed to require questions that are necessary for determining eligibility on their applications, therefore questions about topics such as race and ethnicity must clearly be labeled as optional.^{i,2,3} Even with the existence of recommended data standards there has been wide variability in how states ask about these topics and the completeness of various states' datasets. For example, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released a Data Quality assessment of the race/ethnicity data in the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS) Analytic Files (TAF). **According to the assessment of the 2018 TAF, 20 states' race/ethnicity data were classified as either "high concern" or "unusable,"** due to levels of missing- or incompleteness.⁴

The objective of this brief is to document how states are collecting information about race, ethnicity, and language on their Medicaid applications. The information presented here draws from the State Health Access Data Assistance Center's (SHADAC's) review of 50 states' paper Medicaid applications and 33 states' online Medicaid applications.ⁱⁱ Although online applications have become the predominant mode of submission in nearly half of states, the share of applications submitted online varies significantly across states.⁵ Maryland and New York, for example, report that the share of applications submitted online are 100 percent and 95 percent, respectively. However, Alaska and South Dakota respectively report that just 9 percent and 10 percent of their applications are submitted online.

For this resource, we provide an overview of REL data collection standards and examine state Medicaid application's question structure, answer options, and instructional language. We provide an overview of the frequency of different iterations of questions and responses and provide state examples to illustrate common and unique data collection practices. **Although other design factors, such as an application's overall length, readability, or design layout undoubtedly impact user experience** (and whether or not an applicant provides complete information), we did not assess applicants' user experience in this report.⁶ In addition, the information presented here does not account for any instruction or support provided by enrollment assisters whose training on these questions may vary.⁷ Finally, while this issue brief outlines data collection standards and some limited research on the best ways to collect this

i The ACA made a number of changes to simplify the Medicaid enrollment process, including the requirement that all states use a single streamlined application. Associated regulations included limits on information that can be collected from enrollees and stipulated that agencies "may only require an applicant to provide the information necessary to make an eligibility determination or for a purpose directly connected to the administration of the State plan." Subsequent guidance made clear that optional questions (such as those pertaining to race, ethnicity, and language) must be clearly identified as optional.

ii Applications were reviewed in December 2020 and January 2021. For State-based Marketplace (SBM) states, online applications can be either exclusive to Medicaid or integrated with the Marketplace. For Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM), Partnership Marketplace states and states with SBMs using the federal platform (SBM-FP). For this review, we examined the online application available through the state's Medicaid agency portal. Remote identity proofing (RIDP) processes prevented us from reviewing 18 states' online Medicaid applications. **RIDP requires that an applicant answer a series of personal questions (drawn from credit files and other sources) in order to verify an applicant's identity.** Some states require this information before an individual can complete an application, therefore we were not able to review these states' online Medicaid application questions.

information, it does not make judgments on which states collect this information in the best way. There is very limited research assessing the validity of REL data collected via the Medicaid application process. It remains a gap in our understanding and one that we encourage states to explore.

A forthcoming companion brief will provide similar information on the collection of information on sex, gender, and disability. In a related case study, our SHVS Technical Assistance partner, Bailit Health, will examine in more depth additional documents such as supplemental eligibility and enrollment forms and assister/navigator training materials that could provide additional insights into how the data collection methods documented here are implemented in real life in selected states.

Evolving Standards and Research on REL Data Collection

There is a robust body of research, guidance, and tools related to collecting REL data in health care settings. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides guidance (but does not mandate) to use the minimum standards developed by the [U.S. Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)](#), established in 1997.⁸ [These standards were updated](#) after the passage of the ACA.¹

OMB Minimum Standards – Race/Ethnicity

Current OMB standards for race and ethnicity data collection recommend:

- Self-identification as the preferred means of obtaining information about an individual's race and ethnicity
- Allowing respondents to select multiple responses (as opposed to a “multi-racial” category)
- Starting with two categories of ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino and not Hispanic or Latino
- Providing a **minimum** of five race response options:
 1. American Indian or Alaska Native
 2. Asian
 3. Black or African American
 4. Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
 5. White

HHS Recommendations – Race, Ethnicity, and Language

HHS recommendations suggest collecting more granular data that reflects the population of interest/locally relevant choices, with the following considerations:

- Make sure the categories can be aggregated back to the minimum categories above (see Figure 1)
- Consider conducting analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data to select these options
- Rely on established coding systems such as the CDC code set for race and ethnicity

Although “Other” is not an official OMB designation, the U.S. Census and OMB also recommend including a “some other race” option.

Figure 1. HHS Race and Ethnicity Collection Guidance

Ethnicity Data Standard	Categories
Are you Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin? (One or more may be selected) a. ___ No, not Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin b. ___ Yes, Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano/a c. ___ Yes, Puerto Rican d. ___ Yes, Cuban e. ___ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	These categories roll-up to the Hispanic or Latino category of the OMB standard
Race Data Standard	Categories
What is your race? (One or more may be selected) a. ___ White b. ___ Black or African American c. ___ American Indian or Alaska Native	These categories are part of the current OMB standard
d. ___ Asian Indian e. ___ Chinese f. ___ Filipino g. ___ Japanese h. ___ Korean i. ___ Vietnamese j. ___ Other Asian	These categories roll-up to the Asian category of the OMB standard
k. ___ Native Hawaiian l. ___ Guamanian or Chamorro m. ___ Samoan n. ___ Other Pacific Islander	These categories roll-up to the Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander category of the OMB standard

Census Research on Collecting Race and Ethnicity

While the HHS guidance has not been revisited since the passage of the ACA, in preparation for the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau conducted research to improve race/ethnicity collection.⁹ Most notably, the research found evidence that providing a combined race/ethnicity question with detailed checkboxes resulted in increased use of OMB standard categories, decreased nonresponse, and improved accuracy. Additionally, the research results:

- Reinforce the importance of allowing multiple responses
- Suggest that “Mark all that apply” or “Select all that apply” is better than “Select one or more”
- Suggest that using “race/ethnicity” terminology is less confusing than using terms like “category,” which can suggest a hierarchy
- Find that data collection is improved when there is a dedicated “Middle Eastern or North African” (MENA) response category for race (currently classified as “White”).
- Data collection is improved when a “write-in line” is used to collect detailed American Indian/Alaskan Native (AIAN) responses, as opposed to including a limited number of conceptual checkboxes (i.e., American Indian, Alaska Native, and Central/South American Indian) which actually decreased detailed reporting for the AIAN category. According to Census Bureau research there are hundreds of very small detailed AIAN tribes, villages, and indigenous groups. Listing the six largest AIAN groups as checkboxes, for example, would represent only about 10% of the entire AIAN population. Therefore, providing a distinct write-in area was determined to be the best overall approach for eliciting detailed responses across AIAN communities and identities.

The U.S. Census Bureau released an optimal race/ethnicity question format (Figure 2) which includes a combined race/ethnicity question with detailed checkboxes, a dedicated MENA response category, and a “write-in line” to capture detailed responses from American Indian/Alaska Native respondents.

Figure 2. U.S. Census Bureau Optimal Race/Ethnicity Question Format

8. What is Person 1's race or ethnicity?
 Mark all boxes that apply AND print ethnicities in the spaces below.
 Note, you may report more than one group.

WHITE – Provide details below.

German Irish English
 Italian Polish French

Print, for example, Scottish, Norwegian, Dutch, etc.

HISPANIC, LATINO, OR SPANISH – Provide details below.

Mexican or Mexican American Puerto Rican Cuban
 Salvadoran Dominican Colombian

Print, for example, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN – Provide details below.

African American Jamaican Haitian
 Nigerian Ethiopian Somali

Print, for example, Ghanaian, South African, Barbadian, etc.

ASIAN – Provide details below.

Chinese Filipino Asian Indian
 Vietnamese Korean Japanese

Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfoot Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Tlingit, etc.

MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN – Provide details below.

Lebanese Iranian Egyptian
 Syrian Moroccan Algerian

Print, for example, Israeli, Iraqi, Tunisian, etc.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER – Provide details below.

Native Hawaiian Samoan Chamorro
 Tongan Fijian Marshallese

Print, for example, Palauan, Tahitian, Chuukese, etc.

SOME OTHER RACE OR ETHNICITY – Print details.

HHS Recommendations – Language

In addition to race and ethnicity, HHS data collection standards include a question for capturing English language proficiency and optional questions for language spoken at home (modeled after questions on the U.S. Census). In all cases, HHS recommends this be asked of individuals five-years-old or older:

Data Standard for Primary Language	Language Spoken Standard (optional)
<p>How well do you speak English?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very well • Well • Not well • Not at all 	<p>Do you speak a language other than English at home?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No <p><i>or</i> persons speaking a language other than English (answering yes to the question above): What is this language?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish • Other language (Identify)

If a state wants to collect more detailed information on language other than Spanish, HHS recommends conducting analysis using U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) data to identify the ten most prevalent languages spoken (which can be rolled into “other” to comport with the minimum standards).

Medicaid Application Question Structure

Our review found that the majority of states' applications (44 on paper and 27 online) have two separate questions to ascertain race and ethnicity. Most are very similar to the question used by HealthCare.gov to collect information on their paper application (see Figure 3). Thirty-three states' paper applications ask about ethnicity first, followed by race. Sixteen states' online applications ask about ethnicity first.

Figure 3. Traditional Two-Question Structure: HealthCare.gov Paper Application Race/Ethnicity Question

Optional: 18. If Hispanic/Latino, ethnicity: Mexican Mexican American Chicano/a Puerto Rican Cuban Other _____

(Fill in all that apply.) 19. Race: White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native Filipino Japanese Korean Asian Indian Chinese Vietnamese Other Asian Native Hawaiian Guamanian or Chamorro Samoan Other Pacific Islander Other _____

We identified six states (Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, and Washington) whose paper applications asked some version of a combined race/ethnicity question. Colorado's paper application provides a good example of a combined race/ethnicity question (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Combined Question: Colorado's Paper Application Race/Ethnicity Question

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31. Race (optional - check all that apply)

American Indian or Alaska Native (fill out **Worksheet E**) Asian Indian Black or African American
 Chinese Filipino Guamanian or Chamorro Japanese Korean Hispanic/ Latino
 Native Hawaiian Other Asian Other Pacific Islander Samoan Vietnamese
 White or Caucasian Other: _____

Interestingly, the states that asked a combined question on paper did not necessarily do so online, and vice versa. We identified five states—Alaska, Maine (example in Figure 5), Nevada, New Jersey, and South Carolina—whose online applications asked a combined race/ethnicity question.

Figure 5. Combined Question: Maine's Online Application Race/Ethnicity Question

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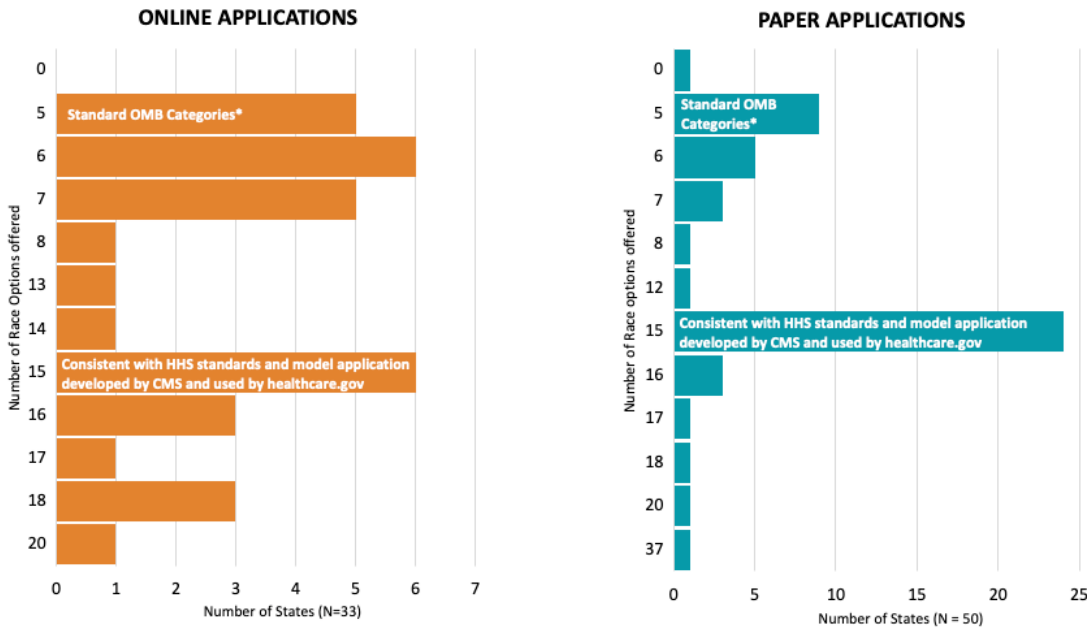
Please indicate this person's race and/or ethnicity
(Please select all that apply.)

Asian Black Hispanic Native American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White Unknown

Race Response Options

Most states collect race/ethnicity information with multiple detailed response options. Twenty-seven states' paper applications provided a write-in option for race in addition to the fixed response options, while no states' online applications had write-in options. The number of race categories (including subpopulation groupings) presented on states' paper applications varied considerably from 5 to 37. The number of race categories presented on states' online applications varied from 5 to 20 (Figure 6). Again, states did not necessarily offer the same race categories online as they did on paper. See Appendix A for detailed information about race response choice options offered by each state on their paper and online applications.

Figure 6. Number of Race Options Offered Across States' Applications



*Standard OMB Categories include White, African American/Black, Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Across all 50 states we identified 62 variations of racial response option choices offered on paper and online applications (Appendix B). The most common response options offered were either the five categories included in the OMB standard or the 15 categories included in the HHS standards. Among the states that provided fixed response options beyond the five OMB standard race categories, there is wide variation in what additional response options are offered, but outside the five standard responses, the most common options were different racial identities under the “Asian” category. Consistent with HHS considerations, a majority of states in our review offered some type of additional response option beyond the fixed response options such as “other,” “multiracial,” “unknown,” or “decline to answer.”

As mentioned, recent research conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (See BOX page 4) found that data collection is improved when there is a dedicated “Middle Eastern or North African” (MENA) response category (the current OMB standard is that MENA responses are aggregated to the “White” category). Currently, two states’ (Oregon and Vermont) paper applications offered additional racial subcategory options under the “White” category, including Middle Eastern or North African (Figure 7). No state’s online application that we reviewed offered MENA category choices.

Figure 7. MENA Response Option: Oregon’s Paper Application Race Options

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Person 1, continued from previous page.

12. What is Person 1’s ethnic or racial identity? Check all that apply.

American Indian or Alaska Native: American Indian Alaska Native Canadian Inuit, Metis or First Nation
 Indigenous Mexican, Central American or South American

Asian: Chinese Vietnamese Korean Hmong Laotian Filipino/a
 Japanese South Asian Asian Indian Other Asian

Black or African American: African American African (black)
 Caribbean Other black

Hispanic or Latino/a: Mexican Central American South American Other Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: Native Hawaiian Guamanian or Chamorro Samoan Micronesian Tongan
 Other Pacific Islander

White: Western European Eastern European Slavic Middle Eastern
 Northern African Other white

Other: Unknown Decline to answer

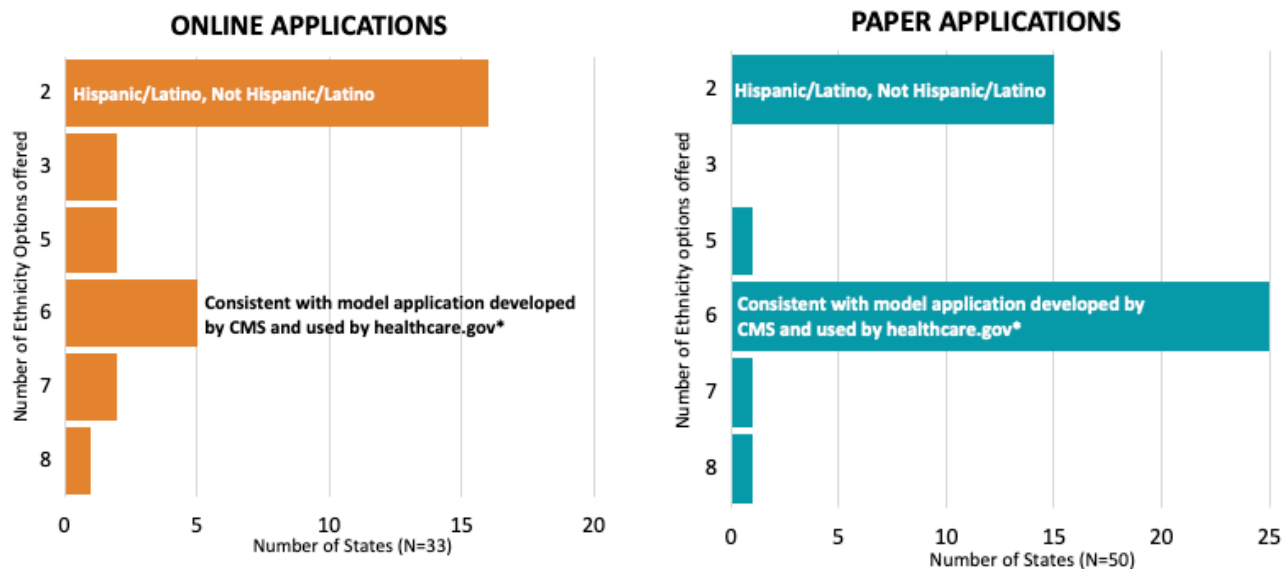
If more than one ethnic or racial identity is chosen, please CIRCLE the one that best represents this person’s primary identity.



The majority of states’ applications (43 paper and 27 online) ask individuals to indicate if they are “American Indian/Alaska Native” (AIAN). If individuals indicate “yes” to that option, they are, in many cases, directed to select from more detailed conceptual checkboxes and/or indicate if they belong to a specific federally recognized tribe. Some states provide dropdown or checkbox options for those responses, while others allow for a write-in response (on paper applications)—consistent with Census research findings that data collection is improved when a “write-in line” is used to collect detailed AIAN responses (see BOX page 4).

When race and ethnicity were asked separately, the number of ethnicity categories presented on states’ paper applications ranged from two to eight in both paper and online applications (Figure 8). Half of all states (25) offered six ethnicity options on their paper applications: Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano/a, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Other; consistent with HHS standards and the model application used by HealthCare.gov. However, the majority of states’ online applications only offered two ethnicity options: Hispanic/Latino and Not Hispanic/Latino, consistent with OMB standards. See Appendix B for detailed information about ethnicity response choice options offered by each state on their paper and online applications. Again, states did not necessarily offer the same ethnicity categories online as they did on paper.

Figure 8. Number of Ethnicity Options Offered on Paper Applications



*Consistent with model application developed by CMS and used by HealthCare.gov. Categories include: Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano/a, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Other.

Race/Ethnicity Instruction Language

All paper applications allow an applicant to select more than one race/ethnicity. We identified three states, however, whose online applications only provided a drop-down menu of race/ethnicity options and did not appear to allow an individual to select more than one response or (although in some cases the individual could choose “multiracial” or “other”). Oregon’s paper application directs applicants to circle the ethnic or racial identity that best describes the person’s primary identity after they have marked all of the racial and ethnic choices that apply (see Figure 7 above).

Many states included instruction language encouraging applicants to provide race/ethnicity information. However, states provide varied rationales as to why applicants should complete the question. Some states assert that the information will not be used to make benefits decisions, while others say responses could streamline the application process. Others reassure that the applicant’s answers will be used to ensure equal treatment. Example instruction language from online applications include the following:

- *Your answers will not be used to make a decision about your benefits. For Medical assistance, if you are an American Indian/Alaska Native, you may qualify for extra benefits and cost savings. This information is being collected to ensure that program benefits are distributed without regard to race, color or national origin. (Colorado)*
- *Providing your race and ethnicity can be helpful since it can speed up the application process. It may be used to automatically create your case. (Delaware)*
- *You don’t have to answer this question. In most cases, your answer won’t be used to make a decision. But, if this person is American Indian or Alaska Native, telling us here may help this person get the most help possible. (Florida)*
- *Providing answers to all of the questions will help us handle your request faster. (Indiana)*
- *Please check the box or boxes to tell us this person’s race. This answer will not be used to make a decision about your assistance but will help determine your out-of-pocket expense. (Montana)*
- *This information will be used to help the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) better understand and improve the health and health care for all Americans. Providing this information won’t impact your eligibility for health coverage, health plan options or your costs in any way. (Nebraska)*

Conclusion

Studies have found that the specific response options listed in questions to collect racial and ethnic data can affect the accuracy and precision of the data. When we initiated this review, we assumed that the flexibility of website design would allow states' online applications to offer more detailed racial and ethnic response options and thus facilitate the collection of more granular information; however, this was not universally true. We only identified 14 states that offered more racial category choices on their online applications than on paper. Nine states offered more racial categories on paper, and 10 states offered the same racial choices. Similarly, only six states offered more ethnicity category choices on their online forms. Eleven states offered the same number of ethnicity categories, and nine states offered more choices on their paper forms.

As states look to improve the completeness of their REL data in Medicaid and consider making changes to either their paper or online applications, it is important to keep in mind that individuals may be more likely to complete the question if they recognize options that correspond to their racial and ethnic identities. To improve the granularity of data, a state currently using broad racial and ethnic categories may wish to consider further breaking out some of those categories to represent locally relevant populations.¹¹ For instance, a state with a substantial Puerto Rican population could offer a specific option for Puerto Rican within the sub-question for Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. Best practice is that granular racial and ethnic categories should be collapsible into the main OMB categories, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention maintains a code set of granular racial and ethnic categories, with instructions on how they can be collapsed into OMB categories.¹²

To guide any changes to these categories, states should consider the characteristics of their unique population. An assessment of the state population, and the state's Medicaid population specifically, can be done by analyzing state demographic or U.S. Census Bureau data to identify state-specific racial and ethnic groups and non-English primary language clusters that may benefit by collection of more granular categories and engagement with relevant communities. State analytic capacity should also be considered. The addition of more detailed questions could be impacted by available space on a paper form/online screen or the staffing capacity to recode granular data into the minimum required fields or to process write-in responses.

More specific research on REL data collection within the context of Medicaid is also needed. This can inform promising practices related to question structure, response options, and the development of instructional language and assister training materials. Oregon is one of the few states that has published recent information on their [REL data collection standards](#) as well as findings on [REL data quality in their Medicaid system](#).^{13,14} As part of this work, they provide detailed justification for how questions are structured and summarize results of their community engagement process. In addition, they present finding that compares Medicaid administrative data to data from the American Community Survey to examine congruence. We know other states are doing work in this area, such as conducting cognitive testing to assess various question structures (e.g. does the question structure impact levels of missing data) as well as testing the quality of their data against other sources such as Census data, however few states publish the results of this work.

The collection of race, ethnicity, and language data alone will not solve the health inequities that Medicaid enrollees face. Even if a state collects REL data, for example, it may not be analyzing or publically reporting performance or health outcomes by demographic characteristics. However, the collection of data is a necessary first step in efforts to understand and monitor where health disparities are occurring and our review finds that there is still wide variation and opportunities for improvement in how states collect this information.

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Appendix A:

Racial Category Response Options Offered on State Medicaid Applications

Combined Race/Ethnicity Question Offered		Total # of Racial Responses Offered		Categories of Racial Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
Alabama					
N	Not Available	15	Not Available	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	Not Available
Alaska					
N	Y	16	17	White; Black or African American; American Indian; Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian; Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Hispanic/Latino; Other
Arizona					
Y	Not Available	20	Not Available	American Indian/Alaskan Native; Asian Indian; Black or African American; Chinese; Filipino; Guamanian or Chamorro; Japanese; Korean; Native Hawaiian; Other Asian; Other Pacific Islander; Samoan; Vietnamese; White; Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Not Available
Arkansas					
N	Not Available	12	Not Available	White; Filipino; Black/African American; Alaskan Native; Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; Samoan; Korean; Japanese; American Indian; Asian Indian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Chinese	Not Available
California					
N	Not Available	16	Not Available	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Cambodian; Chinese; Filipino; Hmong; Japanese; Korean; Laotian; Vietnamese; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoan; Other	Not Available
Colorado					
Y	N	16	6	American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Black or African American; Chinese; Filipino; Guamanian or Chamorro; Japanese; Korean; Hispanic/Latino; Native Hawaiian; Other Asian; Other Pacific Islander; Samoan; Vietnamese; White or Caucasian; Other	White or Caucasian; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; Other
Connecticut					
N	Not Available	15	Not Available	White; Black or African American; Hispanic or Latino/a; Vietnamese; Chinese; Asian Indian; Japanese; Korean; Filipino; Pacific Islander; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Asian; American Indian or Alaska Native; Samoan; Native Hawaiian	Not Available

Combined Race/Ethnicity Question Offered		Total # of Racial Responses Offered		Categories of Racial Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
Delaware					
N	N	7	7	American Indian/Alaskan Native; Black/African American; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; White; Asian	White or Caucasian; Black; American Indian; Alaska Native; Hawaiian; Asian; Pacific Islander
Florida					
N	N	15	8	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	American Indian/Eskimo; Black not of Hispanic origin; Hispanic origin; Southeast Asian; Unknown; White not of Hispanic origin; other
Georgia					
N	N	15	18	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Persian; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Native Hawaiian; Korean; Filipino; Japanese; Vietnamese; East Asian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other; Unknown
Hawaii					
N	Not Available	15	Not Available	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	Not Available
Idaho					
N	Not Available	5	Not Available	White; Asian; Black/African American; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island, name of Tribe: ; American Indian/Alaska Native, name of Tribe:	Not Available
Illinois					
N	N	6	15	White; Asian; Black/African American; Native Hawaiian or other; Pacific Islander; American Indian or Alaska Native; Other	White; Asian; Black/African American; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoan; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Other; Unknown
Indiana					
N	N	6	6	White; Black or African American; Asian; Multiracial; American Indian or Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White; Black or African American; Asian; Multiracial; American Indian or Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Iowa					
Y	Not Available	15	Not Available	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	Not Available

Combined Race/Ethnicity Question Offered		Total # of Racial Responses Offered		Categories of Racial Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
Kansas					
N	N	15	13	White; Black; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	Not Available
Kentucky					
N	Not Available	15	Not Available	White; Black or African American; Chinese; American Indian; Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoan; Other Pacific Islander	Not Available
Louisiana					
N	N	15	15	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other
Maine					
N	Y	6	7	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian or Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black; Asian; Native American; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Hispanic/Latino; Unknown
Maryland					
N	N	5	15	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	White; Black or African American; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other
Massachusetts					
Y	Not Available	18	Not Available	American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Black or African American; Chinese; Filipino; Guamanian or Chamorro; Japanese; Korean; Cuban; Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano; Puerto Rican; Other Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin; Native Hawaiian; Other Asian; Other Pacific Islander; Samoan; Vietnamese; White or Caucasian	Not Available
Michigan					
N	Not Available	5	Not Available	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Not Available
Minnesota					
N	Not Available	15	Not Available	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	Not Available

Combined Race/Ethnicity Question Offered		Total # of Racial Responses Offered		Categories of Racial Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
Mississippi					
N	N	15	16	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Korean; Japanese; Vietnamese; Asian; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other
Missouri					
N	Not Available	5	Not Available	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Not Available
Montana					
N	N	5	5	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
Nebraska					
N	N	15	7	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; Unknown; Decline
Nevada					
N	Y	15	20	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	Asian (non-Hispanic); Black (non-Hispanic); American Indian or Alaskan Native and White (Hispanic/Latino); Asian and white (Hispanic or Latino), Black or African American and White (Hispanic/Latino); American Indian/Alaska Native & Black/African American (Hispanic/Latino); American Indian or Alaskan Native (Non-Hispanic); Asian and White (Non-Hispanic); American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American (Non-Hispanic); Asian (Hispanic or Latino); Black Hispanic; American Indian or Alaskan Native Hispanic; White Hispanic; Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian (Non-Hispanic); Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian (Hispanic/ Latino); White (Non-Hispanic); 2 or more other race combinations (Hispanic/Latino); 2 or more other race combinations (non-Hispanic)
New Hampshire					
N	N	5	6	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; Other

Combined Race/Ethnicity Question Offered		Total # of Racial Responses Offered		Categories of Racial Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
New Jersey					
N	Y	n/a	5	Not asked	White; Black; American Indian/Alaska Native; Asia/Pacific Islander; Other
New Mexico					
N	N	6	7	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander; Other
New York					
N	Not Available	7	Not Available	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Unknown; Hispanic or Latino	Not Available
North Carolina					
N	N	7	6	White or Caucasian; Black or African-American; Asian; Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander; American Indian or Alaska Native; Other	White or Caucasian; Black or African-American; Asian; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; American Indian or Alaska Native; Other
North Dakota					
N	N	15	15	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoan; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Samoan; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other
Ohio					
N	N	15	5	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoan; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
Oklahoma					
N	N	15	6	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoan; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White or Caucasian; Black or African-American; Asian; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; American Indian or Alaska Native; Decline to Answer
Oregon					
Y	Not Available	37	Not Available	American Indian; Alaska Native; Canadian Inuit, Metis or First Nation; Indigenous Mexican, Central American or South American; Chinese; Vietnamese; Korean; Hmong; Laotian; Filipino/a; Japanese; South Asian; Asian Indian; Other Asian; African American; African (black); Caribbean; Other black; Mexican; Central American; South American; Other Hispanic or Latino; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoan; Micronesian; Tongan; Other Pacific Islander; Western European; Eastern European; Slavic; Middle Eastern; Northern African; Other white; Unknown; Decline to Answer; Other	Not Available

Combined Race/Ethnicity Question Offered		Total # of Racial Responses Offered		Categories of Racial Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
Pennsylvania					
N	N	6	7	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Other; Unknown
Rhode Island					
N	Not Available	17	Not Available	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaskan Native; Asian; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Vietnamese; Korean; Other Asian; Guamanian; Chamorro; Samoa; Native Hawaiian; Other Pacific Islander; Other	Not Available
South Carolina					
N	Y	15	15	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoa; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other
South Dakota					
N	N	15	5	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoa; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black; Asian; American Indian/Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Tennessee					
N	N	15	18	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoa; Guamanian or Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Persian; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; East Asian; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoan; Other Pacific Islander; Other; Unknown
Texas					
N	N	5	5	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White; Black or African American; Asian; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Utah					
N	N	15	15	White; Black/African American; American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoan; Guamanian/Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black/African American; American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoan; Guamanian/Chamorro; Other Pacific Islander; Other
Vermont					
N	Not Available	8	Not Available	White; Black or African American; Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Middle Eastern or North African; Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; Other	Not Available

Combined Race/Ethnicity Question Offered		Total # of Racial Responses Offered		Categories of Racial Options Offered	
Paper	Online	Paper	Online	Paper	Online
Virginia					
N	N	15	14	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander
Washington					
Y	N	7	18	White; Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian; Pacific Islander; Hispanic or Latino; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Cambodian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Laotian; Thai; Vietnamese; Other Asian/ Pacific Islander; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian; Samoan; Other; Unreported
West Virginia					
N	N	15	15	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoan Other Pacific Islander; Other
Wisconsin					
N	N	5	5	American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian; Black/African American; Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; White	American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian; Black/African American; Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander; White
Wyoming					
N	N	15	16	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other	White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Guamanian or Chamorro; Samoa; Other Pacific Islander; Other; Unreported

Source: SHADAC review of state paper and online Medicaid applications, January 2021.

Appendix B:

Frequency of Racial Categories Offered on Paper and Online Medicaid Applications

Racial Category Offered	Number of States Offering this Racial Choice	
	Paper (N=50)	Online (N=33)
White*	44	25
White or Caucasian	3	5
Middle Eastern or North African	1	0
Middle Eastern	1	0
North African	1	0
Western European	1	0
Eastern European	1	0
Slavic	1	0
Persian	0	2
Other White	1	0
Black or African American*	46	27
Black	1	4
African American	1	0
African (Black)	1	0
Caribbean	1	0
Other Black	1	0
American Indian or Alaska Native*	43	27
American Indian	4	2
Alaska Native	4	2
Native American	0	1
Canadian Inuit, Metis, or First Nation	1	0
Indigenous Mexican, Central American or South American	1	0
Asian	19	16
Asian Indian*	30	12
Cambodian	1	1
Chinese*	30	15
Filipino*	30	15
Hmong	2	0
Japanese*	30	15
Korean*	29	15
Laotian	2	1
Vietnamese*	28	14
Thai	0	1
South Asian	1	0
East Asian	0	2
Other Asian*	27	11
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	17	14
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	1
Native Hawaiian*	30	14
Guamanian or Chamorro*	28	14
Guamanian	1	1
Chamorro	1	0
Samoan*	29	15
Micronesian	1	0
Tongan	1	0
Pacific Islander	2	1
Other Pacific Islander*	27	13
Mexican	2	1
Mexican-American	1	19
Chicano/a	1	0
Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano	1	0

Racial Category Offered	Number of States Offering this Racial Choice	
	<i>Paper (N=50)</i>	<i>Online (N=33)</i>
Puerto Rican	2	0
Cuban	2	0
Central American	1	0
South American	1	0
Other Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Descent	2	0
Hispanic/Latino Unknown	5	4
Write-in	6	0
Other	32	19
Multiracial	1	1
Unknown/Unreported	2	8
Decline to answer	1	2

Categories in bold are OMB REL Standards

*=Included Field in HHS Race and Ethnicity Collection Guidance

Source: SHADAC review of state paper and online Medicaid applications, January 2021.



Appendix C:

Ethnicity Category Response Options Offered on State Medicaid Applications

Total # of Ethnicity Responses Offered		Categories of Ethnicity Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
Alabama			
6	Not Available	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Not Available
Alaska			
6	*	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	*
Arizona			
*	Not Available	*	Not Available
Arkansas			
6	Not Available	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Not Available
California			
6	Not Available	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano; Salvadorian; Guatemalan; Cuban; Puerto Rican; Other Hispanic; Latino; or Spanish origin	Not Available
Colorado			
*	2	*	Hispanic/Latino; Not Hispanic/Latino
Connecticut			
7	Not Available	Not of Hispanic origin; Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Cuban; Puerto Rican; Other Hispanic; Latino/a or Spanish	Not Available
Delaware			
2	2	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Florida			
6	2	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Georgia			
6	8	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Not Hispanic/Latino; Other; Unknown
Hawaii			
6	Not Available	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Not Available
Idaho			
2	Not Available	Hispanic or Latino? Y/N	Not Available
Illinois			
2	5	Hispanic or Latino? Y/N	Mexican/Mexican-American/Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Another Hispanic; Latino; or Spanish Origin; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Indiana			
2	2	Hispanic or Latino? Y/N	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Iowa			
6	Not Available	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Not Available
Kansas			
6	5	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican/Mexican-American/Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Another Hispanic; Latino; or Spanish Origin; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Kentucky			
2	Not Available	Are you of Hispanic; Latino; or Spanish origin? Y/N	Not Available

Total # of Ethnicity Responses Offered		Categories of Ethnicity Options Offered	
<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Online</i>
Louisiana			
6	7	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other; Unknown
Maine			
2	*	Hispanic or Latino; Non-Hispanic or Latino	*
Maryland			
2	2	Hispanic or Latino; Not Hispanic/Latino	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Massachusetts			
*	Not Available	*	Not Available
Michigan			
2	Not Available	Hispanic/Latino; Not Hispanic/Latino	Not Available
Minnesota			
6	Not Available	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Not Available
Mississippi			
6	7	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other; Unknown
Missouri			
2	Not Available	Hispanic (optional) Y/N	Not Available
Montana			
2	3	Hispanic/Latino; Not Hispanic/Latino	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino; Unknown
Nebraska			
6	2	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Nevada			
6	*	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	*
New Hampshire			
2	2	Hispanic or Latino? Y/N	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
New Jersey			
0	*	Ethnicity not asked	*
New Mexico			
2	2	Hispanic Y/N	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
New York			
*	Not Available	*	Not Available
North Carolina			
5	6	Mexican; Mexican-American; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican-American; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other Hispanic/Latino/a or Spanish Descent; Not Hispanic/Latino; Not Reported
North Dakota			
6	3	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino; Unknown
Ohio			
6	2	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Oklahoma			
6	2	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino

Total # of Ethnicity Responses Offered		Categories of Ethnicity Options Offered	
Paper	Online	Paper	Online
Oregon			
*	Not Available	*	Not Available
Pennsylvania			
2	2	Hispanic or Latino; Not Hispanic/Latino	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Rhode Island			
6	Not Available	Hispanic; Non-Hispanic; Mexican; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other Hispanic	Not Available
South Carolina			
6	*	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	*
South Dakota			
6	2	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Tennessee			
6	6	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican/Mexican-American/Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino; other
Texas			
2	2	Hispanic or Latino? Y/N	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Utah			
8	2	Not Hispanic/Latino; Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Another Hispanic; Latino; or Spanish Origin; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Vermont			
6	Not Available	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Not Available
Virginia			
6	6	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Not Hispanic/Latino
Washington			
*	6	*	Mexican/Mexican-American/Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino; other
West Virginia			
6	2	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Wisconsin			
2	2	Hispanic or Latino; Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic/Latino; Non-Hispanic/Latino
Wyoming			
6	6	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other	Mexican; Mexican-American; Chicano/a; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other

Not Available = State's online application was not available to be reviewed due to identify proofing

*= State did not ask a separate ethnicity question. Instead; ethnicity options were listed under a combined race/ethnicity question. See Appendix A for this state's racial category options.

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