

**RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN ON THE 2000 CENSUS**

The following are the 2 questions on the 2000 census that ask about a person's race and whether the person is Hispanic or not:

Question 5:

Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

- a. No
- b. Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- c. Yes, Puerto Rican
- d. Yes, Cuban
- e. Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino – print group:

Question 6:

What is this person's race? Mark **one or more races** to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be:

- a. White
- b. Black, African American, or Negro
- c. American Indian or Alaska Native – print name of enrolled or principal tribe: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. **[[no general label is provided for the group below]]**
  - \*\*Asian Indian      \*\*Japanese      \*\*Native Hawaiian
  - \*\*Chinese      \*\*Korean      \*\*Guamanian or Chamorro
  - \*\*Filipino      \*\*Vietnamese      \*\*Samoan
  - \*\*Other Asian – Print race:      \*\*Other Pacific Islander – Print race:
- e. Some other race – Print race:

**Haney-López/Prewitt's proposal for 2010 Census:**

What is this person's race or ethnic group? Mark one or more:

List under question 6, to which is added: Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

*Some interesting facts about "Hispanic/Latino/as" on the 2000 Census:*

The total U.S. population is (was) 281,421,906. Of that number, 35,241,468 are (were) Hispanic. In 1990 that number was 22 million; in 1980 it was 15 million.

Of the people checking "Hispanic/Latino," about 50% said they are "White." (That percentage is down from 63.7% in 1980 and 54% in 1990.) 2.7% say they are "Black".

47.4% of Hispanics check "other" on the race question. Many of them write "Hispanic" or "Latino/a" in the space for "other race". That # was 34% in 1980, 44% in 1990.

The national or regional origin of Hispanics is the following:

**Mexican:** 21 million

**Puerto Rican:** 3.4 million

**Cuban:** 1.2 million

**Dominican:** 815 thousand

**Central American:** 1.77 million

**South American:** 1.4 million

All others: 5.6 million

85.6% of Cubans, 24.3% of Dominicans, 42% of Central Americans, 61% of South Americans said they were "white."