

## RACE

Description:	The Race data concept consists of a minimum of 6 individual data elements, each of which serves as a 1-character variable indicator for a general race concept. There is also a seventh data element that conditionally supports free-form race data.
Allowable Values:	Y, N
Length:	1 for each data element
Format:	AN
Codes:	Yes            Y No             N
Data elements:	American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White  Unknown
Notes:	A seventh data element that allows for free form race data may be included as "Other_____".  Race should be always asked after ethnicity.  Instructions should clarify that more than one choice is allowed.  If a program needs more categories than the minimum referenced here, it needs to refer to the <a href="#">Census Race and ethnicity Code Set</a> for more detailed codes. The length of the field would need to be adjusted accordingly to the level of detail.
External Standard:	CIPHER, NCVS