

OMB Launches New Public Listening Sessions on Federal Race and Ethnicity Standards Revision

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The first step in the formal review process for OMB's statistical standards for collecting race and ethnicity data is well underway – and the public can now share their perspectives and input.

What we are reviewing: In June, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced that my office would begin formal review to revise OMB's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 (Directive No. 15): Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity. This Directive provides minimum standards that ensure the Federal Government's ability to compare race and ethnicity information and data across Federal agencies, and also helps us to understand how well Federal programs serve a diverse America.

All questions should be directed to OMB via their email address:
Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov.

How the process works: Earlier this year, I convened an Interagency Technical Working Group of Federal Government career staff representing over 20 agencies across the federal government, including almost every CFO Act agency and recognized statistical agency that collect or use race and ethnicity data, as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The Working Group has begun the important work of developing a set of recommendations for improving the quality and usefulness of Federal race and ethnicity data. The Working Group will evaluate relevant research, engage in a meaningful way with the American public and all impacted agencies, and develop recommendations on topics including, but not limited to:

 Whether the minimum reporting categories should be changed and how to best address detailed race and ethnicity groups in the Standards;

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The Census Bureau will announce the nation's annual estimates on income, earnings and inequality to evaluate national economic trends and to understand their effect on the well-being of households and individuals. These estimates are based on the 2022 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement. (Scheduled for release **September 13**.)

Health Insurance in the United States: 2021

The Census Bureau will announce the nation's annual health insurance coverage estimates highlighting national trends and examining characteristics by health insurance status to better understand the well-being of individuals. These estimates are based on the 2022 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement. State-level ACS data will be released September 15. (Scheduled for release **September 13**.)

Poverty in the United States: 2021

The Census Bureau will announce the nation's official poverty and Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) estimates to help understand the economic well-being of households, families and individuals based on national poverty rates and SPM rates for the nation and states. This is the first year that official poverty and SPM estimates will be released in the same report. These estimates are based on the 2022 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement. (Scheduled for release **September 13**.)

American Housing Survey: 2021

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Census Bureau will soon release products from the 2021 American Housing Survey (AHS). On September 29, the AHS Table Creator will be released with new 2021 estimates. The Table Creator is an interactive data tool that allows users to create custom tables of housing and demographic estimates for the nation, 25 metropolitan areas and selected states. The 2021 AHS public use file will also be available September 29. The public use file is a microdata file containing individual survey records that allow users to create their own tabulations. (Scheduled for release **September 29**.)

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