

Updating the Race/Ethnicity Code List for the American Community Survey & Decennial Census

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Background

- For the 2020 Census, we improved our code list to add new unique codes, which enabled us to provide disaggregated data for more groups than ever before.
- The code list details hundreds of American Indian tribes, Alaska Native tribes and villages, Canadian First Nations, and Central and South American Indian groups.
- 2020 Census improvements elicited much more reporting of detailed racial and ethnic identities:
 - 55 million write-ins in 2010 Census
 - 350 million write-ins in 2020 Census
- The code list is a key input for development of our race/ethnicity data products.
- Stakeholder input is a critical part of this process.



<u>ALASKA NATIVE</u>	<u>5010-5499</u>
Alaska Native (Not Specified)	5010-5019
Alaska Indian	5010
Alaska Native	5011
Alaska Native	5020-5499
Alaskan Athabascan	5020
Ahtna, Inc. Corporation	5021
Alanvik	5022
Alatna Village	5023
Alexander	5024
Allakaket Village	5025
Anvik Village	5026
Arctic Village	5027
Beaver Village	5028
Birch Creek Tribe	5029
Chalkyitsik Village	5030
Cheesh-Na Tribe (Chistochina)	5031
Chickaloon Native Village	5032
Circle Native Community	5033
Cook Inlet	5034
Copper River	5035
Doyon	5036
Eklutna Native Village	5037
Evansville Village (Bettles Field)	5038
Galena Village (Louden Village)	5039
Gulkana Village Council	5040
Healy Lake Village	5041
Holy Cross Tribe	5042
Hughes Village	5043
Huslia Village	5044
Knik Tribe	5045
Koyukuk Native Village	5046
Lake Minchumina	5047

Excerpt of 2020 Census Code List

Overview of the Race/Ethnicity Coding Improvement Project

- Goal is to ensure detailed race and/or ethnicity groups and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages are accurately coded in the American Community Survey (ACS) and the 2030 Census.
- Provides a critical opportunity for tribal leaders to offer feedback on how American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages are coded in the ACS and 2030 Census.
- All updates must meet three criteria:
 - There is strong Federal scientific research and evidence to support the update.
 - Stakeholder feedback supports the update.
 - The update aligns with the definitions of the minimum reporting categories in SPD 15.



2024 SPD 15 Race/Ethnicity Category Definitions

Minimum Race/Ethnicity Reporting Category	2024 SPD 15 Definition
American Indian or Alaska Native	Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America, including, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, and Maya.
White	Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, including, for example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Scottish.



Census Race/Ethnicity Question Design, Coding, and Processing

- Examples for American Indian or Alaska Native:
"Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc."
- Detailed American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, Canadian First Nations, and indigenous Central and South American responses collected via dedicated AIAN write-in area
 - Up to 200 characters are recorded
 - Up to six detailed groups are collected
 - We do not collect tribal enrollment status



8. What is Person 1's race and/or ethnicity?
Select all that apply and print additional details in the spaces below.

☐ **White** — Provide details below.

☐ English	☐ German	☐ Irish
☐ Italian	☐ Polish	☐ Scottish

Print, for example, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.

☐ **Hispanic or Latino** — Provide details below.

☐ Mexican	☐ Puerto Rican	☐ Salvadoran
☐ Cuban	☐ Dominican	☐ Guatemalan

Print, for example, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc.

☐ **Black or African American** — Provide details below.

☐ African American	☐ Jamaican	☐ Haitian
☐ Nigerian	☐ Ethiopian	☐ Somali

Print, for example, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian, Congolese, etc.

☐ **Asian** — Provide details below.

☐ Chinese	☐ Asian Indian	☐ Filipino
☐ Vietnamese	☐ Korean	☐ Japanese

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

☐ **American Indian or Alaska Native** — *Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.*

☐ **Middle Eastern or North African** — Provide details below.

☐ Lebanese	☐ Iranian	☐ Egyptian
☐ Syrian	☐ Iraqi	☐ Israeli

Print, for example, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc.

☐ **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander** — Provide details below.

☐ Native Hawaiian	☐ Samoan	☐ Chamorro
☐ Tongan	☐ Fijian	☐ Marshallese

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

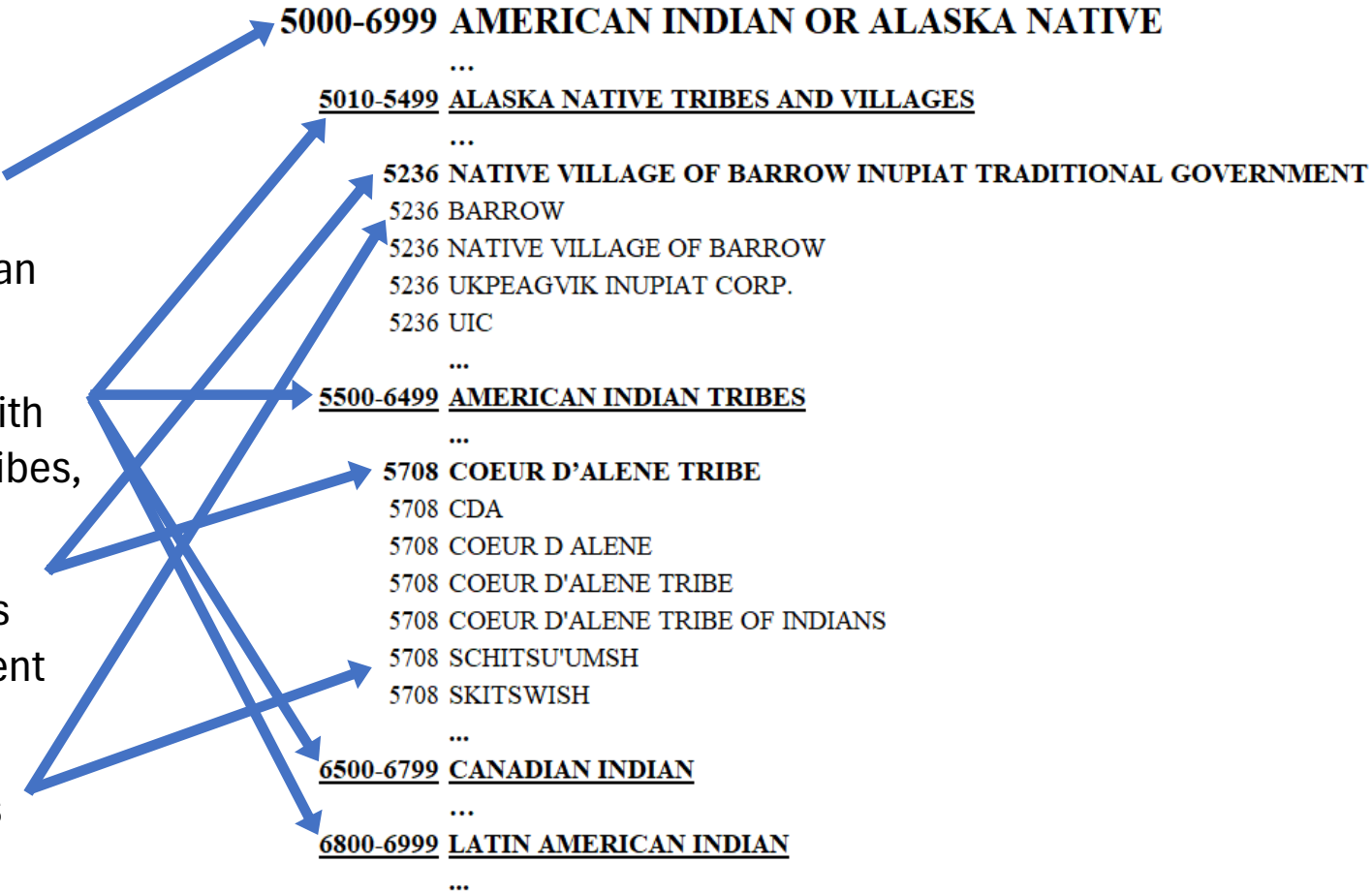
☐ **Some other race and/or ethnicity** — Provide details below.

→ If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 2 on the next page.

What is a Code List?

Contents within the race/ethnicity code list

- **Major category headers** – these are the minimum race/ethnicity reporting categories as defined by the 2024 OMB race/ethnicity standards (e.g., American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN))
- **Regional groups** – Identify code ranges associated with Alaska Native Tribes and Villages, American Indian Tribes, Canadian Indian, and Latin American Indian groups
- **Group headers** – Detailed tribes and villages, such as Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government and Coeur D’Alene Tribe
- **Code descriptions** – Descriptors for individual codes under each group header, such as Barrow or Schitsu’umsh



Excerpt of proposed 2030 Race/Ethnicity Code List



What Types of Terms Are Included in the American Indian or Alaska Native Section of the Code List?

- Federally-recognized tribes and villages
- State-recognized tribes and villages
- Alaska Native Regional Corporations
- Unrecognized tribes
- General terms for tribes in the United States
- Canadian First Nations
- Central and South American Indian groups



Excerpt from the Proposed Race/Ethnicity Code List

Terms	Codes
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	6159
Kansas Potawatomi	6159
Potawatomi Prairie Band	6159
Prairie Band	6159
Prairie Band of Potawatomi	6159
Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians	6159

Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation

- Federally recognized American Indian tribe coded within the American Indian and Alaska Native minimum reporting category.
- All variations of the tribe’s name receive the same code.



Excerpt from the Proposed Race/Ethnicity Code List

Terms	Codes
Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government	5236
Barrow	5236
Native Village of Barrow	5236
Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corp.	5236
UIC	5236

Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government

- Federally recognized Alaska Native village coded within the American Indian or Alaska Native minimum reporting category.
- All associated variations of Alaska Native tribe/village names, corporation names, and abbreviations receive the same code.



How Does a Write-In Response Get Tabulated?

Sometimes a group has one code, but lots of variation in terminology

Step 1:

A response is provided to the race/ethnicity question

☒ American Indian or Alaska Native — Print, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.

Skitswish

Step 2:

The response is given a code from our code list that is used for tabulation

Terms	Codes
Coeur D’Alene Tribe	5708
CDA	5708
Coeur D Alene	5708
Coeur D’Alene Tribe	5708
Coeur D’Alene Tribe of Indians	5708
Schitsu'umsh	5708
Skitswish	5708

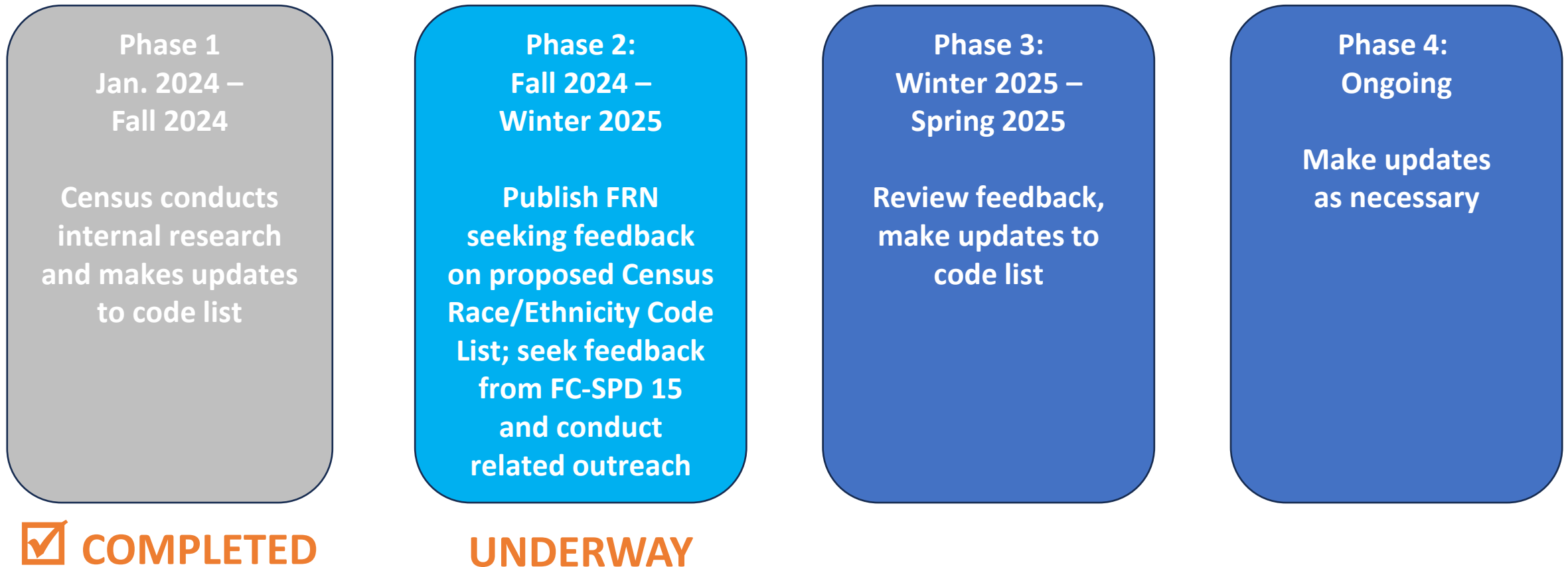
Step 3:

Every term associated with the code is included in the count for that race/ethnicity group or AIAN tribe or village

Population group	Census Population
Coeur D’Alene alone	COUNT
Coeur D’Alene alone or in any combination	COUNT



Key Phases of the Race/Ethnicity Coding Improvement Research Project



Note: FC-SPD 15 = Federal Committee on Statistical Policy Directive 15.

Phase 2 - Federal Register Notice

- A Federal Register Notice (FRN) with a 90-day public comment period was released November 18, 2024. The public comment period ends February 18, 2025.
- This FRN allows the public to provide feedback on the race/ethnicity code list that will be used in the ACS and the 2030 Census.
- The FRN includes a link to the proposed race/ethnicity code list for use in future ACS collections and the 2030 Census.
- The proposed code list includes updates that were made based on stakeholder feedback we have received since the 2020 Census and internal research conducted on responses provided in the 2020 Census.



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- Are you aware of additional state recognized tribes that are not on the list? If so, please identify them and suggest a classification.



Accessing the Proposed Race/Ethnicity Code List and How to Submit a Public Comment

How to Access the Proposed Race/Ethnicity Code List:

- Access the Federal Register notice
- Click link for proposed race/ethnicity code list towards bottom of the FRN
- Download the excel file

How to Submit a Public Comment via the FRN:

- Go to www.regulations.gov
- Enter Docket Number USBC-2024-0022 in the search field
- Click the “Comment” icon and complete the required fields
- Enter or attach your comments

Please contact our Tribal Relations Specialists for assistance



Phase 3 – Review Feedback and Make Updates

- Throughout the comment period, our research team will thoroughly review all feedback.
- Updates to the code list will be made during this time period.
- All updates must meet the following criteria:
 1. There is strong Federal scientific research and evidence to support the update.
 2. Stakeholder feedback supports the update.
 3. The update aligns with the definitions of the minimum reporting categories in SPD 15.



Phase 4 – Make Updates to the Code List as Needed

- The code list will continue to undergo updates, specifically to ensure the names of AIAN tribes are listed in accordance with the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs’ annual Federal Register Notice, “Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.”



For more information, see January 8, 2024 Federal Register Notice: [2024-00109.pdf](#)

Outreach and Engagement

- Updated Census Bureau's Tribal Relations Specialists – October 16
- [Public Webinar](#) – November 19
- Virtual Tribal Consultations
 - December 11 @ 3pm ET
 - January 15 @ 3pm ET
- Random Samplings blog: [Updating the Race/Ethnicity Code List for the American Community Survey and the 2030 Census](#)



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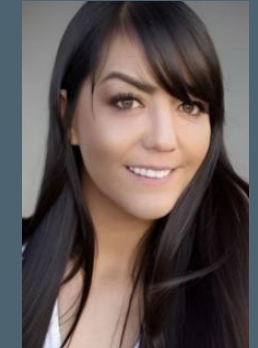
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Available Tools for Accessing 2020 Census Data

Data visualization:

- [Detailed Races and Ethnicities in the United States and Puerto Rico: 2020 Census](#)

Data Gems:

- [How the Detailed DHC-A Adaptive Design Determines Data Availability](#)
- [Accessing 2020 Census Detailed DHC-A Data on data.census.gov](#)
- [Downloading, Exporting, and Sharing 2020 Census Detailed DHC-A Data](#)
- [Accessing 2020 Census Detailed DHC-A Data: Census Tracts](#)
- [Comparing 2020 Census Detailed DHC-A Data to 2010 Census Data](#)
- [2020 Census Detailed DHC-A: Using the Census Data API to Get Individual Data Points](#)
- [2020 Census Detailed DHC-A: Using the Census Data API to Get a Table](#)

Press Kit:

- [2020 Census Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A Press Kit](#)



American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN)

Detailed Data for Hundreds of American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes

October 03, 2023

2020 Census detailed data available for close to 1,200 AIAN tribes and villages for the nation, states and tribal areas.



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