

Document E: [1930 Census](#)

Source: The Census Bureau

12. Color or Race

Enumerators were to enter "W" for white, "Neg" for black, "Mex" for Mexican, "In" for American Indian, "Ch" for Chinese, "Jp" for Japanese, "Fil" for Filipino, "Hin" for Hindu, and "Kor" for Korean. All other races were to be written out in full.

*For the 1930 census, the population questionnaire was basically the same as it had been in 1910 and 1920. The biggest change was in racial classification. Enumerators were instructed to no longer use the "Mulatto" classification. Instead, they were given special instructions for reporting the race of interracial persons.

A person with both White and Black lineage was to be recorded as Black, no matter fraction of that lineage. A person of mixed Black and American Indian lineage was also to be recorded as Black, unless he was considered to be "predominantly" American Indian and accepted as such within the community.

A person with both White and American Indian lineage was to be recorded as an Indian, unless his American Indian lineage was very small and he was accepted as white within the community. In fact, in all situations in which a person had White and some other racial lineage, he was to be reported as that other race. Persons who had minority interracial lineages were to be reported as the race of their father.

For the first and only time, "Mexican" was listed as a race. Enumerators were to record all persons who had been born in Mexico or whose parents had been born in Mexico and who did not fall into another racial category as "Mexican."

*Historical context: With the end of the Spanish-American War (1898), the Philippines became an American territory with a long complex path to full independence in 1946. Hindu is a follower of Hinduism and does not define a color or a race.

Document F: [1970 Census](#)

Source: The Census Bureau

4. Color or race

Enumerators were to select from White, Negro or Black, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiian, Korean, Indian (Amer.) or Other. If Indian (Amer.) or Other is selected, enumerators may print the tribe or race in a provided box.

The following questions were asked of only a sample of respondents

13 a. Where was this person born?

b. Is this person's origin or descent...

- ☐ Mexican
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Cuban
- ☐ Central or South American
- ☐ Other Spanish
- ☐ None of these

14. What country was the person's father born in?

15. What country was the person's mother born in?

16 a. For persons born in a foreign country- Is the person naturalized?

b. When did the person come to the United States to stay?

*Historical context: The Immigration Act of 1965 ended nationality quotas but limited annual immigration by country.