

Virginia Department for the Aging Race/Ethnicity Status

Race/Ethnicity Status – The following reflects the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for obtaining information from individuals regarding race and ethnicity. It constitutes what OMB classifies as the “two-question format.” When questions on race and ethnicity are administered, respondents should ideally be given the opportunity for self-identification, and are to be allowed to designate all categories that apply to them. Consistent with OMB requirements, the following are the race and ethnicity categories to be used for information collection purposes:

Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Hispanic or Latino – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Race:

- **American Indian or Alaskan Native** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- **Asian** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam
- **Black or African American** – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.
- **White** – A person having origins in any of the peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.