

## Hispanic Origin & Race Information for Completing a Record of Death

Use the following information when answering questions for the death record regarding the decedent's Hispanic origin or the decedent's race.

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### Decedent's Hispanic Origin

Hispanic origin is not a part of the Race Item. A decedent of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Hispanic origin is also essential for identifying specific mortality patterns and leading causes of death among different Hispanic groups. It is also used to determine whether specific health programs are needed in particular areas, as well as to make population estimates.

#### Question: Was the Decedent of Hispanic Origin?

If the answer to this question is yes, then review the responses below. Pick the response that best describes the decedent's Hispanic origin.

- Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
  - Puerto Rican
  - Cuban
  - Other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino (Specify)
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### Decedent's Race(s)

Race is essential for identifying specific mortality patterns and leading causes of death among different racial groups. It is also used to determine whether specific health programs are needed in particular areas, as well as to make population estimates.

**Question: Which item(s) below best describe what race(s) the decedent considered himself/herself to be? Select all that apply.**

- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native  
(Name of enrolled or associated principal tribe)
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian (Specify)
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander (Specify)
- Other (Specify)