

Glossary of Census Terms

Foreign-born population: Foreign born refers to people who are not U.S. citizens at birth. This includes naturalized U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents (immigrants), temporary migrants (such as foreign students), humanitarian migrants (such as refugees and asylees), and persons illegally present in the United States.

Native born: Native born refers to people born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or a U.S. Island Area, as well as those born in a foreign country who have at least one parent who is a U.S. citizen.

Citizenship status: People who indicate that they were born in the United States, Puerto Rico, a U.S. Island Area, or abroad of at least one U.S. citizen parent are U.S. citizens.

People who indicate that they are U.S. citizens through naturalization are also U.S. citizens.

Naturalized U.S. citizens are foreign-born people who identify themselves as naturalized. Naturalization is the conferring, by any means, of citizenship upon a person after birth.

Place of birth: Place of birth refers to the U. S. state, U.S. Island Area, or foreign country where a person was born.

Race: The data on race were derived from answers to the question on race. The U.S. Census Bureau collects race data in accordance with guidelines provided by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and these data are based on self-identification. The racial categories included in the census questionnaire generally reflect a social definition of race recognized in this country and not an attempt to define race biologically, anthropologically, or genetically. In addition, it is recognized that the categories of the race question include race and national origin or sociocultural groups. OMB requires that race data be collected for a minimum of five groups: White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. OMB permits the Census Bureau to also use a sixth category - Some Other Race. Respondents may report more than one race.

Ethnicity: The U.S. Census Bureau adheres to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) definition of ethnicity. There are two minimum categories for ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino. OMB considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. Hispanics and Latinos may be of any race.

Ability to speak English: For a respondent who speaks a language other than English at home, this refers to their assessment of their ability to speak English, from "very well" to "not at all."

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. This includes people who reported detailed Asian responses such as:

- Asian Indian
- Bangladeshi
- Bhutanese

- Burmese
- Cambodian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Hmong
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Laotian
- Malaysian
- Nepalese
- Pakistani
- Sri Lankan
- Taiwanese
- Thai
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian, specified
- Other Asian, not specified

Language spoken at home: The language currently used by respondents at home, either "English only" or a non-English language which is used in addition to English or in place of English.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau