



Federal Interagency Working Group for Research on Race and Ethnicity

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Background and Review Process

Historical Context

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| 1977 | OMB published <i>Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting</i> |
| 1994 | OMB published a note of proposed review and possible revision |
| 1997 | OMB published <i>Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity</i> |
| 2014 | OMB established the Interagency Working Group for Research on Race and Ethnicity (Working Group) |



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Research Agenda Includes:

1. Questionnaire Format and Nonresponse
2. Classification of Middle Eastern or North African Race/Ethnicity
3. Additional Minimum Reporting Categories for American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White Groups
4. Relevance of Terminology



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Schedule of Standards' Review

September 30, 2016	OMB published a Notice to signal review and possible limited revision (30-day comment period)
March 1, 2017	OMB published a Notice indicating research proposals + the Working Group published its Interim Report (60-day comment period)
Late-Spring Early-Summer	Working Group working toward making final recommendations
Late-Summer	Working Group submits Final Report with recommendations to OMB
December 1, 2017	OMB publishes final decisions and new standards, potentially

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THIS TIME



QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION