# **Race and Ethnicity**

#### The ethnicity question is:

What is this person's ethnicity? Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

### Ethnicity is based on the following categorization:

*Hispanic or Latino:* A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term "Spanish origin" can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

### The race question is:

What is this person's race? Mark one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be. American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

## **Race** is based in the following five categorizations:

*American Indian or Alaska Native:* A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South 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, Middle East, or the Indian subcontinent, including, *for example*, Cambodia, China, India, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, 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 original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Did You Know?

What is the difference between Latino and Hispanic:

- Latino generally refers to countries (or cultures) that were once under Roman rule. This includes Italy, France, Spain, etc. Brazilians are considered to be Latino, but are not considered to be Hispanic.
- **Hispanic** describes cultures or countries that were once under Spanish rule (Mexico, Central America, and most South America where Spanish is the primary language).