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### Defining Race and Ethnicity

#### *Current Population Survey*

The Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS) uses two separate questions to ask respondents about their race and Hispanic origin. With respect to race, a respondent can be White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or a combination of two or more of these groups. To determine Hispanic origin, respondents were asked, Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino? A respondent's ethnicity can be Hispanic or not Hispanic, regardless of race.

CPS data on race and Hispanic origin were combined to create the six nonoverlapping racial and ethnic groups used in this report:

- Hispanic: Hispanic, any race
- White: single race only, not Hispanic
- Black: single race only, not Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaska Native: single race only, not Hispanic
- Asian: single race only, not Hispanic
- Other: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, single race only, not Hispanic; more than one race, not Hispanic

#### *Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System*

For this report, data on race and ethnicity from the National Center for Education Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) were combined to align with the categories used in the CPS. The CPS collects data on race and ethnicity for all survey respondents, regardless of citizenship status. By comparison, the race and ethnicity data in IPEDS are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents; these details are not available for temporary residents. All race and ethnicity comparisons in this report that use IPEDS degree award data are limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents with reported race and ethnicity.

#### *Surveys from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics*

Data on race and ethnicity from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics' (NCSES's) Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS) are collected similarly to those in IPEDS and were aligned to match CPS data. All race and ethnicity comparisons in this report that use GSS data are limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents with reported race and ethnicity.

For the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) and the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR), both surveys from NCSES, the racial and ethnic groups correspond to those used in the CPS. All race and ethnicity comparisons in this report that use NSCG and SDR data include U.S. citizens, foreign citizens on permanent visas, and individuals on temporary visas.