

**CHEMIS DATA DICTIONARY**  
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**RACE**

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

**ELEMENT TITLE:** Civil Rights Racial Category

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** An indication of the student's ethnic origin. NOTE: If a student classifies himself in more than one racial category, the institution must report only one of the classifications.

NOTE: Racial/Ethnic designations as used do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

Reporting individuals as one of these categories is being phased out because of the New Race/Ethnicity Standards in IPEDS.

2008-09 and 2009-10 are optional reporting years. This means the institutions can report in the new format or the old format.

2010-11 is mandatory for Enrollment and Human Resource Reporting to IPEDS. It is optional for Completions, Twelve-month Enrollment, and the Graduation Rate Survey.

2011-12 is mandatory for reporting all components to IPEDS in the new formats.

See Data Elements RF1 – RF8 for the new data fields.

1 = Non-Resident Alien

2 = Black/African American

3 = American Indian/Alaskan Native

4 = Asian or Pacific Islander

5 = Hispanic

6 = White/Non-Hispanic

7 = Unknown

**9=New Format reported**

See following page for category descriptions.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 1-9

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Alphanumeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents non-resident alien)

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Non-Resident Alien: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely. Resident aliens, who are not citizens or nationals of the United States and who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (and who hold alien registration receipt cards - Form 1-551/155), are to be reported in the appropriate racial ethnic categories along with United States citizens.

Black/African American: A person having origins in any black racial groups of Africa (except those of Hispanic origin).

American Indian or Alaskan Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, or who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Asian or Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or Pacific Islands. This includes people from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Samoa, India, and Vietnam.

Hispanic: A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South America, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

White, Non-Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East (except those of Hispanic origin).

Unknown: This category is used ONLY if the student did not select a racial/ethnic designation, and the postsecondary institution finds it impossible to place the student in one of the aforementioned categories during established enrollment/employment procedures, or any post-enrollment/employment identification or verification process.

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**RF1\_HISP**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 1 -- Ethnicity – Hispanic/Latino

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens.

NOTE: An individual can choose the ethnicity of Hispanic/Latino and select one or more racial codes.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Individual is Not of Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity

1 = Individual is of Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF1\_Hisp will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF1\_Hisp will have a value of 0 or 1.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents an individual selection of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity)

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**RF2\_AI\_AN**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 1 -- Race – American Indian or Alaska Native

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens.

NOTE: An individual can choose the racial category of American Indian or Alaska Native and select other races as well.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Individual has not selected the racial category of American Indian or Alaska Native.

1 = Individual has selected the racial category of American Indian or Alaska Native.

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF2\_AI\_AN will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF2\_AI\_AN will have a value of 0 or 1.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents a racial category of American Indian or Alaska Native)

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**RF3\_ASIAN**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 3 -- Race – Asian

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** 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.

Categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens.

NOTE: An individual can choose the racial category of Asian and select other races as well.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Individual has not selected the racial category of Asian.

1 = Individual has selected the racial category of Asian.

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF3\_ASIAN will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF3\_ASIAN will have a value of 0 or 1.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents a racial category of Asian)

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**RF4\_BL\_AA**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 4 -- Race – Black/African American

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens.

NOTE: An individual can choose the racial category of Black/African American and select other races as well.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Individual has not selected the racial category of Black/African American.

1 = Individual has selected the racial category of Black/African American.

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF4\_BL\_AA will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF4\_BL\_AA will have a value of 0 or 1.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents a racial category of Black/African American)

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**RF5\_NH\_PI**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 5 -- Race – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens.

**NOTE:** A student can choose the racial category of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and select other races as well.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Student has not selected the racial category of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

1 = Student has selected the racial category of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF5\_NH\_PI will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF5\_NH\_PI will have a value of 0 or 1.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents a racial category of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander)

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**RF6\_WHITE**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 6 -- Race – White

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens.

NOTE: A student can choose the racial category of White and select other races as well.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Student has not selected the racial category of White.

1 = Student has selected the racial category of White.

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF6\_WHITE will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF6\_WHITE will have a value of 0 or 1.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents a racial category of White)

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 7 – Non-Resident Alien

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

Note: Nonresident aliens are to be reported separately, rather than in any of the previous racial/ethnic categories.

Resident Alien: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States but who has been admitted as a legal immigrant for the purpose of obtaining permanent resident alien status (and who holds either an alien registration card (Form I-551 or I-151), a Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688), or an Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94) with a notation that conveys legal immigrant status such as Section 207 Refugee, Section 208 Asylee, Conditional Entrant Parolee or Cuban-Haitian).

Note: Resident aliens are to be reported in the appropriate racial/ethnic categories along with United States citizens.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Individual is not considered a Non-Resident Alien.

1 = Individual is considered a Non-Resident Alien.

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF7\_NRA will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF7\_NRA will have a value of 0 or 1.

If this data field has a value of 1, RF1 – RF6 and RF8 must each have a value of 0.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents an individual considered to be a Non-resident Alien)

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**RF8\_UNK**

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**ELEMENT TITLE:** Race Field 7 – Unknown

**SUPPLIED BY:** Institution

**DEFINITION:** The category used to report students or employees whose race and ethnicity are not known.

**CODES, CATEGORIES, AND COMMENTS:**

0 = Individual is not considered Unknown.

1 = Individual is considered Unknown.

If an institution is reporting data in the **old format**, Race code data field will have a value of 1-7 and RF8\_UNK will not be reported.

If an institution is reporting data in the **new format**, Race code data field will have a value of 9 and RF8\_UNK will have a value of 0 or 1.

If this data field has a value of 1, RF1 – RF7 must each have a value of 0.

**FIELD SPECIFICATIONS**

**REQUIREMENT TYPE:** Mandatory - Null Allowed

**DATA VALUE RANGE:** 0, 1

**FIELD LENGTH:** 1

**FIELD TYPE:** Numeric

**ENTRY EXAMPLE:** 1 (represents an individual considered to be Unknown)