



Workshop Title: Revising the Standards for Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity

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Summary:

With the goal of improving the quality and usefulness of Federal race and ethnicity data, earlier this year the Chief Statistician of the United States convened a new Federal Interagency Technical Working Group. The Working Group is evaluating existing research and engaging with the public, scientific and policy communities, and Federal agencies. They will develop recommendations for the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on several topics, including whether there should be changes to the reporting categories for race and ethnicity and to questions used to collect information on race and ethnicity. This PAA workshop will convene representatives of the Interagency Technical Working Group along with population researchers with expertise in the measurement and analysis of race and ethnicity. There will be presentations to provide an overview of the Working Group's process and on key topics that the group considered. The first expected outcome of the Working Group process is a proposal to revise the guidelines for Federal race and ethnicity data. This process should be complete by the time of the PAA Annual Meeting in mid-April 2023, providing the opportunity for workshop participants to provide feedback to Working Group members on their proposed changes.

Workshop objectives:

- Provide an overview of Federal standards for collecting and reporting data on race and ethnicity
- Describe the process for updating Federal standards for data on race and ethnicity
- Understanding of the key issues considered by the Working Group as they developed their proposals for changes to the collection and reporting of data on race and ethnicity
- Opportunity for workshop participants to ask questions and provide feedback to members of the Working Group on proposed revisions to the collection and reporting of data on race and ethnicity
- Understand the subsequent steps and timeline in the process of adopting and implementing the proposed changes in Federal standards for data on race and ethnicity

Workshop goals/outcomes:

- Understand current and proposed new Federal standards for data on race and ethnicity
- Understand the process for revising these standards
- Engaging with Working Group members who are proposing updates to Federal data on race and ethnicity

Benefit to attendees:

Federal data on race and ethnicity are of great importance to PAA members who use and analyze these data for a variety of purposes. Understanding how the standards for collecting and reporting data on race and ethnicity may change in the future is of great importance to demographers who use these data. This workshop is also an excellent opportunity to provide comments and feedback to Working Group members who are developing recommendations for improving Federal data on race and ethnicity.

Target audience:

We expect this workshop will attract approximately 80 participants. Attendees will include scholars at all career stages with an interest in the collection, analysis, and use of data on race and ethnicity in the United States.

Workshop timing, duration, and schedule:

Wednesday, 12 April 2023, afternoon, ½ day

30 minutes: Introduction to the Working Group and its charge and process

90 minutes: Presentations by Work Teams on specific topics related to collecting and reporting data on race and ethnicity

30 minutes: Overview of the Working Group process and its implications for future federal data on race and ethnicity

Ample time will be included for questions and discussion. There will be at least two breaks.

Online Workshop Option:

We would be willing and able to convert the workshop to an online offering if this becomes necessary.

A/V needs:

We will require a podium, screen, projector, an appropriate connection to a projector, and a laptop computer (which could be provided by the organizers if needed). Three or four tabletop microphones will be needed along with a microphone at the podium for the presenters. It would be helpful to have a handheld microphone available for audience members to ask questions and make comments.

Short biographical sketches of presenters with links to CVs:

Will be provided later.