

Alameda County HMIS

RACE response definitions from Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Data Standards Revised Draft Notice July 2009

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines the following categories of race:

- **American Indian or Alaska Native** is 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** is 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.
- **Black or African American** is a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** is a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.
- **White** is a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.
- **Doesn't Know** is a person who does not know their origins.
- **Refused** is a person who refuses to identify their race.