

COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Categories for ethnic monitoring

http://www.cre.gov.uk/gdpract/em_cat.html

The 2001 census will provide the most comprehensive and reliable data about the population. You should therefore use either the same ethnic categories as those used in the census question to collect information about ethnic background, or at least categories which are similar, so that you can make comparisons with census output data. National surveys, such as the Labour Force Survey, will also use categories comparable with those used in the census.

The ethnic question used for the 2001 census in England and Wales is different from the question used for the 2001 census in Scotland. Moreover, it also appears that the ethnic categories that will be used in published census tables (output data) for England and Wales will be different from the categories used for the tables in Scotland. In fact, while the categories used in census output tables for England and Wales will be the same as those used in the England and Wales census question, those used in census output tables for Scotland, while covering the same ethnic groups as the Scottish census question, will label and order them slightly differently.

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England and Wales

If you operate in England and Wales only, you will need to use a question that is the same as, or similar to, the England and Wales census question and compare your data with England and Wales census output data.

Ethnic monitoring categories for England and Wales

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Census question

What is your ethnic group?

Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.

A White

British

Irish

- Any other White background, please write in

B Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background, please write in

C Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background, please write in

D Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African

- Any other Black background, please write in

E Chinese or other ethnic group

- Chinese
- Any other, please write in

CRE amended question

What is your ethnic group?

Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your background.

A White

British

- English
- Scottish
- Welsh
- Other, please write in

- Irish

- Any other White background, please write in

B Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background, please write in

C Asian, Asian British, Asian English, Asian Scottish, or Asian Welsh

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background, please write in

D Black, Black British, Black English, Black Scottish, or Black Welsh

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background, please write in

E Chinese, Chinese British, Chinese English, Chinese Scottish, Chinese Welsh, or Other ethnic group

Chinese

Any other background, please write in

Scotland

If you operate in Scotland only, you will need to use a question which is the same as, or similar to, the Scottish census question to collect data and compare your data with Scottish census output data.

Ethnic monitoring categories for Scotland

http://www.cre.gov.uk/gdpract/em_cat_sc.html

If you operate in Scotland only, you will need to use a question that is the same as, or similar to, the Scotland 2001 census question and compare your data with Scotland census output data.

Devolution reflects an increasing 'national' consciousness in Scotland, with many people wanting their 'national' identity to be acknowledged. The CRE has therefore developed slightly amended versions of the ethnic questions used in the 2001 census in Scotland, which you can use when you need to take this into account.

Census question

What is your ethnic group?

Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.

A White

- Scottish
- Other British
- Irish
- Any other White background, please write in

B Mixed

- Any Mixed background, please write in

C Asian, Asian Scottish, or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background, please write in

D Black, Black Scottish, or Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background, please write in

E Other ethnic background

- Any other background, please write in

CRE amended question

What is your ethnic group?

Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.

A White

- Scottish

Other British:

- English
- Welsh

Other, please write in

Irish

Any other White background, please write in

B Mixed

Any Mixed background, please write in

C Asian, Asian Scottish, Asian English, Asian Welsh, or other Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background, please write in

D Black, Black Scottish, Black English, Black Welsh, or other Black British

Caribbean

African

- Any other Black background, please write in

E Other ethnic background

- Any other background, please write in

Great Britain

No census tables covering ethnicity will be published for Great Britain as a whole. If you work across Great Britain, you will have to compare your ethnic data against two benchmarks: the census output data for England and Wales, and the census output data for Scotland.

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One way to make sure that your data can be compared is to collect and analyse data separately for England and Wales, and for Scotland. Alternatively, if you want to use the same ethnic question for England, Wales and Scotland, you could use the CRE amended census question for England and Wales (which includes Scottish), and compare your data with the census output data for England and Wales, and for Scotland.

Ethnic monitoring categories for England and Wales

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Census question

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Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.

A White

- British
- Irish
- Any other White background, please write in

B Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background, please write in

C Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background, please write in

D Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background, please write in

E Chinese or other ethnic group

- Chinese
- Any other, please write in

CRE amended question

What is your ethnic group?

Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the

appropriate box to indicate your background.

A White

British

- English
- Scottish
- Welsh
- Other, please write in
- Irish
- Any other White background, please write in

B Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background, please write in

C Asian, Asian British, Asian English, Asian Scottish, or Asian Welsh

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background, please write in

D Black, Black British, Black English, Black Scottish, or Black Welsh

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background, please write in

E Chinese, Chinese British, Chinese English, Chinese Scottish, Chinese Welsh, or Other ethnic group

- Chinese
- Any other background, please write in

You will need to re-organise your data slightly to compare it with the Scottish census output data — for example, you will have to condense the 'mixed' categories, but you will have to make some adjustment even when you use the Scottish census question.

Local variations

Britain's ethnic minority population is not evenly distributed across its regions and countries, and you may want to adapt your ethnic classification system to your local circumstances, so that it includes the particular ethnic groups you employ or serve.

Northern Ireland

The ethnic categories used by the census for England and Wales, and for Scotland, should not be used to collect data for Northern Ireland. The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland recommends particular ethnic categories in its code of practice. For further information, please contact the Commission on 028 90 500 600.