

# Code changes for race variable

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## Introduction

The multiple cause of death files we are using go from 1979 to 2015. During this time, there have been several changes in how **race** is coded. This document just tracks those changes.

Bold lines are codes that changed from the previous iteration.

## 1979 - 1981

- 00 Other Asian or Pacific Islander
- 01 White
- 02 Black
- 03 Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
- 04 Chinese
- 05 Japanese
- 06 Hawaiian (includes Part-Hawaiian)
- 07 All other
- 08 Filipino

## 1982 - 1988

Just label changes here.

- 00 Other Asian or Pacific Islander
- 01 White
- 02 Black
- **03 American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)**
- 04 Chinese
- 05 Japanese
- 06 Hawaiian (includes Part-Hawaiian)
- **07 All other races**
- 08 Filipino

## 1989 - 1991

- 01 White
- 02 Black
- 03 American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
- 04 Chinese
- 05 Japanese
- 06 Hawaiian (includes Part-Hawaiian)
- **07 Filipino**
- **08 Other Asian or Pacific Islander**
- **09 All other races**

## 1992 - 2015

- 01 White
- 02 Black
- 03 American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
- 04 Chinese
- 05 Japanese
- 06 Hawaiian (includes Part-Hawaiian)
- 07 Filipino
- **18 Asian Indian**
- **28 Korean**
- **38 Samoan**
- **48 Vietnamese**
- **58 Guamanian**
- **68 Other Asian or Pacific Islander**
- **78 Combined other Asian or Pacific Islander**

## Our standardized race codes

We don't need all the specifics so we will be using a collapsed version of the 1992 to 2015 codes:

- 01 White
- 02 Black
- 03 American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
- 04 Chinese
- 05 Japanese
- 06 Hawaiian (includes Part-Hawaiian)
- 07 Filipino
- **99 All others**

In the processing step, we will remap all the race codes to this standard.