

**Change Request for
 “Blood Lead Surveillance System (BLSS)”
 OMB Control Number 0920-0931, expiration date: 05/31/2021**

CDC’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) and the Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (ABLES) Program are requesting one change as follows:

Reformatting of the race variable to allow for the selection of multiple races. There are no changes to the data collection methods nor to the currently approved burden hours. The table below details the requested changes.

Form	Current Question/Item	Requested Change	
Attachment 6b. CBLS Variables Text Files (page 4)	Race (Select only one). REQUIRED 1 - American Indian or Alaskan Native 2 - Asian 3 - Black or African American 4 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 5 - White 6 - More than one race 9 - Unknown	Race (Select all that apply). REQUIRED	Race: American Indian or Alaska Native 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Asian 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Black or African American 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: White 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Other 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Refuse to Answer 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Unknown 1 - Yes, 2 - No
Attachment 7a1. ABLES Standardized Variable Formats (page 3)	Race (text). Self-described race of adult: 1 = American Indian & Alaskan Native 2 = Asian 3 = Black 4 = White 5 = Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 6 = Mixed 7 = Other 9 = Unknown	RACE (Select all that apply).	Race: American Indian or Alaska Native 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Asian 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Black or African American 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: White 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Other 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Refuse to Answer 1 - Yes, 2 - No Race: Unknown 1 - Yes, 2 - No

Justification: This change will comply with the HHS uniform data collection standards.

(full document available here) https://intranet.cdc.gov/os/osi/icro/docs/HHS_Data_Collection_Standards.pdf

(Public facing website) <https://aspe.hhs.gov/basic-report/hhs-implementation-guidance-data-collection-standards-race-ethnicity-sex-primary-language-and-disability-status>

Rationale for HHS Race and Ethnicity Data Standard: As a result of the 1997 HHS data inclusion policy, the basic OMB standard is already included in most HHS data collection initiatives. The new HHS data standards for race and ethnicity include additional granularity, but all categories roll-up to the OMB standard. When self-reporting or other self-identification approaches are used, respondents who wish to identify their multi-racial heritage may choose more than one race; there is no "multi-racial" category. HHS agencies may request permission from OMB during the Paperwork Reduction Act clearance process to add a write-in option of "other" to interviewer-administered surveys. This respondent-specified race must then be coded by the agency to the OMB and HHS standards before results are publically reported.