

INSTRUCTIONS

Race Data Form

NOTE: The Minnesota Courts are collecting information on all people who appear in criminal, traffic, and juvenile delinquency cases. Collecting this information will help the Court ensure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, regardless of their race or ethnicity. Filling out this form is optional.

Providing this information will not affect your case.

If you choose to fill it out, follow these steps:

Name _____ A _____	Case/File Number _____ B _____
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A. List your full name.

B. List the case number (also called the court file number).

There are 2 questions on the form.

1. The first question asks about your race.

2. This question asks whether you are Hispanic or Latino.

Note: By returning this form to the court, even if you choose "(R) Refuse to Answer," the court will not continue to ask for this information.

1 What is your race?
Choose one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.

(I). American Indian or Alaska Native
 (A). Asian
 (B). Black or African American
 (H). Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 (W). White
 (O). Other
 (R). Refuse to answer.

You may choose more than one option.

2 Are you Hispanic or Latino?

(N). NO, Not Hispanic or Latino
 (Y). YES, Hispanic or Latino

You can give the Race Data Form to court administration in the following ways:

- In person at the courthouse;
- Leaving it in a physical dropbox at the courthouse, if available;
- Mailing it to court administration;
- Faxing it to court administration; or
- Emailing it to court administration.

Contact information for court administration is available online at <https://mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings.aspx> (click on the "County Contact" tab).

DO NOT eFile the *Race Data Form*.

Contact court administration in the county where your case is filed for more information.

Name: _____ Case/File Number: _____

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Please answer **both** questions 1 and 2 below.

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- (I) American Indian or Alaska Native
- (A) Asian
- (B) Black or African American
- (H) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- (W) White
- (O) Other
- (R) Refuse to answer.

2. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- (N) **NO**, Not Hispanic or Latino
- (Y) **YES**, Hispanic or Latino

Have you answered **both** questions?
For definitions see page 3.

The information that you provide here will be compiled in a summarized form that will not identify you by name. Identifying information may, however, be subject to disclosure as required by the rules of public access to records of the judicial branch, or other laws or court rules.

Definitions:

Race Categories: *

American Indian or Alaska Native: 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: 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, Hmong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa, for example Somalia. Terms such as "Haitian" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, or Mexico.

Ethnicity: *

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

* The United States Census Bureau has established these Race and Ethnicity categories