

# Detailed Race Variables



## What is it?

The detailed race variables in the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) Base System (NBS) are separate race variables that provide the ability to collect additional race information for patients beyond the five standard race categories: American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian, Black, or African American; Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; and White.

## Why is this important?

Collecting detailed race information will provide a better understanding of health disparities in Indiana and identify populations experiencing an increased burden of disease. This information will inform the implementation of targeted healthcare resources and interventions to combat these disparities.

## Where are these variables in NBS?

- The detailed race variables are being implemented gradually to NBS investigations. The variables can be found on the "patient" tab within an investigation, after the existing "race" variable. After selecting a race value(s), the corresponding detailed race variable(s) will appear on the screen.
- The detailed race variables can also be found on all patient files within the "demographics" tab.

## Example

An investigator completes an interview with the patient, Jane Doe. When asked her race, Jane says she is Burmese. In NBS, the investigator selects "Asian" in the race variable and "Burmese" in the detailed race Asian variable. The investigator's selections in NBS are shown below.

Race:  American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Other  
 Refused to answer  
 Not Asked  
 Unknown

(Use Ctrl to select more than one)

Detailed Race Asian:

Selected Values: Burmese

## Detailed Race Value Guide

Race Value	Detailed Race Value	
American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian	Alaska Native
Black or African American	Black	Dominica Islander
	African American	Haitian
	African	Jamaican
	Bahamian	Tobagoan
	Barbadian	Trinidadian
	Dominican	West Indian
Asian	Asian Indian	Laotian
	Bangladeshi	Malaysian
	Bhutanese	Okinawan
	Burmese	Pakistani
	Cambodian	Sri Lankan
	Chinese	Thai
	Taiwanese	Vietnamese
	Filipino	Iwo Jiman
	Hmong	Maldivian
	Indonesian	Nepalese
	Japanese	Singaporean
	Korean	Madagascar
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI)	Polynesian	Micronesian
	Melanesian	Other Pacific Islander
White	European	Middle Eastern/N. African
	Arab	