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Type	Unknown
Description	<p>Ethnicity is the ethnic group or groups a person identifies with or has a sense of belonging to. It is a measure of cultural affiliation (in contrast to race, ancestry, nationality, or citizenship). Ethnicity is self-perceived and a person can belong to more than one ethnic group.</p> <p>An ethnic group is made up of people who have some or all of the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a common proper name - one or more elements of common culture that need not be specified, but may include religion, customs, or language - a unique community of interests, feelings, and actions - a shared sense of common origins or ancestry - a common geographic origin. <p>The key output variables derived from ethnicity are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total response - Grouped total response - Number of ethnic groups.

Other Variable Information	<p>Priority level</p> <p>Priority level 1</p> <p>We assign a priority level to all census variables: Priority 1, 2, or 3 (with 1 being highest and 3 being the lowest priority).</p> <p>Ethnicity is a priority 1 variable. Priority 1 variables are core census variables that have the highest priority in terms of quality, time, and resources across all phases of a census.</p> <p>The census priority level for ethnicity remains the same as 2013. Quality Management Strategy and the Information by variable for Ethnicity (2013) have more information on the priority rating.</p> <p>Overall quality rating for 2018 Census</p> <p>High quality</p> <p>Data quality processes section below has more detail on the rating for this variable.</p> <p>The External Data Quality Panel has provided an independent assessment of the quality of this variable and has rated it as moderate quality. Initial Report of the 2018 Census External Data Quality Panel and Final report of the 2018 Census External Data Quality Panel have more information.</p> <p>Subject population</p> <p>Census night population</p> <p>This question applies to all people in New Zealand on census night. However, data on ethnicity is usually output for the census usually resident subject population.</p> <p>‘Subject population’ means the people, families, households, or dwellings to whom the variable applies.</p> <p>How this data is classified</p> <p>Census Ethnic05 V2 2018 CENSV2.0.0</p> <p>Ethnicity is a hierarchical classification with four levels. Detailed ethnic group information is collected so that responses can be coded to specific ethnic group categories at the most detailed level of the classification, level four. Where this is not possible, information is coded to level two or to level three. Level one is used solely for output and contains six categories and one residual category:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 European 2 Māori 3 Pacific Peoples 4 Asian 5 MELAA (Middle Eastern / Latin American / African) 6 Other ethnicity 9 Not elsewhere included <p>For the census night population count, ‘not elsewhere included’ contains the residual categories of ‘response unidentifiable’, ‘response outside of scope’, ‘don’t know’ and ‘refused to answer’, alongside ‘not stated’.</p> <p>As with the classification of the 2006 and 2013 Censuses, ‘New Zealander’ or ‘Kiwi’ responses were coded to ‘other’, whilst ‘Pākeha’ was coded to ‘New Zealand European’ at level two of the classification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level two has 21 categories and five residual categories. • Level three has 36 categories and five residual categories. • Level four has 180 categories and five residual categories.
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