

OnTheMap

A Note about Race, Ethnicity, and Educational Attainment

Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

Along with Version 5.1 of OnTheMap comes the release of the 2009 origin-destination employment statistics. This new year of data includes new characteristic variables in addition to the ones familiar to users from previous years (Age, Earnings, and NAICS Industry Sector). These new variables are Race, Ethnicity, and Educational Attainment. In OnTheMap Version 5, these new variables only are available for 2009 and only will appear as characteristics within the Area Profile and Area Comparison analyses. Race, Ethnicity, and Educational Attainment variables are made available in OnTheMap through a Beta release of data.

The categories for the new variables are described below. The Race and Ethnicity variables conform to OMB standards for publication of data on race and ethnicity. Further information about OMB standards can be found at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg_1997standards/.

Race

- White Alone
- Black or African American Alone
- American Indian or Alaska Native Alone
- Asian Alone
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone
- Two or More Race Groups

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Educational Attainment

- Less than high school
- High school or equivalent, no college
- Some college or Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree or advanced degree

Note: Because educational attainment is dynamic for younger populations, OnTheMap only provides data for the Educational Attainment characteristic for workers age 30 or older. For example, if a user selects Age 29 and Younger as the Labor Market Segment for an Area Profile analysis, Educational Attainment data will be unavailable for that analysis. All other characteristic groups in this example (Age, Earnings, NAICS Industry Sector, Race, and Ethnicity) would contain data.

Further information about the construction of these new variables will become available at <http://lehd.did.census.gov/>.

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