

Patient Demographics

National EMS Database Report Specification

Purpose

This report provides national information regarding the sex, race and ethnicity of patients included in the National EMS Database.

Definitions

1. **Race:** Definitions of race utilized by NEMSIS are sanctioned by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget:

White - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "White" or indicate heritage such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab, or Polish.

Black or African American - A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "Black, African Am., or Negro," or indicate heritage such as African American, Afro American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

American Indian and Alaska Native - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintain 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, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. It includes "Asian Indian," "Chinese," "Filipino," "Korean," "Japanese," "Vietnamese," and "Other Asian."

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

Pacific Islands - It includes people who indicate their race as "Native Hawaiian," "Guamanian or Chamorro," "Samoan," and "Other Pacific Islander."

Other race - Includes all other responses not included in the "White", "Black or African American", "American Indian and Alaska Native", "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander" race categories described above.

2. **Ethnicity:** Definitions of race utilized by NEMSIS are sanctioned by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget:

Hispanic or Latino - A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

Not Hispanic or Latino - A person not of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

- 3. Percentage:** The number of items with a certain characteristic divided by the total number of items in the sample and multiplied by 100. For example, the percentage that represents five out of 20 complaints is 5 divided by 20 x 100, which is 25%.

Required Data Elements

- * E05_04: Unit Notified by Dispatch Date/Time
- * E06_11: Gender
- * E06_12: Race
- * E06_13: Ethnicity

1. The Unit Notified Date (E05_04) is used to select the records for the Date Range

Formulas

None

Exclusions/Limitations

Null values reported for patient demographics may be not included in the national charts or tables. The actual number of excluded cases will vary based upon the date range specified for each chart (see specific chart footer for number of excluded cases).