

FAQ's for Students For the New Race & Ethnicity Re-survey and Census

- **Why are we resurveying students, faculty, and staff racial and ethnic status?**
 - To comply with federal guidelines for reporting.
- **Why do we submit state and federal reports?**
 - Required by Maryland state law.
 - Required so that the institution can be eligible for federal financial aid.
- **What other types of reports use this racial and ethnic information?**
 - Internal requests (ex. department requests demographics of graduating seniors)
 - Grant proposals
 - College guides (ex. US News & World Report, Princeton Review, etc.)
- **What if I want to change my race and/or ethnicity to unknown?**
 - Unknown is not a direct choice for either the ethnicity (Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes or No) or race (What is your race?). You can choose to have an unknown ethnicity or race by unselecting the options given.
- **Additional resources to explain race/ethnicity**
 - Association of Institutional Research
 - <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=1500>
 - Federal Register
 - <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-20613.pdf>
- **Where can I find additional information about reports Institutional Research submits?**
 - Check the Institutional Research web site:
<http://www.smcm.edu/institutionalresearch/index.html>
- **Who do I ask for more information if I don't know the answer to a question or if an individual is giving me trouble about filling this out?**
 - Institutional Research web site:
<http://www.smcm.edu/institutionalresearch/raceethnicity.html>
 - Elizabeth Clune, assistant director of institutional research (for the web form on the Portal for the re-survey)
 - eaclune@smcm.edu
 - X4274
 - Glendening Hall 146 (downstairs business office suite by cashier)
 - Professional Staff in Residence Life (for the census of residential students)