Health PEI

Race and Ethnicity Data Collection Project

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About the Project

Starting **May 2026, voluntary collection of race and ethnicity information** during PEI Health Card applications and renewals will begin. This initiative is being led by the PEI Department of Health and Wellness, in partnership with Health PEI.

Why This Matters

Collecting this information helps build a **fair, accessible, and inclusive** healthcare system. It supports:

- Understanding the needs of a diverse population
- Identifying gaps in access and care
- Improving health programs, quality, experiences, and outcomes for all communities

What You Will Be Asked

A single question - adapted from the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) Standards for Race-Based and Indigenous Identity Data Collection and Health Reporting will invite you to **self-identify all race categories that apply**. An option to "Prefer not to answer" will always be available.

Indigenous Identity

Indigenous (First Nations, Inuk/Inuit, Métis) will be one of the response options.

Your Information Stays Private

- Not on your health card
- Not added to your medical chart
- Not accessible to your health care provider
- Used only at a population level for planning and quality improvement
- Protected under *the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act and Health Information Act (HIA)*.

How the Data Will Be Used

- Improve healthcare access and services
- Identify inequities and gaps in care
- Reduce health disparities
- Monitor progress toward health equity

Is the New Question Mandatory?

No. Participation is voluntary and will not affect your health card application or renewal.

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