

Maryland Higher Education Commission  
Data Dictionary

***ELEMENT TITLE:***

**US Citizenship**

**DEFINITION:** The identification of whether a student or employee is a U.S. citizen or not (nonresident alien). The determination of U.S. citizen requires the use of a “group” concept that includes several types of individuals including U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, resident aliens and other eligible non-citizens.

**FORMAT:** numeric – 1 digit

**CODES:** 1 = U.S. citizenship group consisting of U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, resident aliens and other eligible non-citizens  
2 = non-resident alien (also known as foreign)

**COMMENTS:** There is no allowance for unknown citizenship.  
See 2010 Reporting Revisions Recommendations document for more information.

**RELATED TO:** RACE/ETHNICITY (1977), MULTI-RACE (1997),  
ETHNICITY (1997)

**GLOSSARY:** U.S. CITIZENSHIP GROUP, RESIDENT ALIEN,  
U.S. NATIONAL, NONRESIDENT ALIEN

**SYSTEMS:** DIS, EDS, EIS, FAIS

**SYSNAME:** CITIZEN

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