

## Session B

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### The Term “Middle Eastern or North African”

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## Outreach with Stakeholders

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We contacted several state data centers to find out how they collect data on the Middle Eastern and North African population

- California, Maryland, Michigan, New York

We consulted with external stakeholders on their recommendations for collecting data on the Middle Eastern or North African population

- National Advisory Committee
- Arab American Institute
- Middle Eastern and North African scholars

## Terms Used

Term Used	Number
Middle Eastern and North African (MENA acronym also used in 6 of these)	12
Near East	1
Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA)	1
Eastern Mediterranean	1
Total	15

## Organizations

### Research Centers and Universities:

Pew Research Center, Population Reference Bureau,  
Arab American Institute, University of California Berkeley,  
University of California San Francisco Medical Center

### Non-Governmental Organizations:

World Bank, International Monetary Fund,  
International Organization on Migration, World Health Organization

### U.S. Federal Agencies:

Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program,  
Department of Labor, State Department, Department of Agriculture,  
International Trade Administration

## EXPERT FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION

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- What are your thoughts on using the term “Middle Eastern or North African” as a category label on the Census questionnaire?
- Do you think that the community will identify with the “Middle Eastern or North African” term?
- Are there other terms that the Census Bureau should consider using instead of the term “Middle Eastern or North African”?
- Is it appropriate to use the acronym MENA when discussing this population?

## SESSION BREAK

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