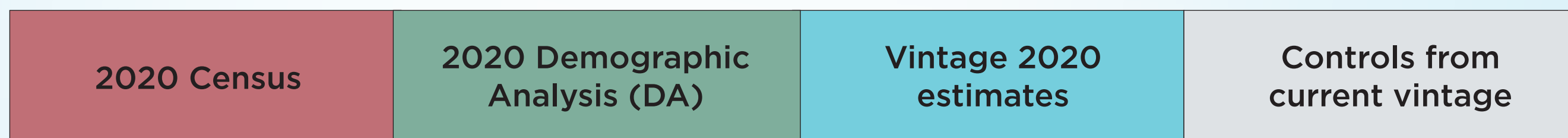


Creating the Vintage 2021 “Blended” Base

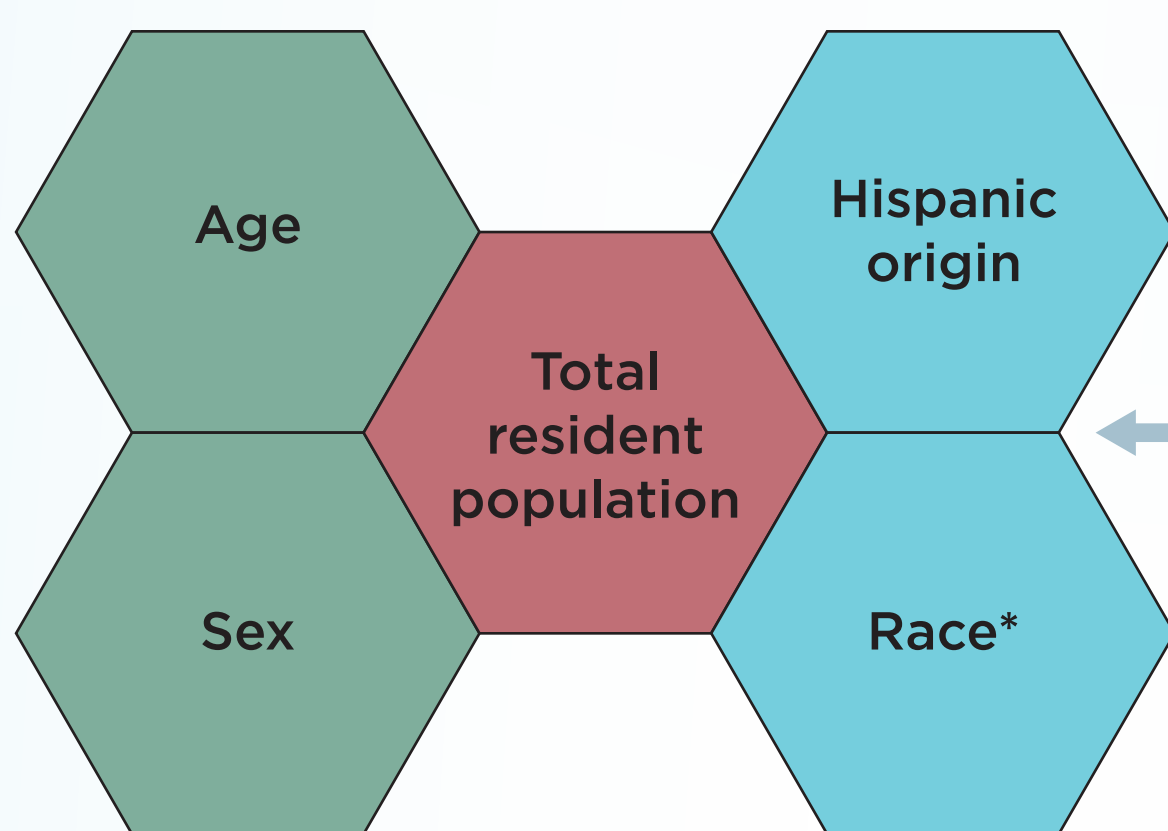
In previous years, the most recent decennial census was used as the base, or starting point, for the annual time series of population estimates. Due to delays in data availability resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, an alternative approach was needed for the Vintage 2021 series that blends data from different sources.

Data Source

Click on each source for more detail.

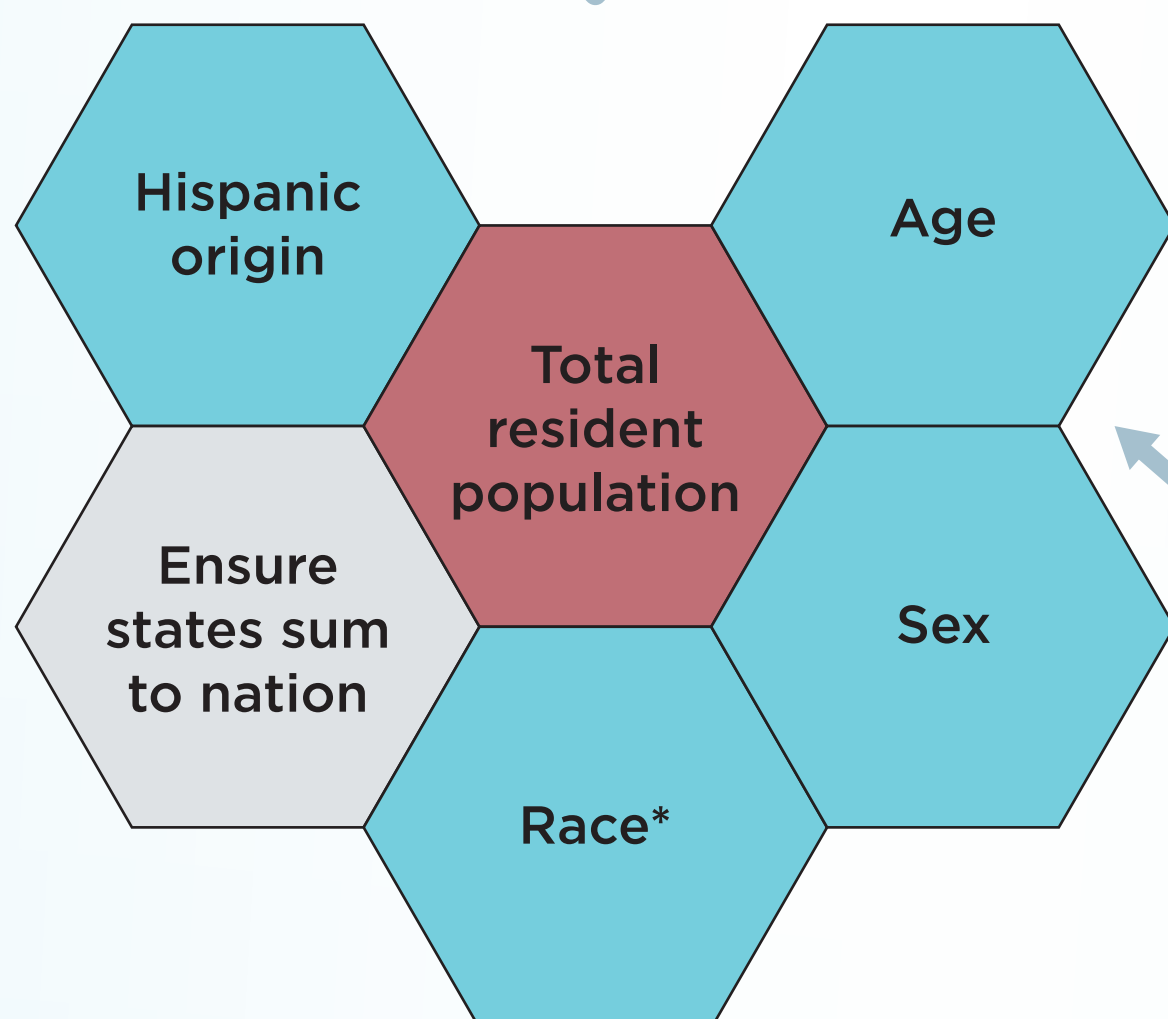


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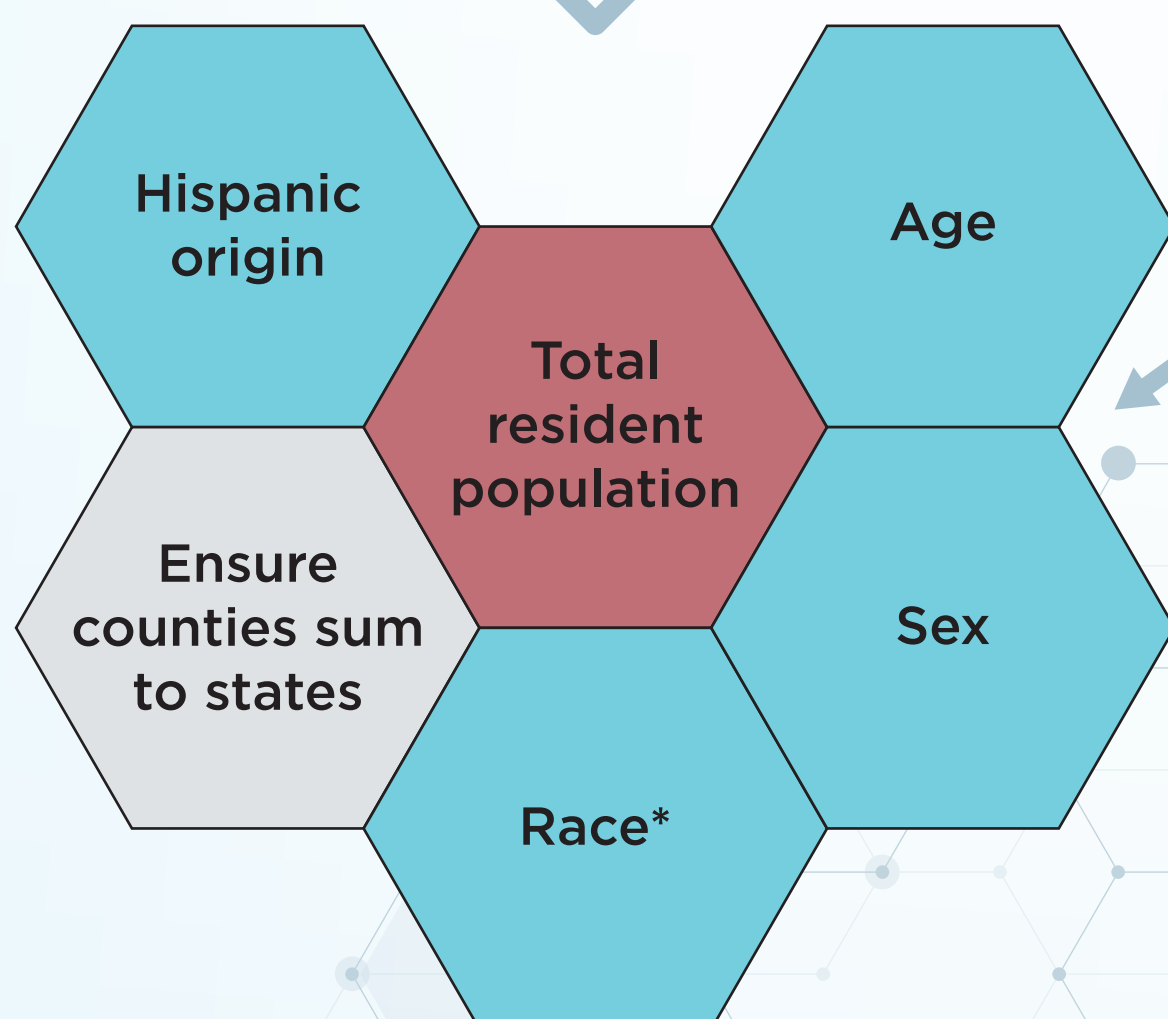
Race and Hispanic origin come from the Vintage 2020 population estimates, which used the 2010 Census as the base.

States



Age and sex are controlled to DA distributions from the national estimates.

Counties



* Comparisons between race data from the Vintage 2021 population estimates and the results of the 2020 Census will not be valid because responses of “Some Other Race” from the decennial census are modified to be consistent with the race categories that appear in the Population Estimates Program input data. See [Modified Race Data](#) for more details.