

## Descriptive Summary of Key MESA Variables

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**TABLE 1. Characteristics of Participants in MESA**

	White (n=2619)	Black (n=1898)	Hispanic (n=1494)	Chinese (n=803)	<i>P</i>
Age, y	63.1±10.3	63.0±10.1	61.8±10.4	62.9±10.3	0.001
Women, %	51.9	55.5	51.9	51.4	0.06
Education less than high school, %	4.9	12.3	44.6	24.8	<0.001
Income <\$25 000, %	16.1	30.6	49.5	49.6	<0.001
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	27.7±5.1	30.2±5.9	29.4±5.1	24.0±3.3	<0.001
Systolic blood pressure, mm Hg	123.5±20.4	131.7±21.6	126.7±21.9	124.6±21.6	<0.001
Diastolic blood pressure, mm Hg	70.2±10.0	74.5±10.2	71.5±10.1	72.0±10.3	<0.001
Total cholesterol, mmol/L (mg/dL)	5.07±0.91 (195.7±35.1)	4.91±0.94 (189.6±36.2)	5.13±0.97 (197.9±37.6)	4.99±0.82 (192.6±31.8)	<0.001
LDL cholesterol, mmol/L (mg/dL)	3.03±0.78 (117.1±30.1)	3.01±0.85 (116.4±33.0)	3.10±0.85 (119.5±32.9)	2.98±0.75 (115.1±29.0)	0.01
HDL cholesterol, mmol/L (mg/dL)	1.35±0.41 (52.2±15.7)	1.36±0.40 (52.4±15.3)	1.24±0.34 (47.7±13.1)	1.28±0.33 (49.5±12.7)	<0.001
Triglycerides, mmol/L (mg/dL)	1.50±1.02 (133.0±90.2)	1.19±0.78 (105.0±68.9)	1.77±1.14 (156.8±100.9)	1.61±0.96 (142.7±84.8)	<0.001
Cholesterol-lowering medication, %	17.5	16.5	14.1	14.7	0.078
Smoking, %					<0.001
Current	11.6	18	13.5	5.6	
Former	44	36.4	32.3	19.1	
Never	44.4	45.6	54.2	75.3	
Diabetes status, %					<0.001
Diabetic	7.8	20.6	20.8	15.7	
Impaired fasting glucose	6.5	7.8	8.7	8.9	
No diabetes	85.7	71.6	70.4	75.4	
Hypertension, %	34.6	55.4	37.4	36.1	<0.001
Use of antihypertensive medications, %	32.1	48.5	31.5	27.9	<0.001

Mean±SD or percentages are presented.  
*P* value is for comparison of means or proportions across ethnic groups.