

Quadroon, **octoroon** and, more rarely, **quintroon** were historically racial categories of [hypodescent](#) used in [Latin America](#) and parts of the 19th century [Southern United States](#), particularly [Louisiana](#). *Quadroon* (from the [Spanish](#) *cuarterón* "quarter") denoted someone of one quarter [black](#) ancestry: a person with three [white](#) grandparents and one black grandparent. Likewise, *octoroon* denoted a person of one eighth black ancestry, and *quintroon* (*quint-* here implying "fifth generation") or, less commonly, *hexadecaroon* described a person of one sixteenth black ancestry. The terms were also used in [Australia](#) to refer to people of mixed [Aboriginal](#) and European ancestry.