

# Person—sex, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Technical name:</b>	Person—sex, code N
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Sex
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270263
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Superseded 31/08/2005</li><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 04/05/2005</li></ul>

## Data element concept attributes

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<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—sex</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269716
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Children and Families</a>, Standard 22/11/2016</li><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 14/10/2015</li><li>• <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 01/03/2005</li><li>• <a href="#">Disability</a>, Standard 07/10/2014</li><li>• <a href="#">Early Childhood</a>, Superseded 24/07/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 11/05/2017</li><li>• <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 10/08/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Standard 10/02/2006</li><li>• <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a>, Standard 01/11/2012</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Superseded 16/10/2017</li><li>• <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a>, Retired 01/07/2016</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Superseded 09/01/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">WA Health</a>, Standard 19/03/2015</li><li>• <a href="#">Youth Justice</a>, Qualified 29/06/2022</li></ul>

**Definition:** Sex is the biological distinction between male and female. Where there is an inconsistency between anatomical and chromosomal characteristics, sex is based on anatomical characteristics.

**Context:** Sex is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics.

**Object class:** [Person](#)

**Property:** [Sex](#)

## Value domain attributes

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<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Sex code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270807

- Registration status:**
- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
  - [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
  - [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
  - [Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
  - [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
  - [Health](#), Superseded 11/05/2017
  - [Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
  - [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
  - [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
  - [Indigenous](#), Superseded 16/10/2017
  - [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
  - [Youth Justice](#), Qualified 29/06/2022

**Definition:** A code set representing the biological distinction between male, female and intersex.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** Number

**Format:** N

**Maximum character length:** 1

**Permissible values:**

Value	Meaning
1	Male
2	Female
3	Intersex or indeterminate

**Supplementary values:**

Value	Meaning
9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Diagnosis and procedure codes should be checked against the national ICD-10-AM sex edits, unless the person is undergoing, or has undergone a sex change or has a genetic condition resulting in a conflict between sex and ICD-10-AM code.

CODE 3 Intersex or indeterminate

Intersex or indeterminate, refers to a person, who because of a genetic condition, was born with reproductive organs or sex chromosomes that are not exclusively male or female or whose sex has not yet been determined for whatever reason.

Intersex or indeterminate, should be confirmed if reported for people aged 90 days or greater.

**Comments:** The definition for Intersex in Guide for use is sourced from the ACT Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Australian Capital Territory 2003. Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003

**Reference documents:** Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003. See <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2003-14/20030328-4969/pdf/2003-14.pdf>.

## Data element attributes

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**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) National Mortality Database 1997/98 AIHW 2001 National Diabetes Register, Statistical Profile, December 2000 (Diabetes Series No. 2.)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes  [Sex, version 4, DE, Int. NCSDD & NHDD, NCSIMG & NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (21.8 KB) *No registration status*

Has been superseded by [Person—sex, code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 25/08/2005
- [Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 11/05/2017
- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 10/02/2006
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 16/10/2017
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 22/08/2012
- [WA Health](#), Incomplete 23/08/2012
- [Youth Justice](#), Qualified 29/06/2022

## Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Health care client identificationHealth](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

### *DSS specific information:*

Code 3, 'Intersex or indeterminate':

Should be confirmed if reported for people aged 90 days or greater. Diagnosis and procedure codes should be checked against the national ICD-10-AM sex edits, unless the person is undergoing, or has undergone a sex change as detailed in the Value domain's Collection methods or has a genetic condition resulting in a conflict between sex and ICD-10-AM code.

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks \(acute coronary events\), 2015Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks \(acute coronary events\), 2015Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2013Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2013Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2014Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 09-Incidence of heart attacks, 2014Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

**Used as Denominator**

[National Disability Agreement: j-Proportion of people with disability receiving income support, 2011Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: j-Proportion of people with disability receiving income support, 2012Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013