
Sex

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000535 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NCSIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The biological sex of the person.
Context: The data element Sex is required for analysis of service utilisation and need for services.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Male
 2 Female
Guide For Use: An indeterminate classification may be required for some perinatal clients but is not included at present.
Collection Methods: The term sex refers to the biological differences between males and females, while the term gender refers to the socially expected/perceived dimensions of behaviour associated with males and females-masculinity and femininity. The ABS advises the correct terminology for this data element is sex. Arguably, the majority of community services data collections collect gender rather than sex (although the term sex is often used) because the person is asked to simply state his/her sex without any accompanying instructions.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: ABS: Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and demographic statistics, 1995

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Comments: Was ID. 000035 (500 added to avoid different NHDD DE with same ID.).

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
