Sex

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCHSDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000903   Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The sex of the person.

Context: The sex of the child is required for demographic analyses of patterns of service utilisation in child care and preschool 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
9	No stated/inadequately described (not for use in pr

Collection Methods: It is suggested that the following question be used for data collection:

What is your (the person's) sex?

__Male
__Female

The above information should be reported in this form for outlets reporting disaggregated data.

In some jurisdictions this information may be required to be reported in an aggregate form. This acknowledges that some jurisdictions may be unable to collect at a disaggregated level in the

early stages of the CS NMDS collection. In these instances outlets should report the total number of children attending during the reference week against each of the categories, i.e. male or female.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: National Community Services Data Dictionary Version 2, 2000.
Source Organisation: National Community Services Data Committee,
NCSIMG Children's Services Data Working Group,
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comment: To maintain consistency with the National Health Data Dictionary Version 10 the National Community Services Data Dictionary Version 2 includes an indeterminate category. This category may be necessary for situations such as the classification of perinatal statistics when it is not possible for the sex to be determined. This coding option has been excluded from this data element because it is designed to accommodate a small number of perinatal clients which is not seen as relevant to the CS NMDS.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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