

# Gender code X

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	635944
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 15/02/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the distinction between male, female and other genders.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	String	
<b>Format:</b>	X	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Male
	2	Female
	3	Other
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables* includes the following Alternate Code system:

M Male  
F Female  
X Other

For statistical purposes, the following category codes, labels and definitions are preferred:

CODE 1 Male

Adults who identify themselves as men, and children who identify themselves as boys.

CODE 2 Female

Adults who identify themselves as women, and children who identify themselves as girls.

CODE 3 Other

Adults and children who identify as non-binary, gender diverse, or with descriptors other than man/boy or woman/girl.

The value meaning of 'Other' has been assigned to Code 3 for this value domain, which replaces 'Gender other/diverse' for the superseded value domain [Gender code N](#). Terms such as 'gender diverse', 'non-binary', 'unspecified', 'trans', 'transgender', 'transsexual', 'gender queer', 'pan-gendered', 'androgynous' and 'inter-gender' are variously used to describe the 'Other' category of gender. Some cultures may have their own terms for gender identities outside male and female. The label 'Other' is used because a more descriptive term has not been widely agreed within the general community.

**Comments:** The ABS will periodically review its Standard for Sex and Gender Variables. This process will specifically investigate the appropriateness of the naming of the 'Other' category.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Standard for Sex and Gender Variables](#) (Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012). Viewed 26 July 2016.

Attorney-General's Department 2015. [Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender](#). Viewed 26 July 2016.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Gender code N Indigenous](#), Standard 05/09/2014

Has been superseded by [Gender code X Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Qualified 17/01/2024 Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Person—gender, code X Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022