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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 635944 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the distinction between male, female and other genders. |

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

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| 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meaning of 'Other' has been assigned to Code 3 for this value domain, which replaces 'Gender other/diverse' for the superseded value domain [Gender code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/528966). 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. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Standard for Sex and Gender Variables](http://abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/latestProducts/1200.0.55.012Media%20Release12016) (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](https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx). Viewed 26 July 2016. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Gender code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/528966)  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 05/09/2014  Has been superseded by [Gender code X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/741825)  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Qualified 17/01/2024  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/02/2022 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person—gender, code X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635994)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022 |