

Person—gender

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept
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- [Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022

Definition: The way in which a person identifies their masculine or feminine characteristics. A person's gender relates to their deeply held internal and individual sense of gender and is not always exclusively male or female. It may or may not correspond to their sex assigned at birth.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Person](#)
Definition: A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin: Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd
Reference documents: Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>
ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012>Main+Features12016?OpenDocument)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Gender](#)
Definition: The way in which an individual identifies their masculine or feminine characteristics. An individual's gender relates to their deeply held internal and individual sense of gender and is not always exclusively male or female. It may or may not correspond to their sex assigned at birth.

Property group: [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](#)

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.

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—gender](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022

Supersedes [Person—gender](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Not progressed 23/01/2018
- [Health](#), Incomplete 02/07/2013
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 05/09/2014

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

[Person—gender, code X](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 02/01/2019
- [Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022

[Person—gender, text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022