

Person—sex, text X[X(99)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Sex text
METEOR identifier:	636038
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 15/02/2022
Definition:	The distinction between male, female, and others who do not have biological characteristics typically associated with either the male or female sex, as represented by text.
Context:	Sex is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—sex
METEOR identifier:	635233
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Standard 24/07/2018 Health , Superseded 15/02/2022 Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018 Indigenous , Superseded 27/08/2023 Tasmanian Health , Standard 09/01/2018 Youth Justice , Superseded 23/08/2022
Definition:	Sex refers to a person's biological characteristics. A person's sex is usually described as being either male or female. A person may have both male and female characteristics, or neither male nor female characteristics, or other sexual characteristics.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Sex

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Youth Justice Administrators (AYJA)
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.

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Text X[X(99)]
METEOR identifier:	270662
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 14/09/2009 Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Indigenous , Standard 11/08/2014 Tasmanian Health , Standard 04/05/2021 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	A combination of alphanumeric characters.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Text
Data type: String
Format: X[X(99)]
Maximum character length: 100

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element may be used where 'Other' has been selected in the data element: [Person—sex, code X](#)

This data element may be used to capture any further (optional) specification of sex descriptors. The inclusion of this write-in facility where the 'Other' code has been selected for [Person—sex, code X](#) allows respondents the opportunity to describe their sex using a term they are comfortable with, whilst also maximising the potential for analysis of the responses provided. For example, respondents could report terms such as 'indeterminate', 'intersex', 'non-binary', and 'unspecified' for sex.

Data element sets implementing this data element should include a Conditional obligation with the following text: 'Conditional on 'Other' response in the data element: [Person—sex, code X](#)'.

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Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—sex, text X\[X\(99\)\] Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022

See also [Person—sex, code X Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/08/2023
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022