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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Sex text |
| METEOR identifier: | 636038 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022 |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. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Person—sex](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635233) |
| METEOR identifier: | 635233 |
| Registration status: | [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 24/07/2018  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/08/2023  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 09/01/2018  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Superseded 23/08/2022 |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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Property: | [Sex](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635230) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Youth Justice Administrators (AYJA) |
| 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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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Text X[X(99)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270662) |
| METEOR identifier: | 270662 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 14/09/2009  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 11/08/2014  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 04/05/2021  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Standard 15/02/2022 |
| Definition: | A combination of alphanumeric characters. |

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



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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635126)  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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635126) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635126)'. |
| 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. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Person—sex, text X[X(99)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/741731)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/02/2022  See also [Person—sex, code X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635126)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 24/07/2018  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/08/2023  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Superseded 23/08/2022 |