

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Registration status:	Health , Superseded 15/02/2022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:	Person—sex
Value Domain:	Text X[X(99)]

Value domain attributes

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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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:**

Has been superseded by [Person—sex, text X\[X\(99\)\]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[Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022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[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/08/2023
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 23/08/2022