

Person—gender, text X[X(99)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Gender text
METEOR identifier:	637351
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 15/02/2022
Definition:	The distinction between male, female, and other genders which are a combination of male and female, or neither male nor female, as represented by text.
Context:	Gender is an alternative to the commonly used sex metadata item. Gender may be used in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics where there is no requirement to collect the biological profile of a person.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—gender
METEOR identifier:	635978
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 15/02/2022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:	Person
Property:	Gender

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.

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Text X[X(99)]
METEOR identifier:	270662
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Community Services (retired) , Standard 14/09/2009 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—gender, code X](#).

This data element may be used to capture any further (optional) specification of gender descriptors. The inclusion of this write-in facility where the 'Other' code has been selected for [Person—gender, code X](#) allows respondents the opportunity to describe their gender 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 'gender diverse', 'non-binary', 'unspecified', 'trans', 'transgender', 'transsexual', 'gender queer', 'pan-gendered', 'androgynous' and 'inter-gender' for gender.

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—gender, code X](#)'.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—gender, text X\[X\(99\)\] Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022

See also [Person—gender, code X Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022