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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022 |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: | [Person—gender](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635978) |
| Value Domain: | [Text X[X(99)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270662) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| 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—gender, code X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635994).  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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635994) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635994)'. |
| 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—gender, text X[X(99)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/741853)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/02/2022  See also [Person—gender, code X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635994)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022 |