

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Registration status:	Health , Superseded 15/02/2022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:	Person—gender
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:	<p>This data element may be used where 'Other' has been selected in the data element: Person—gender, code X.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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'.</p>
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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Has been superseded by [Person—gender, text X\[X\(99\)\] Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022

See also [Person—gender, code X Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022