Person—sex/gender

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 671715 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 10/11/2023 |
| Definition: | The identification of a person as either male, female or not exclusively male or female. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Definition: | A human being. |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the ‘Person’ Object class was ‘A human being, whether man, woman or child’. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words ‘…whether man, woman or child’ so that a person is defined as ‘A human being’. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd |
| Reference documents: | Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, [https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/ AustralianGovernmentGuidelines ontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx](https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx)  ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/ Lookup/1200.0.55.012 Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument) |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Sex/gender](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/671712) |
| Definition: | The identification of an individual as either male, female or not exclusively male or female. |
| Property group: | [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274643) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Department of Social Services |
| Origin: | Australian Government 2017. Guides to Social Policy Law. Guide to Social Security Law. Viewed 24 April 2017, <http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/2/2/2> |

## Data element concept attributes

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Department of Social Services |

### Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Person—sex/gender, code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639275)  [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018  [Person—sex/gender, Tasmanian code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723480)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/03/2023  [Person—sex/gender, Tasmanian code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/785578)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 10/11/2023 |