Person—sex

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 741634 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/02/2022  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Standard 15/02/2022  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 21/03/2023  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 09/08/2023  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 27/08/2023  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Recorded 19/06/2024 |
| Definition: | The [**sex**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/750030) of a person. |

## 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/741630) |
| Definition: | The [**sex**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/750030) of an individual. |
| Property group: | [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274643) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. |
| Origin: | ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2021. Standard for sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientation variables. Canberra: ABS, viewed 6 October 2021 <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release>  AGD (Attorney-General's Department) 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender, viewed 6 October 2021 <https://www.ag.gov.au/rights-and-protections/publications/australian-government-guidelines-recognition-sex-and-gender> |

## Data element concept attributes

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### Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—sex](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635233)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 24/07/2018  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 15/02/2022  [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/08/2023  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 09/01/2018  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Superseded 23/08/2022 |
| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Person—sex, code X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/741686)  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 09/08/2023  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/02/2022  [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Recorded 19/06/2024  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 27/08/2023  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Standard 15/02/2022  [Person—sex, text X[X(99)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/741731)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/02/2022 |