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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 741636 |
| Registration status: | [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  [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 |
| Definition: | A code set representing [**sex**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/750030) as based on sex characteristics. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | X | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Male |
|  | 2 | Female |
|  | 3 | Another term |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This Value Domain is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics *Standard for sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientation variables* (ABS 2021). The values are defined as follows:  CODE 1     Male  Persons whose sex at birth or infancy was recorded as male, or who reported their sex as male at the time of collection.  CODE 2     Female  Persons whose sex at birth or infancy was recorded as female, or who reported their sex as female at the time of collection.  CODE 3     Another term  Persons whose sex at birth or infancy was recorded as another term (not male or female), or who reported their sex as another term (not male or female) at the time of collection.  The value meaning of "Another term" has been assigned to Code 3 for this value domain, which replaces "Other" and "Intersex or indeterminate" in previous versions of this element. The third option recognises that across Australian jurisdictions and elsewhere there are a range of terms used.  CODE 9     Not stated/inadequately described  This supplementary value is used to code inadequately described responses and non-responses for sex. It is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.  **Alternative Codes**  The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientation variables* (ABS 2021) includes the following Alternative Code system:  CODE M     Male  CODE F     Female  CODE X     Another term  These alternate Codes can be mapped to the Codes above. |
| Comments: | A person's sex is based upon their sex characteristics, such as their chromosomes, hormones and reproductive organs. While typically based upon the sex characteristics observed and recorded at birth or in infancy, a person's reported sex can change over the course of their lifetime and may differ from their sex recorded at birth. |

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| 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> |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Sex code X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/635128)  [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  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Superseded 23/08/2022 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [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  [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 |