

Gender code X

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	741825
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare , Qualified 17/01/2024 Health , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	A code set representing gender .

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	X
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Man, or boy, or male
	2	Woman, or girl, or female
	3	Non-binary
	4	Different term
	5	Prefer not to answer
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This Value Domain is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>Standard for sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientation variables</i> (ABS 2021). The values are defined as follows:
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CODE 1 Man, or boy, or male

A person who describes their [gender](#) as man, or boy, or male.

CODE 2 Woman, or girl, or female

A person who describes their gender as woman, or girl, or female.

CODE 3 Non-binary

A person who describes their gender as non-binary.

CODE 4 Different term

A person who describes their gender as a term other than man/boy/male, woman/girl/female or non-binary.

CODE 5 Prefer not to answer

A person who prefers not to respond on how they describe their gender.

Alternative Codes

The ABS Standard also allows for the following Alternative Code system, which can

be mapped to the Codes specified above:

CODE M Man, or boy, or male

CODE F Woman, or girl, or female

CODE X Non-binary

CODE T Different term

CODE Z Prefer not to answer

Mapping Codes

The ABS Standard also allows for the categories for gender to be mapped as follows:

- Man, or boy

Includes CODE 1

- Woman, or girl

Includes CODE 2

- Non-binary

Includes CODES 3 and 4

- Not stated

Includes CODES 5 and 9.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

This supplementary value is used to code inadequately described responses and non-responses for gender. 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.

Comments:

Former versions of this Value Domain contained only three permissible values:

CODE 1 Male

CODE 2 Female

CODE 3 Other (formerly 'Gender other/diverse')

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Aged Care

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>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Gender code X Health](#), Superseded 15/02/2022

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

[Person—gender, code X](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Qualified 17/01/2024
[Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022