

# Person—sex/gender, Tasmanian code A

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Sex/gender
METEOR identifier:	785578
Registration status:	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 10/11/2023
Definition:	The identification of a person as either male, female or not exclusively male or female, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Person—sex/gender</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Tasmanian sex/gender code A</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	String	
<b>Format:</b>	A	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	F	Female
	I	Intersex or indeterminate
	M	Male
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	N	Not stated/inadequately described
	NSP	No specified

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Diagnosis and procedure codes should be checked against the national ICD-10-AM sex edits, unless the person is undergoing, or has undergone a sex change or has a genetic condition resulting in a conflict between sex and ICD-10-AM code.  CODE I    Intersex or indeterminate  Persons who have mixed or non-binary biological characteristics (if known), or a non-binary sex assigned at birth.
Comments:	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. <a href="#">Standard for Sex and Gender Variables</a> (Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012). Viewed 26 July 2016.  Attorney-General's Department 2015. <a href="#">Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender</a> . Viewed 26 July 2016.

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Tasmanian Health
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# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

### Collection methods:

The term 'sex' refers to a person's biological characteristics. A person's sex is usually described as being either male or female; some people may have both male and female characteristics, or neither male nor female characteristics, or other sexual characteristics.

Sex is assigned at birth and is relatively fixed. However, a person's sex may change during their lifetime as a result of procedures commonly referred to as sex change, gender reassignment, gender affirmation, transsexual surgery, transgender reassignment or sexual reassignment. Throughout this process, which may be over a considerable period of time, sex may be recorded as either male, female or other.

In general, both sex and gender should not be collected in a single collection instrument. The Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender recommends the preferred Australian Government approach of collecting and using gender information, with sex only being collected where there is a legitimate need to know the biological characteristics of the target population. It should be recognised that in some cases an individual may choose to report their gender when sex is being requested.

Organisations should ensure when they collect sex and/or gender information they use the correct terminology for the information they are seeking. Male and female are predominantly associated with the set of biological attributes that define the different types of sexes, while masculine and feminine characteristics are predominantly associated with the set of factors that make up gender. However, it should be recognised that male/female and masculine/feminine are sometimes used interchangeably to refer to sex and/or gender.

CODE I Intersex or indeterminate

Persons who have mixed or non-binary biological characteristics (if known), or a non-binary sex assigned at birth.

### Comments:

This data element is a place holder until Tasmanian data collection systems can collect both Sex and Gender appropriately .

## Source and reference attributes

### Submitting organisation:

Tasmanian Health

### Reference documents:

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Standard for Sex and Gender Variables](#) (Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012). Viewed 26 July 2016.

Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage and Gender Amendments) Act 2019 <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/whole/html/asmade/act-2019-007>

## Relational attributes

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)  
Tasmanian Health, Standard 10/11/2023

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[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2023](#)  
Tasmanian Health, Standard 22/11/2023

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