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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 635230 |
| Registration status: | [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 16/10/2017  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 09/01/2018  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 24/07/2018  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 10/08/2018  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 15/02/2022 |
| Definition: | Sex refers to an individual's biological characteristics. An individual's sex is usually described as being either male or female. An individual may have both male and female characteristics, or neither male nor female characteristics, or other sexual characteristics. |
| Property group: | [Demographic/social/cultural characteristics](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/274643) |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. [Standard for Sex and Gender Variables](http://abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/latestProducts/1200.0.55.012Media Release12016)(Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012). Viewed 26 July 2016. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Sex](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269231)  [Children and Families](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 22/11/2016  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12) , Standard 14/10/2015  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 01/03/2005  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 07/10/2014  [Early Childhood](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 24/07/2018  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 11/05/2017  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 10/08/2018  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 22/10/2005  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 01/11/2012  [Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 16/10/2017  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 09/01/2018  [WA Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/5), Standard 19/03/2015  Has been superseded by [Sex](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/741630)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 15/02/2022  [Youth Justice](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Standard 15/02/2022 |
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