

Sex code X

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	741636
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 15/02/2022 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	A code set representing sex as based on sex characteristics.

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

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.

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.

Collection Methods:

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.

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 sex can change over the course of their lifetime and may differ from their sex recorded at birth.

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>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Sex code X](#)
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 24/07/2018
[Health!](#), Superseded 15/02/2022
[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018
[Indigenous](#), Standard 16/10/2017

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person—sex, code X](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 15/02/2022
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 27/03/2023