

# Person—sex, text X[X(99)]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Sex of a person, as text
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Sex characteristics of a person, as text
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	741731
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	The <a href="#">sex</a> of a person, as represented by text.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—sex</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	741634
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 15/02/2022 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	The <a href="#">sex</a> of a person.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Sex</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
<b>Origin:</b>	ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2021. Standard for sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientation variables. Canberra: ABS, viewed 6 October 2021 <a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release">https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release</a>  AGD (Attorney-General's Department) 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender, viewed 6 October 2021 <a href="https://www.ag.gov.au/rights-and-protections/publications/australian-government-guidelines-recognition-sex-and-gender">https://www.ag.gov.au/rights-and-protections/publications/australian-government-guidelines-recognition-sex-and-gender</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Text X[X(99)]</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270662
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 14/09/2009 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 11/08/2014 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 04/05/2021 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	A combination of alphanumeric characters.

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
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**Data type:** String  
**Format:** X[X(99)]  
**Maximum character length:** 100

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The terms **sex** and **gender** are interrelated, and are often used interchangeably, however they are distinct concepts:

- Sex is understood in relation to sex characteristics. Sex recorded at birth refers to what was determined by sex characteristics observed at birth or in infancy
- Gender is about social and cultural differences in identity, expression and experience.

While they are related concepts, caution should be exercised when comparing counts for sex with those for gender.

This data element may be used where "Another term" has been selected in the data element: [Person—sex, code X](#)

This data element may be used to capture any further (optional) specification of sex descriptors. The inclusion of this write-in facility where the "Another term" code has been selected for [Person—sex, code X](#) recognises that there are a range of terms used to describe sex which is neither male nor female, and enhances data quality. For example, respondents could report terms such as "indeterminate", "intersex", "non-binary", and "unspecified" for sex.

Data element sets implementing this data element should include a Conditional obligation with the following text: "Conditional on a CODE 3: 'Another term' response in the data element: [Person—sex, code X](#)".

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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 [Person—sex, text X\[X\(99\)\] Health!](#), Superseded 15/02/2022  
See also [Person—sex, code X Health!](#), Standard 15/02/2022  
[Youth Justice](#), Superseded 27/03/2023