Gender

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
METEOR identifier:	750032
Registration status:	Health!, Standard 15/02/2022 Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	Gender is about social and cultural differences in identity, expression and experience as a man, boy, woman, girl, or non-binary person. Non-binary is an umbrella term describing gender identities that are not exclusively male or female. Gender is often used interchangeably with **sex**, however they are distinct concepts and it is important to differentiate between them.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	"Gender is a social and cultural concept. It is about social and cultural differences in identity, expression and experience as a man, woman or non-binary person. Non-binary is an umbrella term describing gender identities that are not exclusively male or female. "Gender includes the following concepts: • Gender identity is about who a person feels themself to be • Gender expression is the way a person expresses their gender. A person's gender expression may also vary depending on the context, for instance expressing different genders at work and home • Gender experience describes a person's alignment with the sex recorded for them at birth i.e. a cis experience or a trans experience" (ABS 2021.) "Gender is part of a person's personal and social identity. It refers to the way a person feels, presents and is recognised within the community. A person's gender may be reflected in outward social markers, including their name, outward appearance, mannerisms and dress" (AGD 2015.) When comparing the concepts of sex and gender: • 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. **Fluidity** A person's gender may differ from their sex and may also differ from what is indicated on their legal documents. A person's gender may stay the same or can change over the course of their lifetime. Where gender is recorded, response options chosen will reflect a person's gender at that point in time. Some people may not identify with a specific gender or with the concept of gender at all.

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:

See also Sex
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022
Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

Admitted patient care NBEDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 20/10/2021

Emergency service care NBEDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 20/10/2021

Gender
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022

Gender code X
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 20/10/2021

Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 20/10/2021

Person—gender
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022

Person—gender, code X
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022

Person—gender, text X[X(99)]
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022

Person—sex, code X
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022
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Person—sex, text X[X(99)]
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022

Sex
Health!, Standard 15/02/2022
Youth Justice, Standard 15/02/2022