Preparing Gender Identity for the National Statistical System  
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Gender of person

- **Sex** refers to sex assigned at birth. Sex is typically assigned based on a person’s reproductive system and other physical characteristics.

- **Male Gender** includes persons whose gender was reported as male. This includes cisgender and transgender persons who were reported as being male.

- **Female Gender** includes persons whose gender was reported as female. This includes cisgender and transgender persons who were reported as being female.

- **Gender diverse**

  - **Transgender**
    - Transgender male
    - Transgender female
  - **Gender-fluid
    - Gender neutral
    - Gender diverse
  - **Intersex** includes persons who were reported as being of intersex.

Gender refers to the gender that a person internally feels ('gender identity' along the gender spectrum) and/or the gender a person publicly expresses ('gender expression') in their daily life, including at work, while shopping or accessing other services, in their housing environment or in the broader community. A person’s current gender may change over time.

Sex of person

- **Sex** refers to sex assigned at birth. Sex is typically assigned based on a person’s reproductive system and other physical characteristics.

- **Male** includes persons who were reported as being of male sex. Sex refers to sex assigned at birth.

- **Female** includes persons who were reported as being of female sex. Sex refers to sex assigned at birth.

Classification variant of **SEX**

- **Intersex** includes persons who were reported as being of intersex.

What was your sex at birth?

- **Male**
- **Female**

What is your gender?

- **Male**
- **Female**
- Or please specify __________________________


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http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/concepts/definitions/gender-sex-variables
A person whose gender identity differs from what is typically associated with the sex they were assigned at birth.

Referring to a person whose gender identity aligns with what is typically associated with their sex assigned at birth.

Referring to someone who were assigned male at birth but identify on the female side of the gender spectrum.

Referring to someone who were assigned female at birth but identify on the male side of the gender spectrum.

Referring to a person who identifies as having no gender.

Referring to a person whose gender identity or expression changes or shifts along the gender spectrum.

Referring to a person whose gender identity, spiritual identity or sexual orientation comprises both male and female spirit.

Referring to a person who identifies as having two genders.

Referring to people who experiences multiple gender identities, either simultaneously or varying between them.

Referring to a person who partially, but not wholly, identifies as a woman, girl or otherwise feminine.

Referring to a person who partially, but not wholly, identifies as a man, boy or otherwise masculine.

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