

PB150: SEX

Topic and detailed topic: Person and household characteristics / Demography

Variable type: Core Variable /Annual

Unit: All current household members aged 16 and over

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Personal interview (proxy as an exception for people who were temporarily away or in incapacity) or registers

In use (period): Yes, since the first year of the EU-SILC data collection

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

1 Male

2 Female

FLAGS

1 Collected via survey/interview

2 Collected from administrative data

3 Imputed

4 Not possible to establish a main source

-1 Missing

DESCRIPTION

Sex is the combination of biological and physiological characteristics that define a person to be either male or female. In cases where the biological sex of a person is not known, the information may be replaced by either the information from administrative data or the self-declared sex (survey data) ([See RB090 description](#)).