

RB090: SEX

Topic and detailed topic: Person and household characteristics / Demography

Variable type: Core Variable/First wave/ Annual

Unit: All current household members (of any age)

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Household respondent or registers

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

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

1	Male
2	Female

FLAGS

1	Main source is survey or interview
2	Main source is administrative data
3	Imputed
4	It is 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).

The quality reporting related to the variable 'sex' should contain information on the number of records where the sex is imputed.

This variable is supposed to collect only during the first wave but be transmitted annually. In case of change the information transmitted should be updated.

Depending on the data collection mode or information being available from administrative sources it might not be necessary to collect this information from respondents directly.

The proposed question is the following: "What is your sex?"