

## 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](#)).