

Task Force 9: Sex and Gender Recommendations

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Country Experiences

Canada, Ecuador, and New Zealand are currently collecting information on gender using the two-step approach

Censuses in the United Kingdom took a different approach which varied between countries. No change to the sex question. In England and Wales asked if sex and gender are the same.

New Zealand uses administrative data sources when possible if the sex assigned at birth or gender response do not include a usable value

Testing and Research: Current

- Robust research on topic development, question wording and response options from cognitive testing and focus groups
- Field testing that includes examining collection methods by mode
- Design of data processing methods and evaluations
- Balancing privacy considerations and data granularity

Testing and Research: Future Needs

- Proxy reporting by one person for all household members
- Minimum age requirement to ask about gender
- Distributional differences when comparing sex, sex assigned at birth and gender

Recommendations

- Sex is designated as a core topic and relates to biological attributes that result in one being labeled male or female
- Gender is recommended as a *non-core topic* for countries that want to measure the gender identity of their population in a census
 - Gender is broadly defined as a multidimensional concept that includes psychological, social, and behavioral aspects
 - Gender identity is generally an individual's self-perception or sense of belonging as a man (masculine), woman (feminine) or non-binary person (a person who is not exclusively man or woman)
 - Transgender people are those whose sex at birth and gender do not match

Thank you for your attention!

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