

Maryland Higher Education Commission  
Data Dictionary

***ELEMENT TITLE:***

**Gender**

**DEFINITION:** The gender of student as recorded by the institution. Individuals missing this information must be assigned a gender.

**FORMAT:** numeric – 1 digit

**CODES:** 1 = Male  
2 = Female  
3 = Unknown, male assigned  
4 = Unknown, female assigned

**COMMENTS:** Students missing gender should be assigned evenly between codes 3 and 4 by the institution.

**RELATED TO:**

**GLOSSARY:**

**SYSTEMS:** DIS, EDS, EIS, FAIS

**SYSNAME:** SEX

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