Health professional—hours worked (in all jobs), total NNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Hours worked by health professional
METEOR identifier:	270134
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 10/12/2009
Definition:	Hours worked is the amount of time a person spends at work in a week in employment/self-employment. It may apply to hours actually worked in a week or hours usually worked per week, and the National Health Labour Force Collection collects hours usually worked. It includes all paid and unpaid overtime less any time off.

It also:

- includes travel to home visits or calls out
- excludes other time travelling between work locations
- excludes unpaid professional and/or voluntary activities.

Total hours worked is the amount of time spent at work in all jobs.

As well as total hours worked, for some professions the National Health Labour Force Collection asks for hours worked in each of the main job, second job and third job. Hours worked for each of these is the amount of time spent at work in each job.

Context:	Health labour force
Data Element Concept:	Health professional—hours worked
Value Domain:	Total hours NNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	String
Format:	NNN
Maximum character length:	3

	Value	**Meaning**
Supplementary values:	999	Not stated/inadequately described

Unit of measure:	Hour (h)

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Total hours expressed as 000, 001 etc.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	There are inherent problems in asking for information on number of hours usually worked per week, for example, reaching a satisfactory definition and communicating this definition to the respondents in a self-administered survey. Whether hours worked are collected for main job only, or main job and one or more additional jobs, it is important that a total for all jobs is included.
Comments:	It is often argued that health professionals contribute a considerable amount of time to voluntary professional work and that this component needs to be identified. This should be considered as an additional item, and kept segregated from data on paid hours worked.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Labour Force Data Working Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Registered health professional—hours worked in health profession, total hours NNN Health, Standard 10/12/2009 Is re-engineered from 📄 Hours worked by health professional, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (16.4 KB) *No registration status*
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Health labour force NMDS Health, Superseded 10/12/2009 *Implementation start date:* 01/07/2005 *DSS specific information:* Value must be less than 127 (except for 999). Important variable in relation to issues of economic activity, productivity, wage rates, working conditions etc. Used to develop capacity measures relating to total time available. Assists in analysis of human resource requirements and labour force modelling. Used to determine full-time and part-time work status and to compute full-time equivalents (FTE) (see entry for FTE). Often the definition for full-time or FTE differs (35, 37.5 and 40 hours) and knowing total hours and numbers of individuals allows for variances in FTE.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Healthcare Agreement: P65-Net growth in health workforce, 2010](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33-Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population (by age group), 2013](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33-Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population (by age group), 2014](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33-Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population (by age group), 2014](#)
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[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33-Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population (by age group), 2015](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 65-Net growth in health workforce, 2011](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 65-Net growth in health workforce, 2012](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

Used as Denominator

[National Healthcare Agreement: P65-Net growth in health workforce, 2010](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 33-Full time equivalent employed health practitioners per 1,000 population (by age group), 2013](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

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[Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013