

# Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available, total hours N[N]

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available, total hours N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Maximum early childhood education program hours available (Child)
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Maximum preschool program hours available (Child)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	602325
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 01/06/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	The maximum number of hours of <a href="#">early childhood education program</a> available to the child at this service, in total hours.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total hours N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Hour (h)

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Total hours expressed as 0, 1, 2, 25, 60 etc.
-----------------------	---

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
---------------------------------	--

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>Count the maximum hours available that the child is able to be enrolled and attend the early childhood education program at the service. The maximum hours available to the child may be less than the opening hours of the service, but may exceed the number of hours the child is enrolled for or attended during the reference period.</p> <p>Non-instructional times such as recess, tea breaks and lunch breaks should be included if the child was under the supervision of the service provider organisation.</p> <p>Where this data element is not able to be reported accurately at an individual child level, for each early childhood education program, count the total hours enrolled for the child with the highest enrolment hours during the reference period, and record this total for all children enrolled in that early childhood education program.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Jurisdictions which adopt a two week reference period are required to derive their data to a representative reference week.

**Comments:** This data element provides information on the proportion of children that are enrolled in early childhood education programs that are available for at least 15 hours per week or at least 600 hours per year.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Early Childhood Data Sub Group (ECDSG)

**Steward:** [Early Childhood Data Sub Group \(ECDSG\)](#)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available, total hours N\[N\]](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

See also [Service provider organisation—number of early childhood education program service operation weeks \(calendar year\), total NN](#)

[Early Childhood](#), Standard 01/06/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2015](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2016](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2017](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 24/07/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2018](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018