Service episode—funded out-of-home care placement, number N[NN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of funded out-of-home care placements |
| Synonymous names: | Number of placements during continuous episode |
| METEOR identifier: | 737461 |
| Registration status: | [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 20/01/2021 |
| Definition: | The cumulative number of unique [**out-of-home care**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/735716) placements funded for a child during an episode of care. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Service episode—funded out-of-home care placement](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/737478) |
| Value Domain: | [Number N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/315198) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | The current placement should be included in the count of placements.  A return to a previous placement or a return home should not be counted as a new placement.  Placements lasting less than 7 days should be excluded from the count of placements.  If it is not applicable to record the number of placements (i.e. the living arrangement was not a funded out-of-home care placement), 997 should be recorded.  If the number of other placements during a preceding continuous episode of care is not stated/inadequately described, 999 should be recorded.  Only placements that were part of the continuous episode of care at the time of the current placement should be included (i.e. subsequent placements are not included in the count of placements for the current record regardless of whether they will form a continuation of the episode). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Steward: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |
| Origin: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Service episode—funded out-of-home care placement, number N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/657284)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 20/01/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/737458)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 03/11/2021  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the child being in funded out-of-home care placements.  ***DSS specific information:***  This item should reflect an iterative count of the number of unique placements as at each record in the episode. If this cannot be provided, the total unique placements for the episode can be recorded.  [Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748857)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 11/05/2023  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the child being in funded out-of-home care placements.  ***DSS specific information:***  This item should reflect an iterative count of the number of unique placements as at each record in the episode. If this cannot be provided, the total unique placements for the episode can be recorded.  [Living arrangements for children under care (LA) file cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/773803)  [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 11/05/2023  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the child being in funded out-of-home care placements.  ***DSS specific information:***  This item should reflect an iterative count of the number of unique placements as at each record in the episode. If this cannot be provided, the total unique placements for the episode can be recorded. |