

Medical practitioner—hours worked, total NNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Total hours worked by a medical practitioner
METEOR identifier:	270136
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 10/12/2009
Definition:	The total hours worked in a week in a job by a medical practitioner, including any on-call hours actually worked (includes patient care and administration).
Context:	Health labour force
Data Element Concept:	Medical practitioner—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.
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This metadata item relates to each position (job) held by a medical practitioner, not the aggregate of hours worked in all.
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
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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Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—hours worked in health profession, total hours NNN](#)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Is re-engineered from  [Total hours worked by a medical practitioner, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.0 KB)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[Health](#), Superseded 10/12/2009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 169 (except for 999).

Used 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](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[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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