
Start time

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCHSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000913 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NCSIMG Admin status: DRAFT
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Definition: The earliest time of day that a child care or preschool service is available for a child to use at an outlet.

Context: This data element may be used in conjunction with the data element Finish time as a measure of the accessibility of child care and preschool services and the appropriateness of this in meeting family needs. In addition, this data element can be used to calculate the number of hours per day, hours per week and days per week a child care or preschool service is available for a child to use at an outlet.

This data element enables the identification of sessional provision of child care and preschool services, but may not necessarily identify the full duration of child care or preschool service availability on a day.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: HHMMAA
Minimum Size: 6
Maximum Size: 6
Data Domain: 999999 Not stated/inadequately described (not for use in pi
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Guide For Use: Round to the nearest quarter of an hour.

This data element does not include times when staff are working at an outlet but the outlet is not open for children to use services, such as when staff are planning programs or consulting parents.

Collection Methods: This should be reported for every day in the reference week.

Provision should be made for the recording of Start and Finish times in the morning and the afternoon, for example to allow for outlets that do not operate continuously throughout the day.

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Outlet - child care and preschool services version 2

is used in conjunction with Weeks of operation - per year version 2

is used in conjunction with Days of operation - per week version 2

is used in conjunction with Finish time version 2

Administrative Attributes

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Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Agency characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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Minimum Data Set