

# Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (carer consultants), average N[NNN{.N}]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Full-time equivalent staff—carer consultants
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	296498
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 07/02/2013
<b>Definition:</b>	The average number of full-time equivalent staff units paid for all <a href="#">carer consultants</a> within an establishment.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (carer consultants)</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Average full-time equivalent staff N[NNN{.N}]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Average
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[NNN{.N}]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	5
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Carer consultants are persons employed (or engaged via contract) on a part-time or full-time paid basis to represent the interests of carers and advocate for their needs. This implies the person received a salary or contract fee on a regular basis. It does not refer to arrangements where the carer only received reimbursements of expenses or occasional sitting fees for attendance at meetings.

The average is to be calculated from pay period figures. The length of the pay period is assumed to be a fortnight.

Data on full-time equivalent staffing numbers by category should be consistent with data on salaries and wages by staffing category. If the full-time equivalent for contract staff is not collected then salaries for those contract staff should be included in other recurrent expenditure data items.

Where staff provide services to more than one establishment, full-time equivalent staff members should be apportioned between all establishments to which services are provided on the basis of hours paid for in each (salary costs should be apportioned on the same basis).

**Comments:** This metadata item was amended during 1996-97. Until then, both average and end of year counts of full-time equivalent staff were included, and the end of year counts used as surrogates for the average counts if the latter were unavailable. The average count is more useful for accurate analysis of staffing inputs for establishment outputs and for assessments and comparisons of labour costs.

## Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

## Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Establishment—full-time equivalent staff \(paid\) \(mental health carer workers\), average NNNN.NN](#)  
Health, Superseded 16/01/2020

Is used in the formation of [Establishment \(mental health\)—full-time equivalent staff \(paid\), total N\[NNN{N}\]](#)  
Health, Retired 11/04/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Mental health establishments NMDS 2005-06](#)  
Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**DSS specific information:**

For the Mental health establishments national minimum data set reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2005-06](#)

Health, Superseded 21/03/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

**DSS specific information:**

For the Mental health establishments national minimum data set reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2006-07](#)

Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

**DSS specific information:**

For the Mental health establishments national minimum data set reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2007-08](#)

Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

**DSS specific information:**

For the Mental health establishments national minimum data set reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2008-09](#)

Health, Superseded 03/12/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2009

**DSS specific information:**

For the Mental health establishments national minimum data set reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/12/2009  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2009  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2010  
**DSS specific information:**

For the Mental health establishments national minimum data set reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 01/12/2010  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2010  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2011  
**DSS specific information:**

If *specialised mental health service organisation-carer participation arrangements status (carer consultants employed)* METeOR 288830 = 1, this data element must be completed.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012  
**DSS specific information:**

If *specialised mental health service organisation-carer participation arrangements status (carer consultants employed)* METeOR 288830 = 1, this data element must be completed.

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013  
**DSS specific information:**

If *specialised mental health service organisation-carer participation arrangements status (carer consultants employed)* METeOR 288830 = 1, this data element must be completed.