

Service provider organisation (service type)—number of licensed places, N[NN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of licensed places
METEOR identifier:	315200
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 19/12/2007
Definition:	The total number of places an agency is legally authorised to operate for a service type.
Data Element Concept:	Service provider organisation—number of licensed places
Value Domain:	Number N[NN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NN]
Maximum character length:	3

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: This data element helps in gaining a greater understanding of service capacity.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Children's Services Data Working Group.

Relational attributes

DSS specific information:

In the Children's Services NMDS, this is the maximum number of child care and preschool places licensed at a service where service activities are delivered. The number of licensed places in a child care or preschool service is equivalent to the maximum number of children allowed by regulation to attend at any one time.

Licensing includes education department regulations relating to the maximum number of children per preschool class in government schools. Licensing provisions or regulations exist for many, but not all, types of child care and preschool services, and this is not uniform across the states and territories. Where licensing or regulated numbers do not apply to any of the child care or preschool services delivered at the service record 000.

Question: How many places are you licensed to provide at any one time in this service?

Mobile services are to be asked this question per day and session and it should be asked in conjunction with where service was provided, days of operation—per week and the start time and finish time of sessions each day.

Family day care/in-home care services should be asked this question, and should respond for the whole service (rather than for an individual caregiver). Caregivers should not be asked this question.