Service episode—duration of service, total days N[NN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Duration of service (days) |
| METEOR identifier: | 322248 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015 |
| Definition: | A count of the number of days during which a person received services. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Service episode—duration of service](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/342974) |
| Value Domain: | [Total days N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270577) |

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



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Measuring the duration of service, in conjunction with *Reason for cessation of services*, assists in assessing the appropriateness and effectiveness of these services. This information also facilitates interstate and cross regional comparisons of accommodation support and comparisons between different service user sub-populations.  Duration of service for a particular service type is calculated by subtracting *Service commencement date* from *Last service date*. Or, for service users who have ceased to receive services during a reporting period, *Service commencement date* should be subtracted from *Service exit date*.  For service users who received services on only one day during the reporting period (and whose *Service commencement date* and *Last service date* are reported as the same date), the duration of service should be calculated as '1'. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  National Disability Administrators |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability services/supports received cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/484556)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 13/08/2015  [Disability services/supports received cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/617063)  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015 |