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# Child—preschool service received indicator, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

**Short name:** Preschool service received indicator

METEOR identifier: 357010

**Registration status:** Community Services (retired), Retired 21/05/2010

Early Childhood, Superseded 07/06/2011

**Definition:** Whether a child received a preschool service, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Child—preschool service received indicator

Value Domain: Yes/no code N

#### Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Boolean

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Value Meaning

Permissible values: 1 Yes

2 No

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

#### Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Preschool comprises a structured educational programme usually provided by a

qualified teacher on a sessional basis in dedicated preschools. Similar educational programs or curricula may be provided in long day care and other settings. These are primarily aimed at children in the year or two before they commence full-time

schooling.

The terms most commonly used to describe preschool services in various states and territories are:

- Kindergarten—Tasmania, WA and Queensland (In Queensland between 2003-07 Kindergarten is being replaced with a year called Preschool);
- Kindergarten or Preschool—Victoria;
- Preschool (including Child Parent Centres)—SA;
- Preschool— NSW, ACT and NT.

#### Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by Child—preschool program attendance indicator, yes/no

code N

Early Childhood, Superseded 28/05/2014

Implementation in Data Set Children's Services NMDS **Specifications:** 

Community Services (retired), Superseded 21/05/2010

Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2010

Early Childhood, Superseded 07/06/2011 Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

DSS specific information:

The child is defined as having attended preschool if they attended at least once within the census week.

Children who were absent during the census week due to illness or extended holiday leave should not be included.

Implementation in Indicators:

#### **Used as Numerator**

National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education: 2009, P01.2-Proportion of children who are attending a preschool program, 2010

Early Childhood, Recorded 08/08/2012

National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education: 2009, P05.2-Proportion of disadvantaged children who are attending a preschool program, 2010

Early Childhood, Recorded 08/08/2012

National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education: 2009, P06.2-Proportion of Indigenous children (by geographic location) who are attending a preschool program, 2010

Early Childhood, Recorded 08/08/2012

#### **Used as Denominator**

National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education: 2009, P03.2-Average number of hours per week of attendance at a preschool program, 2010 Early Childhood, Recorded 08/08/2012