Child—maximum preschool program hours available, total hours N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Maximum preschool program hours available (Child) |
| METEOR identifier: | 436113 |
| Registration status: | [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014 |
| Definition: | The maximum number of hours of [**preschool program**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436132) available to the child at this service, in total hours. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Child—maximum preschool program hours available](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/444507) |
| Value Domain: | [Total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/390307) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
| Unit of measure: | Hour (h) | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Total hours expressed as 0, 1, 2, 25, 60 etc. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Count the maximum hours available that the child is able to attend the preschool program at the service. The maximum hours available to the child may be less than the opening hours of the service, but may exceed the number of hours the child is enrolled for or attended during the reference period.  Non-instructional times such as recess, tea breaks and lunch breaks should be included if the child was under the supervision of the service provider organisation.  Where this data element is not able to be reported accurately at an individual child level, for each preschool program, count the total hours enrolled for the child with the highest enrolment hours during the reference period, and record this total for all children enrolled in that preschool program. |
| Collection methods: | Jurisdictions which adopt a two week reference period are required to derive their data to a representative reference week. |
| Comments: | This data element provides information on the proportion of children that are enrolled in preschool programs that are available for at least 15 hours per week. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Early Childhood Data Sub Group (ECDSG) |
| Steward: | [Early Childhood Data Sub Group (ECDSG)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/388499) |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Child—maximum preschool program hours available per week, total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/397151)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 21/05/2010  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  Has been superseded by [Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available, total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/556977)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 01/06/2015 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/438006)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 09/03/2012  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011  [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466523)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012  [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/494147)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 |