

Service type outlet— number of service operation hours, total NN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Service operation hours
METEOR identifier:	497596
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013 [Non Dictionary]• Disability, Superseded 15/12/2017
Definition:	The number of hours during a specified period that a service type outlet is open to provide services.
Data Element Concept:	Service type outlet—number of service operation hours

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total						
Data type:	Number						
Format:	NN						
Maximum character length:	2						
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>90</td><td>No regular pattern of operation through a day</td></tr><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	90	No regular pattern of operation through a day	99	Not stated/inadequately described
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Unit of measure:	Hour (h)						

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The actual number of hours is not the number of hours staffed; for example, a 'group home' would operate 24 hours a day, but might only be staffed a few hours if at all on some days.</p> <p>Services that have no regular daily pattern of operation, or which have different weekday and weekend patterns, should record 'no regular pattern of operation through a day' (for example, flexible hours, on call, 24-hour sleepover).</p>
Collection methods:	It may be necessary to collect the information separately for week-days versus weekend days or, for individual days of the week if there is no consistent pattern.

Comments: When collected in conjunction with service operation days, and service operation weeks, this metadata item can provide useful information on patterns of service delivery.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Service type outlet—number of service operation hours, total N\[N\]](#)

- [Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element refers to the number of hours per day the [service type outlet](#) usually operates. It is asking about the amount of time the service type outlet is generally open for service provision to [service users](#), not about the amount of time a service type outlet is staffed.

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