Service episode—number of funded out-of-home care placements, cumulative total, N[NN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of funded out-of-home care placements |
| Synonymous names: | Number of placements during continuous episode |
| METEOR identifier: | 532800 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 21/02/2014 |
| Definition: | The cumulative number of distinct funded out-of-home care placements recorded for a child during a continuous episode of care at the time of the current placement. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Service episode—number of funded out-of-home care placements](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/532797) |
| Value Domain: | [Number N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/315198) |

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



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | The current placement should be included in the count of placements.  A return to a previous placement or a return home should not be counted as a new placement.  Respite/temporary placements lasting less than 7 days should be excluded from the count of placements.  If it is not applicable to record the number of placements (i.e. the living arrangement was not a funded out-of-home care placement), 997 should be recorded.  If the number of other placements during a preceding continuous episode of care is not stated/inadequately described, 999 should be recorded.  Only placements that were part of the continuous episode of care at the time of the current placement should be included (i.e. subsequent placements are not included in the count of placements for the current record regardless of whether they will form a continuation of the episode). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Children and Families Data Network (CAFDaN) |
| Origin: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW. |