

Service provider organisation—number of early childhood education program hours enrolled, total hours N[NNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of early childhood education program hours enrolled
Synonymous names:	Number of preschool program hours enrolled
METEOR identifier:	602356
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Standard 01/06/2015
Definition:	The total number of hours of an early childhood education program that children are enrolled in at this service.
Data Element Concept:	Service provider organisation—number of early childhood education program hours enrolled
Value Domain:	Total hours N[NNNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNN]
Maximum character length:	5
Unit of measure:	Hour (h)

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:

This item is a sum of the hours of all children enrolled in an early childhood education program at this service.

The child must have been offered a place and be formally enrolled or registered in an early childhood education program and be actively attending to be counted. A child is considered to be actively attending if they:

- attended an early childhood education program for at least one hour in the reference period **OR**
- were absent during the reference period due to illness or extended holiday leave but expected to return.

Exclude children who have:

- only completed enrolment procedures at the service
- left the service (e.g. have ceased education or changed services), or have been absent without explanation for four continuous weeks (excluding school vacations) prior to 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.

The hours enrolled may be less than or equal to the maximum number of hours available for children to attend an early childhood education program, but may exceed the total number of hours children attended the service in the reference period.

Collection methods:

The number of hours that children are enrolled in an early childhood education program should be collected for each early childhood education program available at the service. These data should then be aggregated to the service provider level for reporting purposes.

The total number of hours of an early childhood education program children are enrolled to receive should be reported for the specified reference period.

Jurisdictions which adopt a two week reference period are required to derive their data to a representative reference week.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Early Childhood Data Sub Group (ECDSG).

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Service provider organisation—number of early childhood education program hours enrolled, total hours N\[NNNN\]](#)
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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Early Childhood Education and Care: Aggregate NMDS 2015](#)
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