

# ABS Early Childhood Education and Care National Data Collection

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Item type:** Data Source

**Description:** The National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection aligns with the Early Childhood Education and Care National Minimum Data Set. The Collection consists of all service providers delivering a preschool program to children aged 3 to 6 years (inclusive) enrolled during the reference period.

The Collection includes information on the state/territory, sector, age, Indigenous status, Remoteness Areas and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage, of children enrolled in and attending preschool programs.

## Collection and usage attributes

**National reporting arrangement:** Information on preschool programs delivered in Long Day Care (LDC) settings is primarily provided by the Australian Government from the Child Care Management System (CCMS), through which all services approved for the purposes of administering Child Care Benefit (CCB) are obliged to provide data.

**Frequency:** Annual

## Source and reference attributes

**Data custodian:** Australian Bureau of Statistics

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

**Reference documents:** Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016. Preschool Education, Australia, Cat. no. 4240.0, Viewed 20 October 2016, <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4240.0>.