

Service type outlet—number of service operation days, total N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Service operation days
METEOR identifier:	680901
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disability, Standard 15/12/2017
Definition:	The total number of days during a specified period that a service type outlet is open to provide services.
Data Element Concept:	Service type outlet—number of service operation days

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total						
Data type:	Number						
Format:	N[N]						
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 week</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 week	99	Not stated/inadequately described
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Unit of measure:	Day						

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Record whole numbers only rounded up to the nearest whole day, for the total number of days per week on which the service type outlet provides any service to service users.

A service type outlet is considered to be operating whenever service is provided to service users (for example, if a service type outlet is open for 4 days per week for service provision to service users, and 1 day per week for management/administration then the service type outlet should indicate that it operates 4 days per week).

The service must be provided by the service type outlet but not necessarily from its physical setting. For example 'own home respite' that is arranged by a service type outlet to occur on a particular day on which the office of that service type outlet is not open still counts as a day of operation for that service type outlet .

When a service type outlet is available for service users on a day but does not provide services to service users on that day it should still be counted as a day of operation. For example, a service type outlet may be open for service, such as an advocacy service, but no service users are seen.

Services which have no regular weekly pattern of operation should record code 90 'no regular pattern of operation through a week'. This includes, for example, cases where a service will be made available to a service user after hours only upon request (for example, through staff on call).

Collection methods: This data element should be reported for all service type outlets.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: [Disability Policy and Research Working Group \(DPRWG\)](#)

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2016. Disability Services National Minimum Data Set: data guide, July 2016. Cat. no. DAT 4. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Service type outlet—number of service operation days, total N\[N\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
- [Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

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[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

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