Child—early childhood education program hours attended (per week), total hours N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Early childhood education program hours attended (total)
Synonymous names:	Preschool program hours attended (total)
METEOR identifier:	731357
Registration status:	Early Childhood, Superseded 02/12/2020
Definition:	The total number of hours of an **early childhood education program** that a child has attended per week.
Data Element Concept:	Child—early childhood education program hours attended
Value Domain:	Total hours N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2
Unit of measure:	Hour (h)

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Total hours expressed as 0, 1, 2, 25, 60 etc.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: A child is recorded as having attended an early childhood education program if they were present for at least one hour during 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.

If the child attends more than one early childhood education program in a given day, non-instructional or waiting times between programs should be excluded in the count of hours.

The hours attended may be less than or equal to the maximum number of hours available for children to attend the early childhood education program and/or the hours the child is enrolled, at the service in the reference period.

0 (zero) hours should only be recorded for children who were enrolled but did not attend an early childhood education program during the reference period.

If the number of hours attended per week is unknown record 99.

Collection methods: The hours of an early childhood education program attended 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: Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Steward: Data Strategy Group (DSG)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes Child—early childhood education program hours attended (per week), total hours N[N]
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