

Child—early childhood education program fees charged per week, total Australian currency N[N(8)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Fees charged (early childhood education and care)
METEOR identifier:	762951
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Standard 05/07/2022
Definition:	The actual tuition fees charged for the child to attend an early childhood education program at this service per week, measured in Australian dollars.
Data Element Concept:	Child—early childhood education program fees charged per week
Value Domain:	Total Australian currency N[N(8)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Currency
Format:	N[N(8)]
Maximum character length:	9
Unit of measure:	Australian currency (AU\$)

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:	<p>Fees charged are usually based on the number of hours of an early childhood education program a child is enrolled to receive.</p> <p>If fees are charged on a per day, per term or per year basis, the pro-rata equivalent weekly fee should be derived by taking into account the days per week, weeks per term and/or weeks per year of the early childhood education program the child has enrolled to receive.</p> <p>If no fees are payable for a child to attend the early childhood education program record 0.</p> <p>Some early childhood education programs, particularly those offered at government preschools have no tuition fees. However, parents are encouraged to make a voluntary contribution to assist with the cost of running the early childhood education program. These voluntary contributions should be excluded, as should donations or additional charges for service components, such as nappy supplies, meals or transportation.</p> <p>Only include the fees charged for the child to attend the early childhood education program. Fees charged for the child to attend other programs with the service provider, such as out of school hours care, should be excluded.</p>
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Collection methods: Jurisdictions which adopt a two week reference period are required to derive their data to a representative reference week.

If subsidies are included in the calculation of the fees charged to the child, report the fees charged after deducting subsidies.

If the child is eligible for additional fee discount, report the fees after the additional discount.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Education

Steward: [Early Childhood Policy Group \(ECPG\)](#)

Origin: Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) 2021. Preschool Reform Agreement. Canberra: CFFR, viewed 4 August 2022
<https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/preschool-reform-agreement>

Reference documents: Australian Government (2018). National information agreement on early childhood education and care. Canberra: Australian Government

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Child—early childhood education program fees charged per week, total Australian currency N\[N\(8\)\]](#)
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 05/07/2022

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