

Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available, total hours N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Maximum early childhood education program hours available (Child)
Synonymous names:	Maximum preschool program hours available (Child)
METEOR identifier:	763047
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Standard 05/07/2022
Definition:	The maximum number of hours of early childhood education program available to the child at this service, in total hours.
Data Element Concept:	Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available
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.
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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:	<p>Count the maximum hours available that the child is able to be enrolled and attend the early childhood education program at the service. The maximum hours available to the child may be less than the opening hours of the service, but may exceed the number of hours the child is enrolled for or attended during the reference period.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Where this data element is not able to be reported accurately at an individual child level, for each early childhood education program, count the total hours enrolled for the child with the highest enrolment hours during the reference period, and record this total for all children enrolled in that early childhood education program.</p>
Collection methods:	Jurisdictions which adopt a two week reference period are required to derive their data to a representative reference week.

Comments: This data element provides information on the proportion of children that are enrolled in early childhood education programs that are available for at least 15 hours per week or at least 600 hours per year.

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

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