

Child—maximum annual preschool program hours available, total N[NN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Total maximum annual preschool program hours available
METEOR identifier:	792742
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Recorded 16/05/2024
Definition:	The total maximum number of preschool program hours available to a child, in a year.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Child—maximum annual preschool program hours available
METEOR identifier:	792740
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Recorded 16/05/2024
Definition:	The maximum number of preschool program hours available to a child in a year.
Object class:	Child
Property:	Maximum annual preschool program hours available

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Education
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total hours N[NN]{.N}
METEOR identifier:	792796
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Recorded 16/05/2024
Definition:	Total number of hours.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	String	
Format:	N[NN]{.N}	
Maximum character length:	3	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	999	Not stated/inadequately described
Unit of measure:	Hour (h)	

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Total hours expressed as 0, 1, 1.5 etc.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Education

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [National Preschool Attendance Collection DSS 2024](#)
[Early Childhood](#), Recorded 16/05/2024

Conditional obligation:

This item is conditional on a CODE 2 'Preschool program offering less than 600 hours' response to [Child—preschool program type enrolment, YBFS code N](#).

DSS specific information:

This item is used to record the maximum annual preschool program hours available to the child at the service, regardless of child-specific enrolment dates. For example, if a program offers 600 hours in a year, 600 program hours would be reported even if a child enrolled part-way through the year.

Include hours attended in non-instructional activities such as recess, tea breaks and lunch breaks if the child remained under the supervision of the service provider for these activities.

If the child attends more than one preschool program in a given day, non-instructional or waiting times between programs should be excluded in the count of hours. For example, if a child attends a morning preschool program at a provider and later returns to attend an afternoon preschool program at the same provider.

Where the service provider offers other integrated childcare services, the hours associated with these services should be excluded from this data element.

Centre Based Day Care

For centre based day care, program hours should be calculated based on charged hours across the full week and multiplied by the annual preschool program weeks.