

Child—annual preschool program period, total weeks N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Annual preschool program weeks available
METEOR identifier:	792808
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Recorded 16/05/2024
Definition:	The number of weeks the preschool program the child is enrolled in annually.
Data Element Concept:	Child—annual preschool program period
Value Domain:	Total weeks N[N]

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>99</td><td>Not stated/unknown</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated/unknown
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Unit of measure:	Completed weeks				

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:

In the National Preschool Attendance Collection (NPAC), this item is used to collect the total number of weeks the preschool program the child is enrolled in annually. In the NPAC, the minimum number of weeks is '0', and the maximum is '52'.

'90' is to be submitted where a program has no regular pattern of operation through a year. '98' is to be used where program weeks are unknown, and '99' is to be used where the program weeks are not stated or inadequately described.

A week is measured from 12:00AM (midnight) Monday morning to 11:59PM the following Sunday. If a preschool program operates within this period then it is counted as having operated during that week. Therefore if a preschool program operates for only a short time for one of the days within a week, it is counted as operating during that week.

School-based program

Do not include weeks when the preschool program is not being delivered, for example if the preschool program is operated in a school setting, do not count weeks during school holiday periods when the centre is only open for administrative purposes.

For service providers which commenced delivering a preschool program part-way into the current calendar year, report the number of weeks from the opening of the preschool program to the end of the calendar year (if the program is likely to continue operation until the end of the year). Do not derive weeks to an annual equivalent.

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