Child—early childhood education program hours enrolled (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 enrolled (total)
Synonymous names:	Preschool program hours enrolled (total)
METEOR identifier:	793277
Registration status:	Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024
Definition:	The total number of hours of an **early childhood education program** that a child is enrolled to receive per week.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Child—early childhood education program hours enrolled
METEOR identifier:	763018
Registration status:	Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022
Definition:	The number of hours a child has enrolled in an **early childhood education program**, in a given week.
Object class:	Child
Property:	Early childhood education program enrolment hours

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

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total hours N[N]
METEOR identifier:	390307
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 21/05/2010 Early Childhood, Standard 21/05/2010
Definition:	Total number of hours.

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 considered to be enrolled if they have been offered a place and formally enrolled and registered in an early childhood education program, and the child:

- has attended an early childhood education program for at least one hour during the reference period **OR**
- was absent during the reference period due to illness or extended holiday leave but expected to return.

Exclude a child who:

- has only completed enrolment procedures at the service
- has left the service (e.g. has ceased education or changed services), or has been absent without explanation for four continuous weeks (excluding school vacations) prior to 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.

The hours enrolled may be less than or equal to the maximum number of hours available for children to attend the early childhood education program, but may exceed the number of hours the child attended at the service in 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 a child is enrolled to receive 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.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Child—early childhood education program hours enrolled (per week), total hours N[N]](#)
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 05/07/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2024](#)
[Early Childhood](#), Recorded 24/05/2024
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