

# Child—preschool program hours attended (per week), total hours N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Preschool program hours attended (total)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	436128
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Superseded 28/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of hours of a <a href="#">preschool program</a> that a child has attended per week.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child—preschool program hours attended</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total hours N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Hour (h)

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Total hours expressed as 0, 1, 2, 25, 60 etc.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>A child is recorded as having attended a preschool program if they were present for at least one hour 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>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.</p> <p>The hours attended may be less than or equal to the maximum number of hours available for children to attend the preschool program and/or the hours the child is enrolled, at the service in the reference period.</p> <p>0 hours should only be recorded for children who were enrolled but did not attend a preschool program during the reference period.</p> <p>If the number of hours attended per week is unknown record 99.</p>
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**Collection methods:** The hours of a preschool program attended 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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Early Childhood Data Sub Group (ECDSG)

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Child—preschool program hours attended per week, total hours N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 21/05/2010  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 07/06/2011

Has been superseded by [Child—early childhood education program hours attended \(per week\), total hours N\[N\] Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2011](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 09/03/2012  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2012](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

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