

Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (social workers), average NNNN.NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Full-time equivalent staff—social workers
METEOR identifier:	722537
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 16/01/2020
Definition:	The average number of full-time equivalent staff units paid for all social workers within an establishment.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—full-time equivalent staff (paid) (social workers)
Value Domain:	Average full-time equivalent staff NNNN.NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Average
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNN.NN
Maximum character length:	6
Unit of measure:	Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Persons who have completed a course of recognised training and are eligible for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.</p> <p>The average is to be calculated from pay period figures. The length of the pay period is assumed to be a fortnight.</p> <p>Data on full-time equivalent staffing numbers by category should be consistent with data on salaries and wages by staffing category. If the full-time equivalent for contract staff is not collected then salaries for those contract staff should be included in other recurrent expenditure data items.</p> <p>Where staff provide services to more than one establishment, full-time equivalent staff members should be apportioned between all establishments to which services are provided on the basis of hours paid for in each (salary costs should be apportioned on the same basis).</p>
Comments:	<p>This metadata item was amended during 1996-97. Until then, both average and end of year counts of full-time equivalent staff were included, and the end of year counts used as surrogates for the average counts if the latter were unavailable. The average count is more useful for accurate analysis of staffing inputs for establishment outputs and for assessments and comparisons of labour costs.</p>

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	National Health Data Committee
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Relational attributes

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