

# Child—early childhood education 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>	Early childhood education program hours attended (total)
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Preschool program hours attended (total)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	731210
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 02/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of hours of an <a href="#">early childhood education program</a> that a child has attended per week.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child—early childhood education 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

**Guide for use:**

A child is recorded as having attended an early childhood education program if they were present for at least one hour during the reference period. This should include all children who attended an early childhood education program online or remotely during the reference period due to impacts of COVID-19 where the hours of attendance are known.

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.

If the child attends more than one early childhood education program in a given day, non-instructional or waiting times between programs should be excluded in the count of hours.

The hours attended may be less than or equal to the maximum number of hours available for children to attend the early childhood education program and/or the hours the child is enrolled, at the service in the reference period.

0 (zero) hours should only be recorded for children who were enrolled but did not attend an early childhood education program during the reference period.

If the number of hours attended per week is unknown record 99. This could include situations where a child is attending an early childhood education program online or remotely due to COVID-19 impacts and the hours of attendance are not known.

**Collection methods:**

The hours of an early childhood education 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:** Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment

**Steward:** [Data Strategy Group \(DSG\)](#)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Child—early childhood education program hours attended \(per week\), total hours N\[N\]](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Superseded 02/12/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2020](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 02/12/2020  
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