

# Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available, total hours N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Maximum early childhood education program hours available (Child)
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Maximum preschool program hours available (Child)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	731367
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 02/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	The maximum number of hours of <a href="#">early childhood education program</a> available to the child at this service, in total hours.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available</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

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<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>Count the maximum hours available that the child is able to be enrolled and attend the early childhood education program at the service. The maximum hours available to the child may be less than the opening hours of the service, but may exceed the number of hours the child is enrolled for or attended 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>Where this data element is not able to be reported accurately at an individual child level, for each early childhood education program, count the total hours enrolled for the child with the highest enrolment hours during the reference period, and record this total for all children enrolled in that early childhood education program.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Jurisdictions which adopt a two week reference period are required to derive their data to a representative reference week.

**Comments:** This data element provides information on the proportion of children that are enrolled in early childhood education programs that are available for at least 15 hours per week or at least 600 hours per year.

## 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—maximum early childhood education program hours available, 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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[Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2021](#)  
[Early Childhood](#), Qualified 25/10/2021

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