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## **I N Q U I R I E S**

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## NOTES

- ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION** In 2008, the importance of education in the early years of a child's development was formally acknowledged through the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) endorsement of a new *National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education* (NP ECE).
- This publication contains experimental estimates of children's enrolment and attendance at preschool programs across Australia in 2011, collected through the National Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Collection. For more information on the NP ECE and the collection please see the *National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 4240.0.55.001).
- GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** This publication draws extensively on information provided by the Australian Government and state and territory governments. Their continued cooperation enables the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to publish a wide range of education statistics. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.
- SOURCE DATA** The National ECEC Collection consists of administrative data provided by the Australian Government and the state and territory departments with responsibility for early childhood education and care. At the core of the collection is the Early Childhood Education and Care National Minimum Data Set (ECEC NMDS). The ECEC NMDS contains standards for which the Australian government and state and territory governments have committed to in regards to collecting statistics on Early Childhood Education (ECE) within their respective jurisdictions. All jurisdictions have worked closely with the ABS in aligning their individual collections to the ECEC NMDS and significant achievements have been made in 2011.
- DATA QUALITY** It should be noted that for 2011 this collection has not achieved complete alignment with the standards set out in the ECEC NMDS. Complete coverage of the ECE sector has also not been achieved in 2011, with developments underway to increase the coverage for future collection cycles. As a result, the estimates presented in this publication do not represent a complete national picture of the ECE sector and have been labelled 'experimental'. Care should be taken when interpreting these estimates.
- For more information on the ECEC NMDS and the collection methodologies and coverage within each of the jurisdictions, please see the *National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat.no.4240.0.55.001).
- ROUNDING AND CONFIDENTIALITY** The hours and costs relating to children attending or enrolled in early childhood education programs presented in this publication have been rounded so that they could be assigned to distinct ranges. Small values have been perturbed or suppressed to protect confidentiality.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

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<b>ABS</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics
<b>ACT</b>	Australian Capital Territory
<b>AIHW</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>ARIA</b>	Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia
<b>ASCED</b>	Australian Standard Classification of Education
<b>ASGC</b>	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
<b>CCB</b>	Child Care Benefit
<b>CCMS</b>	Child Care Management System
<b>CCR</b>	Child Care Rebate (formerly known as Child Care Tax Rebate: CCTR)
<b>DEEWR</b>	Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
<b>DOB</b>	Date of Birth
<b>ECE</b>	Early Childhood Education
<b>ECEC</b>	Early Childhood Education and Care
<b>ERP</b>	estimated resident population
<b>IRSD</b>	Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage
<b>LDC</b>	long day care
<b>NMDS</b>	National Minimum Data Set
<b>NP ECE</b>	National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education
<b>NSW</b>	New South Wales
<b>NT</b>	Northern Territory
<b>Qld</b>	Queensland
<b>SA</b>	South Australia
<b>SEIFA</b>	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
<b>SLK</b>	Statistical Linkage Key
<b>Tas.</b>	Tasmania
<b>URL</b>	unit record level
<b>Vic.</b>	Victoria
<b>WA</b>	Western Australia
<b>YBFS</b>	Year before full-time schooling

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

In an effort to deliver significant improvements and outcomes for all Australians, in 2007 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) established a partnership between the Australian Government and the state and territory governments to encourage substantial reform in the areas of education, skills and early childhood development. In 2008, COAG endorsed a comprehensive set of goals, outcomes, progress measures and future policy directions in the area of early childhood education (ECE). This included a commitment to ensure that every child in Australia has access to a quality ECE program. This Universal Access commitment will ensure that by 2013, each child will have access to a preschool program that is delivered:

- in the 12 months prior to full-time schooling, also referred to as the Year Before Formal Schooling (YBFS)
- by a four-year university-qualified early childhood teacher
- for 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year
- across a diversity of settings
- in a form that meets the needs of parents
- at a cost that does not present a barrier to participation (COAG, 2008a).

The National ECEC Collection commenced in 2010 and is conducted annually as part of the data improvement projects under the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education (NP ECE) and the National Information Agreement on Early Childhood Education and Care (NIA ECEC).

The estimates presented in this publication are experimental and are based on data collected from the National ECEC Collection.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Responsibility for ECEC is shared between the Australian Government and the state or territory governments, and is administered through a wide range of service providers including government, local government, community, schools (both government and non-government) and private organisations. There is a wide range of ECEC data already collected by government and non-government agencies, required for funding purposes.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (PRESCHOOL PROGRAM)

A preschool program for the purposes of the National ECEC Collection, is defined as a structured, play-based learning program, delivered by a degree qualified teacher aimed at children in the year or two before they commence full-time schooling. This is irrespective of the type of institution that provides it or whether it is government funded or privately provided. This publication uses the term 'preschool program' to describe an early childhood education program, notwithstanding that the terminology varies considerably across the jurisdictions.

For more details on the definition of a preschool program please see the Explanatory Notes section of this publication.

# MEASUREMENT CONCEPTS

## INTRODUCTION

The National Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Collection aims to report accurately on the number of children who have received a preschool program within the collection reference period. To achieve this, an important goal of the collection is to count each child once for the total number of children within each jurisdiction who are enrolled in and attending preschool programs. Given the complexity of the service delivery models for ECEC across Australia, it is a statistical challenge to ensure that children attending multiple preschool programs are only counted once in these total counts.

## COLLECTION METHODS

Jurisdictions collect and report data for the National ECEC Collection using either a Unit Record Level (URL) collection methodology or an Aggregate collection methodology, or sometimes a combination of both depending on the data collection abilities within certain sectors.

A URL data collection methodology collects confidentialised child enrolment and attendance level data, and corresponding service provider record level data for each child in the data set. It also collects confidentialised worker record level data corresponding to service provider record level data for each worker in the data set.

An Aggregate data collection methodology collects totals of children enrolled in and attending preschool programs at the service provider record level only. Data collected at this level does not contain detailed child record level information.

All jurisdictions were able to collect worker data using a URL data collection methodology.

The following table shows the collection methodologies used by each jurisdiction in 2011

### **1** JURISDICTIONAL COLLECTION METHODOLOGIES - 2011

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Collection Method</i>
Commonwealth	Unit Record Level
New South Wales	Unit Record Level
Victoria	Unit Record Level
Queensland	Unit Record Level/ Aggregate
South Australia	(a) Aggregate
Western Australia	Unit Record Level/ Aggregate
Tasmania	Unit Record Level
Northern Territory	Unit Record Level
Australian Capital Territory	(b) Unit Record Level

- (a) SA collected data from some service providers using a Unit Record Level data collection methodology, however all data were reported at the Aggregate level.
- (b) ACT collected data from Government preschools only.

A URL collection with appropriate methodologies and protocols is the most appropriate method for ensuring a child who is enrolled in multiple preschool programs is only counted once in the estimates. Aggregate data collection methodologies are limited in their capacity to identify accurately children attending multiple preschool programs.

## MEASUREMENT CONCEPTS *continued*

### COLLECTION METHODS

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Consequently all data from jurisdictions with a collection process that produced Aggregate data for the 2011 National ECEC Collection, and those whose URL collection methods do not allow for the accurate identification of children attending multiple preschool programs, can only be presented in terms of 'episodes' of preschool program provision.

### CHILD EPISODE COUNTS

When one child attends two different preschool programs, this is described as a child attending two 'episodes' of preschool. Both 'episodes' are counted for the total episodes of enrolment and attendance in a preschool program.

### UNIQUE CHILD COUNTS

Where a child is enrolled in more than one preschool program, this child should only be counted once when counting total numbers of children enrolled and attending (child counts). Only unique child records are included in the count for the total number of children enrolled in and attending a preschool program.

#### *Identification of Unique Child Counts*

Identification of unique child records can only be achieved by application of a statistical linkage key (SLK) and ideally a child/client database. For the National ECEC Collection, child records with identical SLKs are flagged and investigated in the child/client database. This process confirms whether the matching SLK relates to the same child enrolled in multiple preschool programs, or whether the SLK was a coincidental match (i.e. another child with a similar name).

Alternatively, where no child/client database is available, a matching methodology is applied to determine matching SLKs. These are considered to be dual enrolments and combined accordingly into a unique child record, with totals for hours attended and enrolled, fees charged and maximum preschool program hours available. If the matching SLK is found to be a coincidental match, both records are retained as individual unique child records.

#### *Identification of Unique Child Records in the Year before Full-time Schooling*

Identification of unique child records in the Year before Full-time Schooling (YBFS) can only be achieved by application of a SLK, 2 years of data collected using a URL data collection methodology and ideally a child/client database.

For the National ECEC Collection, children who are enrolled for more than one year of a preschool program are identified and if these children are aged 5 or 6 years old, their records are excluded from the number of children in the YBFS. Four year old children who are enrolled in more than one year of a preschool program are not excluded because they would not have been attending a program intended for children in the YBFS in the previous year (i.e. they would have been attending as an eligible early entry child but not included in the count of children enrolled and attending in the YBFS).

### EPISODES OF TEACHERS

The tables presented using this concept included episode counts of teachers delivering preschool programs and episode counts of all workers who have contact with children in a preschool program. In 2011 it was not possible to identify workers who worked for more than one service provider and therefore these counts included double-counting of some workers. This meant that all worker data for all state and territories are presented as episodes.

**MEASUREMENT CONCEPTS** *continued*

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EPISODES OF TEACHERS  
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For more information on these measurement concepts see *National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 4240.0.55.001).

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## EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLMENT, Sector, State and Territory, Age

<i>Episodes of children enrolled</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
4 YEARS									
Preschool									
Government	3 606	8 209	657	13 819	22 344	2 578	2 780	3 250	57 243
Non-government									
Community	26 234	26 717	14 162	441	—	—	—	nya	67 554
Private for profit	—	736	493	—	—	—	—	nya	1 229
Independent schools	—	1 622	693	—	2 858	281	81	nya	5 535
Catholic schools	—	—	40	329	4 526	500	61	nya	5 456
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>26 234</b>	<b>29 075</b>	<b>15 388</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>(a) 7 384</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>142</b>	nya	<b>79 774</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>29 840</b>	<b>37 284</b>	<b>16 045</b>	<b>14 589</b>	<b>29 728</b>	<b>3 359</b>	<b>2 922</b>	<b>(b) 3 250</b>	<b>137 017</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	24 338	9 271	(c) 18 989	2 219	799	187	139	878	56 820
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>54 178</b>	<b>46 555</b>	<b>35 034</b>	<b>16 808</b>	<b>30 527</b>	<b>3 546</b>	<b>3 061</b>	<b>4 128</b>	<b>193 837</b>
5 YEARS									
Preschool									
Government	624	3 880	31	283	191	2 310	245	906	8 470
Non-government									
Community	7 513	13 451	489	12	—	—	—	nya	21 465
Private for profit	—	310	9	—	—	—	—	nya	319
Independent schools	—	1 007	60	—	472	261	14	nya	1 814
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	511	537	13	nya	1 061
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>7 513</b>	<b>14 768</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>(a) 983</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>27</b>	nya	<b>24 659</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>8 137</b>	<b>18 648</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1 174</b>	<b>3 108</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>(b) 906</b>	<b>33 129</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	4 932	3 124	(c) 2 239	81	37	70	5	171	10 659
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>13 069</b>	<b>21 772</b>	<b>2 828</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>1 211</b>	<b>3 178</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>1 077</b>	<b>43 788</b>
TOTAL									
Preschool									
Government	4 230	12 089	688	14 102	22 535	4 888	3 025	4 156	65 713
Non-government									
Community	33 747	40 168	14 651	453	—	—	—	nya	89 019
Private for profit	—	1 046	502	—	—	—	—	nya	1 548
Independent schools	—	2 629	753	—	3 330	542	95	nya	7 349
Catholic schools	—	—	40	329	5 037	1 037	74	nya	6 517
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>33 747</b>	<b>43 843</b>	<b>15 946</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>(a) 8 367</b>	<b>1 579</b>	<b>169</b>	nya	<b>104 433</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>37 977</b>	<b>55 932</b>	<b>16 634</b>	<b>14 884</b>	<b>30 902</b>	<b>6 467</b>	<b>3 194</b>	<b>(b) 4 156</b>	<b>170 146</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	29 270	12 395	(c) 21 228	2 300	836	257	144	1 049	67 479
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>67 247</b>	<b>68 327</b>	<b>37 862</b>	<b>17 184</b>	<b>31 738</b>	<b>6 724</b>	<b>3 338</b>	<b>5 205</b>	<b>237 625</b>

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

nya not yet available

(a) A proportion of children in Western Australia Non-government preschools ages were imputed. Please use these estimates with care

(b) Australian Capital Territory total preschool only includes government preschools and is not a complete representation of the preschool sector

(c) Queensland's long day care data includes a small number of Occasional Care services providing a Preschool program

## EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE, Sector, State and Territory, Age

<i>Episodes of children attended</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
4 YEARS							
Preschool							
Government	3 606	7 825	657	13 685	2 557	2 428	3 171
Non-government							
Community	25 723	25 318	14 113	441	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	702	493	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	1 556	687	—	281	78	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	40	329	495	43	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>25 723</b>	<b>27 576</b>	<b>15 333</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>121</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>29 329</b>	<b>35 401</b>	<b>15 990</b>	<b>14 455</b>	<b>3 333</b>	<b>2 549</b>	(a) <b>3 171</b>
Long day care							
Long day care with a preschool program	23 860	8 846	(b)17 156	2 219	185	137	854
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>53 189</b>	<b>44 247</b>	<b>33 146</b>	<b>16 674</b>	<b>3 518</b>	<b>2 686</b>	<b>4 025</b>
5 YEARS							
Preschool							
Government	624	3 704	31	275	2 282	215	890
Non-government							
Community	7 397	12 838	488	12	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	291	9	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	965	60	—	259	14	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	532	11	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>7 397</b>	<b>14 094</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>25</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>8 021</b>	<b>17 798</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>3 073</b>	<b>240</b>	(a) <b>890</b>
Long day care							
Long day care with a preschool program	4 831	2 981	(b)1 793	81	67	5	167
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>12 852</b>	<b>20 779</b>	<b>2 381</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>3 140</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1 057</b>
TOTAL							
Preschool							
Government	4 230	11 529	688	13 960	4 839	2 643	4 061
Non-government							
Community	33 120	38 156	14 601	453	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	993	502	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 521	747	—	540	92	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	40	329	1 027	54	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>33 120</b>	<b>41 670</b>	<b>15 890</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1 567</b>	<b>146</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>37 350</b>	<b>53 199</b>	<b>16 578</b>	<b>14 742</b>	<b>6 406</b>	<b>2 789</b>	(a) <b>4 061</b>
Long day care							
Long day care with a preschool program	28 691	11 827	(b)18 949	2 300	252	142	1 021
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>66 041</b>	<b>65 026</b>	<b>35 527</b>	<b>17 042</b>	<b>6 658</b>	<b>2 931</b>	<b>5 082</b>

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Episodes of children aged 4–5 years enrolled

	NSW	Vic.	Qld(a)	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
ENROLLED 1–4 HOURS A WEEK									
Preschool									
Government	—	np	24	—	—	np	5	—	34
Non-government									
Community	506	8	200	—	—	—	—	nya	714
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	—	np	—	nya	10
Independent schools	—	np	101	—	33	np	—	nya	139
Catholic schools	—	np	—	—	115	np	—	nya	115
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>nya</b>	<b>978</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(b) —</b>	<b>1 012</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	626	130	(c) 2 867	32	19	19	10	9	3 712
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>1 132</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>3 192</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4 724</b>

ENROLLED 5–9 HOURS A WEEK

Preschool									
Government	65	np	42	355	—	np	30	79	582
Non-government									
Community	5 644	109	164	—	—	—	—	nya	5 917
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	—	np	—	nya	24
Independent schools	—	np	7	—	190	np	—	nya	216
Catholic schools	—	np	10	—	354	np	—	nya	365
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>5 644</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>nya</b>	<b>6 522</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>5 709</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>(b) 79</b>	<b>7 104</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	3 390	969	(c) 831	232	159	56	29	105	5 771
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>9 099</b>	<b>1 119</b>	<b>1 054</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>12 875</b>

ENROLLED 10–14 HOURS A WEEK

Preschool									
Government	1 349	11 705	94	11 750	10 685	2 679	1 451	3 072	42 785
Non-government									
Community	11 604	36 596	1 950	440	—	—	—	nya	50 590
Private for profit	—	762	3	—	—	—	—	nya	765
Independent schools	—	772	14	—	1 071	115	—	nya	1 972
Catholic schools	—	—	6	329	1 882	413	21	nya	2 651
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>11 604</b>	<b>38 130</b>	<b>1 973</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>2 953</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>nya</b>	<b>55 978</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>12 953</b>	<b>49 835</b>	<b>2 067</b>	<b>12 519</b>	<b>13 638</b>	<b>3 207</b>	<b>1 472</b>	<b>(b) 3 072</b>	<b>98 763</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	4 978	3 235	(c) 1 662	1 572	129	32	41	158	11 807
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>17 931</b>	<b>53 070</b>	<b>3 729</b>	<b>14 091</b>	<b>13 767</b>	<b>3 239</b>	<b>1 513</b>	<b>3 230</b>	<b>110 570</b>

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Episodes of children aged 4–5 years enrolled

	NSW	Vic.	Qld(a)	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
ENROLLED 15 HOURS OR MORE A WEEK									
Preschool									
Government	2 816	371	528	1 997	11 850	2 205	1 526	1 005	22 298
Non-government									
Community	15 993	3 446	12 287	13	—	—	—	nya	31 739
Private for profit	—	249	499	—	—	—	—	nya	748
Independent schools	—	1 847	631	—	2 036	413	95	nya	5 022
Catholic schools	—	—	24	—	2 686	623	53	nya	3 386
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>15 993</b>	<b>5 542</b>	<b>13 441</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4 722</b>	<b>1 036</b>	<b>148</b>	nya	<b>40 895</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>18 809</b>	<b>5 913</b>	<b>13 969</b>	<b>2 010</b>	<b>16 572</b>	<b>3 241</b>	<b>1 674</b>	(b) <b>1 005</b>	<b>63 193</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	11 801	7 493	(c) 13 578	464	168	125	5	442	34 076
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>30 610</b>	<b>13 406</b>	<b>27 547</b>	<b>2 474</b>	<b>16 740</b>	<b>3 366</b>	<b>1 679</b>	<b>1 447</b>	<b>97 269</b>

## TOTAL

Preschool									
Government	4 230	12 088	688	14 102	22 535	4 888	3 012	4 156	65 699
Non-government									
Community	33 747	40 159	14 601	453	—	—	—	nya	88 960
Private for profit	—	1 045	502	—	—	—	—	nya	1 547
Independent schools	—	2 629	753	—	3 330	542	95	nya	7 349
Catholic schools	—	—	40	329	5 037	1 037	74	nya	6 517
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>33 747</b>	<b>43 833</b>	<b>15 896</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>8 367</b>	<b>1 579</b>	<b>169</b>	nya	<b>104 373</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>37 977</b>	<b>55 921</b>	<b>16 584</b>	<b>14 884</b>	<b>30 902</b>	<b>6 467</b>	<b>3 181</b>	(b) <b>4 156</b>	<b>170 072</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	20 795	11 827	(c) 18 938	2 300	475	232	85	714	55 366
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>58 772</b>	<b>67 748</b>	<b>35 522</b>	<b>17 184</b>	<b>31 377</b>	<b>6 699</b>	<b>3 266</b>	<b>4 870</b>	<b>225 438</b>

## NOT STATED

Preschool									
Government	—	np	—	—	—	—	13	—	np
Non-government									
Community	—	np	50	—	—	—	—	nya	np
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	—	—	—	nya	np
Independent schools	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	nya	—
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	nya	—
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	np	50	—	—	—	—	nya	np
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	—	<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>	—	—	—	<b>13</b>	(b) —	<b>74</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	8 475	568	(c) 2 290	—	361	25	59	335	12 113
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>8 475</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>2 340</b>	—	<b>361</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>12 187</b>

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## EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, Weekly hours attended, Sector, State and Territory

*Episodes of children aged 4–5 years enrolled*

	NSW	Vic.	Qld(a)	SA	Tas.	ACT
.....						
ATTENDED 0–4 HOURS IN THE REFERENCE WEEK						
Preschool						
Government	274	412	124	226	114	179
Non-government						
Community	2 001	1 353	451	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	35	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	21	109	—	8	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	—	13	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>2 001</b>	<b>1 409</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>2 275</b>	<b>1 821</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>135</b>	(b) <b>179</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	1 240	130	(c) 6 200	32	27	38
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>3 515</b>	<b>1 951</b>	<b>6 893</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>217</b>

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ATTENDED 5–9 HOURS IN THE REFERENCE WEEK

Preschool						
Government	377	2 165	111	2 447	694	699
Non-government						
Community	6 719	7 345	428	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	193	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	181	13	—	42	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	112	93	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>6 719</b>	<b>7 719</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>135</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>7 096</b>	<b>9 884</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>2 559</b>	<b>829</b>	(b) <b>699</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	3 702	969	(c) 1 179	441	60	114
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>10 798</b>	<b>10 853</b>	<b>1 750</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>813</b>

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ATTENDED 10–14 HOURS IN THE REFERENCE WEEK

Preschool						
Government	1 515	8 690	128	11 357	2 516	2 644
Non-government						
Community	11 191	27 125	2 217	440	—	nya
Private for profit	—	591	27	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	730	26	—	127	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	5	217	380	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>11 191</b>	<b>28 446</b>	<b>2 275</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>507</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>12 706</b>	<b>37 136</b>	<b>2 403</b>	<b>12 014</b>	<b>3 023</b>	(b) <b>2 644</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	4 947	3 235	(c) 2 113	1 452	28	157
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>17 653</b>	<b>40 371</b>	<b>4 516</b>	<b>13 466</b>	<b>3 051</b>	<b>2 801</b>

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<i>Episodes of children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	Qld(a)	SA	Tas.	ACT
.....						
ATTENDED 15 HOURS OR MORE IN THE REFERENCE WEEK						
Preschool						
Government	2 064	262	325	72	1 564	634
Non-government						
Community	13 836	2 337	11 555	13	—	nya
Private for profit	—	174	458	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	1 589	605	—	365	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	24	—	551	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>13 836</b>	<b>4 100</b>	<b>12 642</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>916</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>15 900</b>	<b>4 362</b>	<b>12 967</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2 480</b>	(b) <b>634</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	10 906	7 493	(c)11 736	375	117	405
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>26 806</b>	<b>11 855</b>	<b>24 703</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>2 597</b>	<b>1 039</b>
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TOTAL						
Preschool						
Government	4 230	11 529	688	14 102	4 888	4 156
Non-government						
Community	33 747	38 160	14 651	453	—	nya
Private for profit	—	993	502	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 521	753	—	542	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	40	329	1 037	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>33 747</b>	<b>41 674</b>	<b>15 946</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1 579</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>37 977</b>	<b>53 203</b>	<b>16 634</b>	<b>14 884</b>	<b>6 467</b>	(b) <b>4 156</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	20 795	11 827	(c)21 228	2 300	232	714
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>58 772</b>	<b>65 030</b>	<b>37 862</b>	<b>17 184</b>	<b>6 699</b>	<b>4 870</b>
.....						
NOT STATED						
Preschool						
Government	—	560	—	—	—	—
Non-government						
Community	—	2 008	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	53	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	108	—	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	<b>2 169</b>	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	—	<b>2 729</b>	—	—	—	(b)—
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	8 475	568	(c)—	—	25	335
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>8 475</b>	<b>3 297</b>	—	—	<b>25</b>	<b>335</b>
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Episodes of  
children  
aged 4-5  
years  
enrolled

NSW Vic. Qld(a) SA WA Tas. NT ACT Aust.

GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOL

Hourly fees

\$0	4 230	4 528	13	14 102	22 535	4 888	3 012	4 156	57 464
\$1-\$4	—	7 523	77	—	—	—	—	—	7 600
\$5-\$9	—	np	73	—	—	—	—	—	np
\$10-\$14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$15-\$19	—	np	—	—	—	—	—	—	np
\$20+	—	—	(b)11	—	—	—	—	—	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 230</b>	<b>12 088</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>14 102</b>	<b>22 535</b>	<b>4 888</b>	<b>3 012</b>	<b>4 156</b>	<b>65 185</b>
Not stated	—	np	514	—	—	—	np	—	528

NON-GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOL

Hourly fees

\$0	1 002	13 073	600	13	2 063	31	74	(c)nya	16 856
\$1-\$4	18 550	28 157	9 230	769	4 990	1 272	—	(c)nya	62 968
\$5-\$9	13 884	1 510	3 350	—	784	230	—	(c)nya	19 758
\$10-\$14	311	1 064	247	—	261	40	—	(c)nya	1 923
\$15-\$19	—	np	446	—	69	np	—	(c)nya	539
\$20+	—	np	(b)1 277	—	40	np	—	(c)nya	1 328
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 747</b>	<b>43 833</b>	<b>15 150</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>8 207</b>	<b>1 579</b>	<b>74</b>	(c)nya	<b>103 372</b>
Not stated	—	np	796	—	160	—	np	(c)nya	1 061

LONG DAY CARE

Hourly fees

\$0	860	68	4 784	1 280	16	11	—	7	7 026
\$1-\$4	12 842	31	5 411	1 014	216	194	17	261	19 986
\$5-\$9	5 583	np	4 269	np	198	np	21	397	10 519
\$10-\$14	1 002	50	2 060	np	29	np	23	np	3 216
\$15-\$19	247	np	591	—	6	np	16	np	865
\$20+	261	—	(b)3 264	np	10	—	8	np	3 545
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 795</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>20 379</b>	<b>2 300</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>45 157</b>
Not stated	8 475	12 218	849	—	361	25	59	335	22 322

TOTAL

Hourly fees

\$0	6 092	17 669	5 397	15 395	24 614	4 930	3 086	4 163	81 346
\$1-\$4	31 392	35 711	14 718	1 783	5 206	1 466	17	261	90 554
\$5-\$9	19 467	1 571	7 692	np	982	np	21	397	np
\$10-\$14	1 313	1 114	2 307	np	290	42	23	np	5 139
\$15-\$19	247	np	1 037	—	75	np	16	np	np
\$20+	261	np	(b)4 552	np	50	np	8	np	4 884
<b>Total</b>	<b>58 772</b>	<b>56 098</b>	<b>35 703</b>	<b>17 184</b>	<b>31 217</b>	<b>6 699</b>	<b>3 171</b>	<b>4 870</b>	<b>213 714</b>
Not stated	8 475	12 229	2 159	—	521	25	167	335	23 911

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 (a) Qld data for 2011 includes a small number of Non-government Preschool services which were incorrectly identified as Government

(b) Fees data may be affected by data quality issues in the denominator (such as under reporting of hours, with hours per day reported as hours per week) and in the numerator (such as over reporting of fees including: childcare fees above and beyond the preschool program component and fees additional to out of pocket expenses)  
 (c) Australian Capital Territory total preschool only includes government preschools and is not a complete representation of the preschool sector

EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLLED, State and Territory, Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage, Age(a)

<i>Episodes of children enrolled</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
4 YEARS						
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>						
Quintile 1	11 046	7 569	3 655	1 157	752	85
Quintile 2	10 461	7 733	4 954	832	450	214
Quintile 3	7 741	10 177	5 031	739	582	608
Quintile 4	8 801	10 738	6 314	486	443	1 275
Quintile 5	13 757	9 460	7 758	278	366	1 817
<b>Total</b>	<b>51 806</b>	<b>45 677</b>	<b>27 712</b>	<b>3 492</b>	<b>2 593</b>	<b>3 999</b>
Not stated(b)	2 372	878	2 815	54	468	129
5 YEARS						
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>						
Quintile 1	2 468	2 778	41	1 034	86	17
Quintile 2	2 731	3 545	41	793	46	47
Quintile 3	1 857	4 777	37	612	39	196
Quintile 4	2 086	5 377	62	469	27	340
Quintile 5	3 295	5 022	88	210	18	443
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 437</b>	<b>21 499</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>3 118</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1 043</b>
Not stated(b)	632	273	942	60	61	34
TOTAL						
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>						
Quintile 1	13 514	10 347	3 696	2 191	838	102
Quintile 2	13 192	11 278	4 995	1 625	496	261
Quintile 3	9 598	14 954	5 068	1 351	621	804
Quintile 4	10 887	16 115	6 376	955	470	1 615
Quintile 5	17 052	14 482	7 846	488	384	2 260
<b>Total</b>	<b>64 243</b>	<b>67 176</b>	<b>27 981</b>	<b>6 610</b>	<b>2 809</b>	<b>5 042</b>
Not stated(b)	3 004	1 151	3 757	114	529	163

- (a) See SEIFA in Explanatory Notes for more information on Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD)
- (b) An index of relative disadvantage can be not stated if the geography of the child was not provided or if the child's geography was not able to be coded

# EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ATTENDED, State and Territory, Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage, Age(a)

<i>Episodes of children attended</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....					
4 YEARS					
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>					
Quintile 1	10 806	7 028	1 147	604	82
Quintile 2	10 265	7 318	825	420	206
Quintile 3	7 624	9 735	734	556	594
Quintile 4	8 642	10 274	483	410	1 238
Quintile 5	13 524	9 069	276	344	1 784
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 861</b>	<b>43 424</b>	<b>3 465</b>	<b>2 334</b>	<b>3 904</b>
Not stated(b)	2 328	823	53	352	121
.....					
5 YEARS					
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>					
Quintile 1	2 408	2 606	1 022	71	17
Quintile 2	2 684	3 386	783	43	47
Quintile 3	1 833	4 571	603	39	191
Quintile 4	2 054	5 135	465	25	336
Quintile 5	3 252	4 827	208	18	434
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 231</b>	<b>20 525</b>	<b>3 081</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1 025</b>
Not stated(b)	621	254	59	49	32
.....					
TOTAL					
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>					
Quintile 1	13 214	9 634	2 169	675	99
Quintile 2	12 949	10 704	1 608	463	253
Quintile 3	9 457	14 306	1 337	595	785
Quintile 4	10 696	15 409	948	435	1 574
Quintile 5	16 776	13 896	484	362	2 218
<b>Total</b>	<b>63 092</b>	<b>63 949</b>	<b>6 546</b>	<b>2 530</b>	<b>4 929</b>
Not stated(b)	2 949	1 077	112	401	153

(a) See SEIFA in Explanatory Notes for more information on Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD)

(b) An index of relative disadvantage can be not stated if the geography of the child was not provided or if the child's geography was not able to be coded

# EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLMENT, Sector, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a)

*Episodes of children aged 4–5 years enrolled*

	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA						
Preschool						
Government	3 236	8 007	14 930	—	—	4 021
Non-government						
Community	17 747	28 372	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	748	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 077	1 200	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	2 646	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>17 747</b>	<b>31 197</b>	<b>(b)3 846</b>	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>20 983</b>	<b>39 204</b>	<b>18 776</b>	—	—	<b>(c)4 021</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	21 762	10 960	767	3	—	980
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>42 745</b>	<b>50 164</b>	<b>19 543</b>	<b>3</b>	—	<b>5 001</b>

## INNER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool						
Government	294	3 587	3 115	3 041	np	91
Non-government						
Community	9 434	9 119	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	298	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	505	375	410	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	576	735	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>9 434</b>	<b>9 922</b>	<b>(b)951</b>	<b>1 145</b>	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>9 728</b>	<b>13 509</b>	<b>4 066</b>	<b>4 186</b>	np	<b>(c)91</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	6 011	1 262	54	232	np	42
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>15 739</b>	<b>14 771</b>	<b>4 120</b>	<b>4 418</b>	np	<b>133</b>

## OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool						
Government	134	433	2 154	1 710	1 530	7
Non-government						
Community	4 156	2 379	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	43	97	126	58	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	338	262	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>4 156</b>	<b>2 422</b>	<b>(b)435</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>58</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>4 290</b>	<b>2 855</b>	<b>2 589</b>	<b>2 098</b>	<b>1 588</b>	<b>(c)7</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	1 055	77	4	21	132	np
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>5 345</b>	<b>2 932</b>	<b>2 593</b>	<b>2 119</b>	<b>1 720</b>	np

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EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLMENT, Sector, State and Territory,  
Remoteness Areas(a) *continued*

*Episodes of children aged 4–5 years enrolled*

	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
.....						
REMOTE AUSTRALIA						
Preschool						
Government	49	7	1 304	69	535	—
Non-government						
Community	414	23	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	3	—	31	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	119	21	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>(b)122</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 426</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>572</b>	(c)—
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	8	10	—	—	11	np
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1 426</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>583</b>	np

.....						
VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA						
Preschool						
Government	17	—	610	4	595	—
Non-government						
Community	9	—	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	20	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>9</b>	—	<b>(b)20</b>	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>26</b>	—	<b>630</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>595</b>	(c)—
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>26</b>	—	<b>630</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>595</b>	—

.....						
TOTAL						
Preschool						
Government	3 730	12 034	22 113	4 824	np	4 119
Non-government						
Community	31 760	39 893	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	1 046	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 625	1 675	536	89	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	3 699	1 018	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>31 760</b>	<b>43 564</b>	<b>(b)5 374</b>	<b>1 554</b>	<b>95</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>35 490</b>	<b>55 598</b>	<b>27 487</b>	<b>6 378</b>	np	<b>(c)4 119</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	28 836	12 309	825	256	np	1 028
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>64 326</b>	<b>67 907</b>	<b>28 312</b>	<b>6 634</b>	np	<b>5 147</b>

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EPIISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLMENT, Sector, State and Territory,  
Remoteness Areas(a) *continued*

<i>Episodes of children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
NOT STATED						
Preschool						
Government	500	55	422	np	364	37
Non-government						
Community	1 987	275	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	4	1 655	6	6	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	1 338	19	68	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 987</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>(b)2 993</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>74</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>2 487</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>3 415</b>	np	<b>438</b>	<b>(c)37</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	434	86	11	np	—	21
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 921</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>3 426</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>58</b>

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# EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE, Sector, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a)

*Episodes of children aged 4–5 years attended*

	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	3 236	7 661	—	—	3 934
Non-government					
Community	17 495	26 929	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	709	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	1 993	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>17 495</b>	<b>29 631</b>	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>20 731</b>	<b>37 292</b>	—	—	(b) <b>3 934</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	21 372	10 438	3	—	954
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>42 103</b>	<b>47 730</b>	<b>3</b>	—	<b>4 888</b>

## INNER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	294	3 410	3 013	np	89
Non-government					
Community	9 262	8 704	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	284	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	483	408	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	728	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>9 262</b>	<b>9 471</b>	<b>1 136</b>	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>9 556</b>	<b>12 881</b>	<b>4 149</b>	np	(b) <b>89</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	5 862	1 219	227	np	42
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>15 418</b>	<b>14 100</b>	<b>4 376</b>	np	<b>131</b>

## OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	134	398	1 696	1 420	7
Non-government					
Community	4 022	2 244	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	41	126	58	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	260	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>4 022</b>	<b>2 285</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>58</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>4 156</b>	<b>2 683</b>	<b>2 082</b>	<b>1 478</b>	(b) <b>7</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	1 032	76	21	130	np
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>5 188</b>	<b>2 759</b>	<b>2 103</b>	<b>1 608</b>	np

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EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE, Sector, State and Territory,  
Remoteness Areas(a) *continued*

<i>Episodes of children aged 4–5 years attended</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
.....					
REMOTE AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	49	6	64	502	—
Non-government					
Community	382	20	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	28	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	20	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>535</b>	(b)—
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	8	10	—	11	np
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>546</b>	np
.....					
VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	17	—	4	429	—
Non-government					
Community	8	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>8</b>	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>25</b>	—	<b>4</b>	<b>429</b>	(b)—
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>25</b>	—	<b>4</b>	<b>429</b>	—
.....					
TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	3 730	11 475	4 777	np	4 030
Non-government					
Community	31 169	37 897	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	993	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 517	534	86	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	1 008	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>31 169</b>	<b>41 407</b>	<b>1 542</b>	<b>91</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>34 899</b>	<b>52 882</b>	<b>6 319</b>	np	(b) <b>4 030</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	28 274	11 743	251	np	1 000
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>63 173</b>	<b>64 625</b>	<b>6 570</b>	np	<b>5 030</b>

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EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE, Sector, State and Territory,  
Remoteness Areas(a) *continued*

<i>Episodes of children aged 4–5 years attended</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
NOT STATED					
Preschool					
Government	500	54	np	291	31
Non-government					
Community	1 951	259	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	4	6	6	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	19	49	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 951</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>55</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>2 451</b>	<b>317</b>	np	<b>346</b>	(b) <b>31</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	417	84	np	—	21
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 868</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>52</b>

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Episodes of children  
aged 4-5 years  
enrolled

NSW Vic. Tas. NT ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours enrolled

1-4 hours	618	141	—	—	9
5-9 hours	4 203	905	np	—	159
10-14 hours	11 148	37 303	np	—	3 120
15 hours or more	20 324	11 282	—	—	1 396
<b>Total</b>	<b>36 293</b>	<b>49 631</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4 684</b>
Not stated	6 452	533	—	—	317

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours enrolled

1-4 hours	452	11	24	9	—
5-9 hours	4 389	np	69	35	6
10-14 hours	5 696	15 397	3 182	877	92
15 hours or more	8 661	np	3 237	752	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 198</b>	<b>17 659</b>	<b>6 512</b>	<b>1 673</b>	<b>131</b>
Not stated	np	44	25	49	np

REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours enrolled

1-4 hours	21	—	—	4	—
5-9 hours	99	np	np	16	—
10-14 hours	139	26	np	440	—
15 hours or more	237	np	89	698	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1 158</b>	<b>—</b>
Not stated	np	—	—	20	np

TOTAL

Weekly hours enrolled

1-4 hours	1 091	152	24	13	9
5-9 hours	8 691	1 112	70	51	165
10-14 hours	16 983	52 726	3 189	1 317	3 212
15 hours or more	29 222	13 340	3 326	1 450	1 429
<b>Total</b>	<b>55 987</b>	<b>67 330</b>	<b>6 609</b>	<b>2 831</b>	<b>4 815</b>
Not stated	8 339	577	25	69	332

NOT STATED

Weekly hours enrolled

1-4 hours	41	np	—	np	—
5-9 hours	408	np	—	np	19
10-14 hours	948	344	50	196	18
15 hours or more	1 388	66	40	229	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 785</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>55</b>
Not stated	136	np	—	3	3

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*Episodes of children aged 4-5 years enrolled*

NSW Vic. Tas. ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours attended

0-4 hours	8 199	1 567	—	519
5-9 hours	5 341	8 079	np	767
10-15 hours	11 056	27 896	np	2 717
15 hours or more	18 149	10 188	—	998
<b>Total</b>	<b>42 745</b>	<b>47 730</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5 001</b>

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours attended

0-4 hours	3 369	357	178	np
5-9 hours	4 804	np	867	28
10-15 hours	5 577	12 257	2 984	70
15 hours or more	7 334	np	2 508	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 084</b>	<b>16 863</b>	<b>6 537</b>	np

REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours attended

0-4 hours	95	—	6	np
5-9 hours	129	np	np	—
10-15 hours	98	20	np	—
15 hours or more	175	np	55	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>94</b>	np

TOTAL

Weekly hours attended

0-4 hours	11 663	1 924	184	540
5-9 hours	10 274	10 738	879	795
10-15 hours	16 731	40 173	3 008	2 787
15 hours or more	25 658	11 794	2 563	1 025
<b>Total</b>	<b>64 326</b>	<b>64 629</b>	<b>6 634</b>	<b>5 147</b>

NOT STATED

Weekly hours attended

0-4 hours	327	27	3	12
5-9 hours	524	115	10	18
10-15 hours	922	198	43	14
15 hours or more	1 148	61	34	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 921</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>58</b>

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EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, Hourly fees charged, State and Territory,  
Remoteness Areas(a)

*Episodes of  
children  
aged 4-5  
years  
enrolled*

	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
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MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Hourly fees	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	4 224	11 112	16 284	—	—	4 143
\$1-\$4	15 164	26 408	4 034	—	—	261
\$5-\$9	17 091	1 240	np	—	—	397
\$10-\$14	1 215	1 111	np	—	—	45
\$15-\$19	225	27	75	—	—	np
\$20+	251	6	50	—	—	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 170</b>	<b>39 904</b>	<b>21 632</b>	—	—	<b>4 850</b>
Not stated	6 555	10 887	457	—	—	325

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Hourly fees	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	1 654	6 460	5 988	4 846	1 578	20
\$1-\$4	15 766	9 083	1 053	1 452	17	—
\$5-\$9	2 333	331	np	254	21	—
\$10-\$14	97	3	np	42	23	—
\$15-\$19	22	—	—	np	16	—
\$20+	10	—	—	np	np	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 882</b>	<b>15 877</b>	<b>7 124</b>	<b>6 601</b>	np	<b>20</b>
Not stated	1 906	1 193	44	25	109	—

REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Hourly fees	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	206	8	2 331	84	1 508	—
\$1-\$4	263	23	119	14	—	—
\$5-\$9	28	—	—	—	—	—
\$10-\$14	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$15-\$19	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$20+	—	—	—	—	np	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2 450</b>	<b>98</b>	np	—
Not stated	—	10	20	—	58	—

TOTAL

Hourly fees	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	6 084	17 580	24 603	4 930	3 086	4 163
\$1-\$4	31 193	35 514	5 206	1 466	17	261
\$5-\$9	19 452	1 571	982	254	21	397
\$10-\$14	1 312	1 114	290	42	23	45
\$15-\$19	247	27	75	np	16	np
\$20+	261	6	50	np	8	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>58 549</b>	<b>55 812</b>	<b>31 206</b>	<b>6 699</b>	<b>3 171</b>	<b>4 870</b>
Not stated	8 461	12 090	521	25	167	325

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*Episodes of  
children  
aged 4-5  
years  
enrolled*

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
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NOT STATED

<b>Hourly fees</b>						
\$0	8	89	11	—	—	—
\$1-\$4	199	197	—	—	—	—
\$5-\$9	np	—	—	—	—	—
\$10-\$14	np	—	—	—	—	—
\$15-\$19	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$20+	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>11</b>	—	—	—
Not stated	14	139	—	—	—	10

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## Episodes of Indigenous children enrolled

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
4 YEARS									
Preschool									
Government	357	76	495	576	1 797	210	1 076	105	4 692
Non-government									
Community	1 530	np	np	8	—	—	—	nya	2 463
Private for profit	—	np	np	—	—	—	—	nya	70
Independent schools	—	np	np	—	48	np	np	nya	92
Catholic schools	—	—	7	4	145	np	np	nya	225
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 530</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>(a)193</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>nya</b>	<b>2 850</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>1 887</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>1 169</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1 990</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>(b)105</b>	<b>7 542</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	490	61	(c)614	106	17	np	14	np	1 308
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 377</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>2 007</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>1 168</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>8 850</b>

## 5 YEARS

Preschool									
Government	97	53	19	32	28	209	136	34	608
Non-government									
Community	352	np	np	—	—	—	—	nya	554
Private for profit	—	np	np	—	—	—	—	nya	7
Independent schools	—	np	np	—	21	np	np	nya	32
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	50	np	np	nya	79
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(a)71</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>nya</b>	<b>672</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>(b)34</b>	<b>1 280</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	83	25	(c)72	4	—	np	—	np	187
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>1 467</b>

## TOTAL

Preschool									
Government	454	129	514	608	1 825	419	1 212	139	5 300
Non-government									
Community	1 882	489	638	8	—	—	—	nya	3 017
Private for profit	—	24	53	—	—	—	—	nya	77
Independent schools	—	6	13	—	69	11	25	nya	124
Catholic schools	—	—	7	4	195	32	66	nya	304
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 882</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>(a)264</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>nya</b>	<b>3 522</b>
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>2 336</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>1 225</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>2 089</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1 303</b>	<b>(b)139</b>	<b>8 822</b>
Long day care									
Long day care with a preschool program	573	86	(c)686	110	17	np	14	np	1 495
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 909</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1 911</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>2 106</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>1 317</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>10 317</b>

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<i>Episodes of Indigenous children attended</i>	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	
4 YEARS								
Preschool								
Government	357	73	495	556	207	818	91	
Non-government								
Community	1 420	283	np	8	—	—	nya	
Private for profit	—	16	np	—	—	—	nya	
Independent schools	—	3	np	—	6	np	nya	
Catholic schools	—	—	7	4	14	np	nya	
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 420</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>	nya	
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>1 777</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>1 169</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>878</b>	(a) <b>91</b>	
Long day care								
Long day care with a preschool program	475	61	(b)517	106	np	14	np	
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 252</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1 686</b>	<b>674</b>	np	<b>892</b>	np	
5 YEARS								
Preschool								
Government	97	46	19	30	207	108	31	
Non-government								
Community	337	150	np	—	—	—	nya	
Private for profit	—	4	np	—	—	—	nya	
Independent schools	—	3	np	—	5	np	nya	
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	18	np	nya	
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>37</b>	—	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	nya	
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>119</b>	(a) <b>31</b>	
Long day care								
Long day care with a preschool program	82	25	(b)65	4	np	—	np	
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>34</b>	np	<b>119</b>	np	
TOTAL								
Preschool								
Government	454	119	514	586	414	926	122	
Non-government								
Community	1 757	433	638	8	—	—	nya	
Private for profit	—	20	53	—	—	—	nya	
Independent schools	—	6	13	—	11	22	nya	
Catholic schools	—	—	7	4	32	49	nya	
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 757</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>71</b>	nya	
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>2 211</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>1 225</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>997</b>	(a) <b>122</b>	
Long day care								
Long day care with a preschool program	557	86	(b)582	110	6	14	np	
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 768</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>1 807</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>1 011</b>	np	
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EPISODES OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM INDIGENOUS CHILDREN ENROLLED, Sector, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a)

*Episodes of Indigenous children aged 4–5 yrs enrolled*

	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA						
Preschool						
Government	223	46	665	—	—	101
Non-government						
Community	351	135	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	np	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>143</b>	(b)np	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>189</b>	np	—	—	(c) <b>101</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	275	58	np	—	—	3
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>702</b>	—	—	<b>104</b>

INNER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool						
Government	85	75	183	228	—	6
Non-government						
Community	733	206	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	np	5	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	16	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>228</b>	(b)np	<b>21</b>	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>303</b>	np	<b>249</b>	—	(c) <b>6</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	232	np	np	6	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>1 050</b>	np	<b>196</b>	<b>255</b>	—	<b>6</b>

OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool						
Government	38	8	317	177	299	7
Non-government						
Community	523	146	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	np	6	5	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	15	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>146</b>	(b)13	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>304</b>	(c) <b>7</b>
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	53	np	—	—	14	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>614</b>	np	<b>330</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>7</b>

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*Episodes of Indigenous children aged 4-5 yrs enrolled*

	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
.....						
REMOTE AUSTRALIA						
Preschool						
Government	21	—	296	7	180	—
Non-government						
Community	176	np	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	np	—	18	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	—	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>176</b>	np	(b)7	—	<b>24</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>197</b>	np	<b>303</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>204</b>	(c)—
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>197</b>	np	<b>303</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>204</b>	—

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VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA						
Preschool						
Government	13	—	227	—	454	—
Non-government						
Community	5	—	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	10	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>5</b>	—	(b)10	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>18</b>	—	<b>237</b>	—	<b>454</b>	(c)—
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>18</b>	—	<b>237</b>	—	<b>454</b>	—

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TOTAL						
Preschool						
Government	380	129	1 688	412	933	114
Non-government						
Community	1 788	np	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	24	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	6	12	11	23	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	51	31	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 788</b>	np	(b)63	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>2 168</b>	np	<b>1 751</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>962</b>	(c)114
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	560	np	17	6	14	3
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 728</b>	np	<b>1 768</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>117</b>

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<i>Episodes of Indigenous children aged 4-5 yrs enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
NOT STATED						
Preschool						
Government	74	—	137	np	279	25
Non-government						
Community	94	np	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	57	—	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	144	np	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>94</b>	np	(b)201	np	<b>62</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>168</b>	np	<b>338</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>341</b>	(c)25
Long day care						
Long day care with a preschool program	13	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>181</b>	np	<b>338</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>25</b>

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*Episodes of Indigenous children aged 4-5 yrs attended*

	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	223	np	—	—	89
Non-government					
Community	337	121	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>129</b>	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>560</b>	np	—	—	(b) <b>89</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	268	np	—	—	3
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>231</b>	—	—	<b>92</b>

INNER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	85	68	226	—	6
Non-government					
Community	691	185	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	5	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	16	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>21</b>	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>247</b>	—	(b) <b>6</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	223	26	6	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>253</b>	—	<b>6</b>

OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	38	np	175	259	7
Non-government					
Community	484	126	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	6	5	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	15	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>522</b>	np	<b>196</b>	<b>264</b>	(b) <b>7</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	53	np	—	14	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>7</b>

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*Episodes of Indigenous children aged 4-5 yrs attended*

NSW Vic. Tas. NT ACT

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 REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	21	—	6	155	—
Non-government					
Community	154	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	15	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>154</b>	—	—	<b>20</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>175</b>	—	<b>6</b>	<b>175</b>	(b)—
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>175</b>	—	<b>6</b>	<b>175</b>	—

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 VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	13	—	—	302	—
Non-government					
Community	5	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>5</b>	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>18</b>	—	—	<b>302</b>	(b)—
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>18</b>	—	—	<b>302</b>	—

.....  
 TOTAL

Preschool					
Government	380	119	407	716	102
Non-government					
Community	1 671	432	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	20	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	6	11	20	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	31	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 671</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>2 051</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>741</b>	(b) <b>102</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	544	86	6	14	3
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>2 595</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>105</b>

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<i>Episodes of Indigenous children aged 4-5 yrs attended</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
NOT STATED					
Preschool					
Government	74	—	np	210	20
Non-government					
Community	86	np	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>86</b>	np	np	<b>46</b>	nya
<b>Total episodes of preschool</b>	<b>160</b>	np	<b>8</b>	<b>256</b>	(b) <b>20</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program	13	—	—	—	—
<b>Total episodes of preschool program</b>	<b>173</b>	np	<b>8</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>20</b>

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<i>Children enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
.....					
4 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	3 280	8 041	2 499	2 637	np
Non-government					
Community	23 878	26 246	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	719	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	1 590	255	76	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	486	60	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>23 878</b>	<b>28 555</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>136</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	516	127	5	11	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>27 674</b>	<b>36 723</b>	<b>3 245</b>	<b>2 784</b>	(b) <b>2 792</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	22 643	8 806	np	49	498
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	1 609	431	np	125	420
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>24 252</b>	<b>9 237</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>918</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>51 926</b>	<b>45 960</b>	<b>3 473</b>	<b>2 958</b>	<b>3 710</b>
.....					
5 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	559	3 822	2 248	235	np
Non-government					
Community	6 814	13 227	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	297	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	992	243	12	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	512	13	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>6 814</b>	<b>14 516</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>25</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	151	72	4	4	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>7 524</b>	<b>18 410</b>	<b>3 007</b>	<b>264</b>	(b) <b>798</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	4 467	2 954	np	3	89
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	441	163	np	4	95
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>4 908</b>	<b>3 117</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>12 432</b>	<b>21 527</b>	<b>3 105</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>982</b>
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TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	3 839	11 863	4 747	2 872	3 541
Non-government					
Community	30 692	39 473	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	1 016	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 582	498	88	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	998	73	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>30 692</b>	<b>43 071</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>161</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	667	199	9	15	49
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>35 198</b>	<b>55 133</b>	<b>6 252</b>	<b>3 048</b>	(b) <b>3 590</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	27 110	11 760	121	52	587
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	2 050	594	205	129	515
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>29 160</b>	<b>12 354</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1 102</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>64 358</b>	<b>67 487</b>	<b>6 578</b>	<b>3 229</b>	<b>4 692</b>
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<i>Children attended</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
4 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	3 280	7 672	2 478	2 295	2 687
Non-government					
Community	23 436	24 901	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	685	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	1 524	255	73	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	481	42	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>23 436</b>	<b>27 110</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>115</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	514	122	5	10	37
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>27 230</b>	<b>34 904</b>	<b>3 219</b>	<b>2 420</b>	(b) <b>2 724</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	22 207	8 444	np	49	487
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	1 602	422	np	118	420
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>23 809</b>	<b>8 866</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>907</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>51 039</b>	<b>43 770</b>	<b>3 446</b>	<b>2 587</b>	<b>3 631</b>
5 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	559	3 649	2 220	205	775
Non-government					
Community	6 716	12 641	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	281	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	953	241	12	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	508	11	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>6 716</b>	<b>13 875</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>23</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	149	68	4	4	10
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>7 424</b>	<b>17 592</b>	<b>2 973</b>	<b>232</b>	(b) <b>785</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	4 388	2 825	np	3	87
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	439	162	np	4	95
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>4 827</b>	<b>2 987</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>12 251</b>	<b>20 579</b>	<b>3 070</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>967</b>
TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	3 839	11 321	4 698	2 500	3 462
Non-government					
Community	30 152	37 542	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	966	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 477	496	85	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	989	53	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>30 152</b>	<b>40 985</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>138</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	663	190	9	14	47
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>34 654</b>	<b>52 496</b>	<b>6 192</b>	<b>2 652</b>	(b) <b>3 509</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	26 595	11 269	120	52	574
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	2 041	584	204	122	515
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>28 636</b>	<b>11 853</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1 089</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>63 290</b>	<b>64 349</b>	<b>6 516</b>	<b>2 826</b>	<b>4 598</b>
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<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
.....					
LESS THAN 10 HOURS					
Preschool					
Government	48	10	4	32	39
Non-government					
Community	4 990	115	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	29	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	8	np	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>4 990</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>11</b>	—	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	6	—	—	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>5 044</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	(b) <b>39</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	3 294	904	24	18	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	187	—	—	—	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>3 481</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>8 525</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>71</b>
.....					
10–14 HOURS					
Preschool					
Government	1 133	11 494	2 556	1 378	2 630
Non-government					
Community	10 562	35 956	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	746	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	743	np	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	20	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>10 562</b>	<b>37 445</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>20</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	82	5	—	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>11 777</b>	<b>48 944</b>	<b>3 039</b>	<b>1 398</b>	(b) <b>2 630</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	4 523	3 057	15	np	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	371	60	66	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>4 894</b>	<b>3 117</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>16 671</b>	<b>52 061</b>	<b>3 120</b>	<b>1 423</b>	<b>2 860</b>
.....					
15 HOURS OR MORE					
Preschool					
Government	2 658	358	2 187	1 449	872
Non-government					
Community	15 140	3 396	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	240	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	1 831	385	88	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	617	53	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>15 140</b>	<b>5 467</b>	<b>1 002</b>	<b>141</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	579	194	9	15	49
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>18 377</b>	<b>6 019</b>	<b>3 198</b>	<b>1 605</b>	(b) <b>921</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	11 404	7 308	66	np	339
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	1 492	534	139	np	340
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>12 896</b>	<b>7 842</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>679</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>31 273</b>	<b>13 861</b>	<b>3 403</b>	<b>1 712</b>	<b>1 600</b>
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<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
.....					
TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	3 839	11 862	4 747	2 859	3 541
Non-government					
Community	30 692	39 467	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	1 015	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 582	498	88	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	998	73	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>30 692</b>	<b>43 064</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>161</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	667	199	9	15	49
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>35 198</b>	<b>55 125</b>	<b>6 252</b>	<b>3 035</b>	(b) <b>3 590</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	19 221	11 269	105	21	426
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	2 050	594	205	129	515
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>21 271</b>	<b>11 863</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>941</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>56 469</b>	<b>66 988</b>	<b>6 562</b>	<b>3 185</b>	<b>4 531</b>
.....					
NOT STATED					
Preschool					
Government	—	np	—	13	—
Non-government					
Community	—	np	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	np	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	—	np	—	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	—	<b>8</b>	—	<b>13</b>	(b) —
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	7 889	491	16	31	161
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>7 889</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>7 889</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>161</b>
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Children aged 4–5 years enrolled

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ATTENDED 0–4 HOURS

Preschool				
Government	254	404	112	147
Non-government				
Community	1 657	1 319	—	nya
Private for profit	—	31	—	nya
Independent schools	—	20	7	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	12	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 657</b>	<b>1 370</b>	<b>19</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	15	—	—	6
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>1 926</b>	<b>1 774</b>	<b>131</b>	(b) <b>153</b>
Long day care				
Long day care with a preschool program only	1 103	104	np	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	44	—	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>1 147</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>3 073</b>	<b>1 878</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>172</b>

ATTENDED 5–9 HOURS

Preschool				
Government	330	2 116	679	571
Non-government				
Community	5 642	7 206	—	nya
Private for profit	—	184	—	nya
Independent schools	—	174	38	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	89	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>5 642</b>	<b>7 564</b>	<b>127</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	43	3	—	5
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>6 015</b>	<b>9 683</b>	<b>806</b>	(b) <b>576</b>
Long day care				
Long day care with a preschool program only	2 995	797	np	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	111	5	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>3 106</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>9 121</b>	<b>10 485</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>627</b>

ATTENDED 10–14 HOURS

Preschool				
Government	1 305	8 546	2 405	2 276
Non-government				
Community	10 243	26 715	—	nya
Private for profit	—	582	—	nya
Independent schools	—	704	114	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	351	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>10 243</b>	<b>28 001</b>	<b>465</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	93	11	3	7
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>11 641</b>	<b>36 558</b>	<b>2 873</b>	(b) <b>2 283</b>
Long day care				
Long day care with a preschool program only	4 502	3 052	11	59
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	205	29	55	49
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>4 707</b>	<b>3 081</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>16 348</b>	<b>39 639</b>	<b>2 939</b>	<b>2 391</b>

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Children aged 4–5 years enrolled

	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	ACT
.....				
ATTENDED 15 HOURS OR MORE				
Preschool				
Government	1 950	255	1 551	547
Non-government				
Community	13 150	2 306	—	nya
Private for profit	—	169	—	nya
Independent schools	—	1 579	339	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	546	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>13 150</b>	<b>4 054</b>	<b>885</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	516	129	6	31
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>15 616</b>	<b>4 438</b>	<b>2 442</b>	(b) <b>578</b>
Long day care				
Long day care with a preschool program only	10 495	7 304	62	314
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	1 247	466	129	274
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>11 742</b>	<b>7 770</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>27 358</b>	<b>12 208</b>	<b>2 633</b>	<b>1 166</b>

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TOTAL

Preschool				
Government	3 839	11 321	4 747	3 541
Non-government				
Community	30 692	37 546	—	nya
Private for profit	—	966	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 477	498	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	998	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>30 692</b>	<b>40 989</b>	<b>1 496</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	667	143	9	49
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>35 198</b>	<b>52 453</b>	<b>6 252</b>	(b) <b>3 590</b>
Long day care				
Long day care with a preschool program only	19 095	11 257	105	423
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	1 607	500	196	343
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>20 702</b>	<b>11 757</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>766</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>55 900</b>	<b>64 210</b>	<b>6 553</b>	<b>4 356</b>

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NOT STATED

Preschool				
Government	—	542	—	—
Non-government				
Community	—	1 927	—	nya
Private for profit	—	50	—	nya
Independent schools	—	105	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	<b>2 082</b>	—	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	—	56	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	—	<b>2 680</b>	—	(b) —
Long day care				
Long day care with a preschool program only	8 015	503	16	162
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	443	94	9	172
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>8 458</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>8 458</b>	<b>3 277</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>334</b>

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<i>Children enrolled</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
4 YEARS					
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>					
Quintile 1	10 630	7 482	1 145	739	78
Quintile 2	10 033	7 652	828	442	198
Quintile 3	7 494	10 058	719	552	554
Quintile 4	8 443	10 585	474	430	1 156
Quintile 5	13 231	9 317	263	346	1 633
<b>Total</b>	<b>49 831</b>	<b>45 094</b>	<b>3 429</b>	<b>2 509</b>	<b>3 619</b>
Not stated(b)	2 095	866	44	449	91

5 YEARS					
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>					
Quintile 1	2 372	2 743	1 021	85	16
Quintile 2	2 583	3 509	781	42	45
Quintile 3	1 769	4 739	601	39	187
Quintile 4	1 981	5 309	448	27	307
Quintile 5	3 164	4 962	202	17	399
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 869</b>	<b>21 262</b>	<b>3 053</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>954</b>
Not stated(b)	563	265	52	61	28

TOTAL					
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>					
Quintile 1	13 002	10 225	2 166	824	94
Quintile 2	12 616	11 161	1 609	484	243
Quintile 3	9 263	14 797	1 320	591	741
Quintile 4	10 424	15 894	922	457	1 463
Quintile 5	16 395	14 279	465	363	2 032
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 700</b>	<b>66 356</b>	<b>6 482</b>	<b>2 719</b>	<b>4 573</b>
Not stated(b)	2 658	1 131	96	510	119

- (a) See SEIFA in Explanatory Notes for more information on Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD)
- (b) An index of relative disadvantage can be not stated if the geography of the child was not provided or if the child's geography was not able to be coded

Children aged 4–5 years enrolled

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	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
Preschool					
Government	2 993	7 829	—	—	3 445
Non-government					
Community	16 570	27 784	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	725	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 037	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>16 570</b>	<b>30 546</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	241	145	—	—	36
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>19 804</b>	<b>38 520</b>	—	—	(c) <b>3 481</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	20 548	10 366	—	—	539
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	1 072	550	—	—	505
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>21 620</b>	<b>10 916</b>	—	—	<b>1 044</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>41 424</b>	<b>49 436</b>	—	—	<b>4 525</b>

INNER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	250	3 545	2 914	np	82
Non-government					
Community	8 372	9 040	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	291	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	499	369	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	703	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>8 372</b>	<b>9 830</b>	<b>1 072</b>	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	215	40	6	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>8 837</b>	<b>13 415</b>	<b>3 992</b>	np	(c) <b>82</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	5 328	1 224	110	np	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	720	42	194	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>6 048</b>	<b>1 266</b>	<b>304</b>	np	<b>45</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>14 885</b>	<b>14 681</b>	<b>4 296</b>	np	<b>127</b>

OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	116	429	1 701	1 429	7
Non-government					
Community	3 624	2 358	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	42	123	58	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	259	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>3 624</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>58</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	152	13	3	3	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>3 892</b>	<b>2 842</b>	<b>2 086</b>	<b>1 490</b>	(c) <b>7</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	854	77	11	50	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	250	—	11	107	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>1 104</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>4 996</b>	<b>2 919</b>	<b>2 108</b>	<b>1 647</b>	<b>12</b>

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<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
.....					
REMOTE AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	47	7	69	np	—
Non-government					
Community	np	23	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	26	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	21	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	23	21	32	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	np	—	—	7	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>90</b>	np	(c)—
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	6	10	—	np	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	3	—	—	np	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	—	np	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>90</b>	np	—
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VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	16	—	12	589	—
Non-government					
Community	np	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	—	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	np	—	—	5	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>25</b>	—	<b>12</b>	<b>594</b>	(c)—
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>25</b>	—	<b>12</b>	<b>594</b>	—
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TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	3 422	11 810	4 696	2 523	3 534
Non-government					
Community	28 936	39 205	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	1 016	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	2 578	492	84	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	983	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>28 936</b>	<b>42 799</b>	<b>1 475</b>	<b>90</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	639	198	9	15	36
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>32 997</b>	<b>54 807</b>	<b>6 180</b>	<b>2 628</b>	(c) <b>3 570</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	26 736	11 677	121	52	579
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	2 045	592	205	129	515
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>28 781</b>	<b>12 269</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1 094</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>61 778</b>	<b>67 076</b>	<b>6 506</b>	<b>2 809</b>	<b>4 664</b>
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<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	NSW	Vic.	Tas.	NT	ACT
NOT STATED					
Preschool					
Government	417	np	51	349	7
Non-government					
Community	1 756	268	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	4	6	4	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	15	67	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 756</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>71</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	28	np	—	—	13
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>2 201</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>420</b>	(c) <b>20</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	374	np	—	—	8
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	5	np	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>85</b>	—	—	<b>8</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 580</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>28</b>

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<i>Indigenous children enrolled</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
4 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	317	np	213	1 051	np
Non-government					
Community	1 359	321	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	18	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	3	7	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	14	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 359</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>74</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	72	np	—	9	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>1 748</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>234</b>	np	(b) <b>80</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	437	61	np	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	92	—	np	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>8</b>	np	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 277</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1 157</b>	<b>83</b>
5 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	81	np	210	135	np
Non-government					
Community	320	163	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	5	np	—	nya
Independent schools	—	3	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	21	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>171</b>	np	<b>13</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	16	np	np	—	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>238</b>	np	(b) <b>26</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	72	np	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	22	np	3	np	3
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	np	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>29</b>
TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	398	127	423	1 186	76
Non-government					
Community	1 679	484	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	23	np	—	nya
Independent schools	—	6	np	21	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	35	66	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 679</b>	<b>513</b>	np	<b>87</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	88	5	np	9	30
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>2 165</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>1 282</b>	(b) <b>106</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	509	np	np	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	114	np	np	18	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 788</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>1 306</b>	<b>112</b>
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<i>Indigenous children attended</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
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4 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	317	np	210	795	53
Non-government					
Community	1 268	282	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	16	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	3	7	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	14	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 268</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>56</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	71	np	—	8	23
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>1 656</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>859</b>	(b) <b>76</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	423	np	np	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	91	np	np	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>514</b>	np	<b>8</b>	np	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 170</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>79</b>
.....					
5 YEARS					
Preschool					
Government	81	np	208	107	20
Non-government					
Community	307	146	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	4	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	3	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	21	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>153</b>	np	<b>11</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	16	np	np	—	5
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>118</b>	(b) <b>25</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	71	23	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	22	np	3	np	3
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>93</b>	np	<b>3</b>	np	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>28</b>
.....					
TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	398	117	418	902	73
Non-government					
Community	1 575	428	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	20	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	6	np	18	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	35	49	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 575</b>	<b>454</b>	np	<b>67</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	87	5	np	8	28
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>2 060</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>977</b>	(b) <b>101</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	494	np	np	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	113	np	np	18	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 667</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>1 001</b>	<b>107</b>
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Indigenous children aged 4–5 years enrolled NSW Vic. Tas. NT ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	203	np	—	—	62
Non-government					
Community	319	134	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>142</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	18	np	—	—	18
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>188</b>	—	—	(c) <b>80</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	253	np	—	—	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	32	np	—	—	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>58</b>	—	—	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>246</b>	—	—	<b>86</b>

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	104	np	409	287	13
Non-government					
Community	1 117	348	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	np	4	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 117</b>	<b>369</b>	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	52	np	np	np	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>292</b>	(c) <b>13</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	243	np	3	6	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	82	np	8	16	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	—
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>1 598</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>13</b>

REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Preschool					
Government	35	—	np	625	—
Non-government					
Community	154	np	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	15	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>154</b>	np	np	<b>21</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	18	—	—	8	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>207</b>	np	<b>9</b>	<b>654</b>	(c) —
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—	np	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	—	np	—
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>207</b>	np	<b>9</b>	np	—

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<i>Indigenous children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....					
TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	342	127	np	912	75
Non-government					
Community	1 590	np	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	23	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	6	np	19	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	35	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 590</b>	np	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	88	5	np	np	18
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>2 020</b>	np	<b>466</b>	<b>946</b>	(c) <b>93</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	496	np	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	114	np	8	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>11</b>	np	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 630</b>	np	<b>477</b>	np	<b>99</b>
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NOT STATED					
Preschool					
Government	56	—	6	274	np
Non-government					
Community	89	np	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>89</b>	np	—	<b>62</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	—	—	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>145</b>	np	<b>6</b>	<b>336</b>	(c) <b>13</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	13	—	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>13</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>158</b>	np	<b>6</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>13</b>
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MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	203	np	—	—	60
Non-government					
Community	306	120	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>128</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	18	np	—	—	17
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>172</b>	—	—	(c) <b>77</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	246	np	—	—	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	32	np	—	—	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>58</b>	—	—	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>230</b>	—	—	<b>83</b>
INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	104	74	405	246	13
Non-government					
Community	1 049	307	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	14	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	4	13	4	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 049</b>	<b>325</b>	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	51	4	np	np	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>453</b>	np	(c) <b>13</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	235	28	3	np	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	81	—	8	np	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	np	—
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>1 520</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>13</b>
REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA					
Preschool					
Government	35	—	np	450	—
Non-government					
Community	139	—	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	12	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	np	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>139</b>	—	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	18	—	—	np	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>192</b>	—	<b>8</b>	np	(c)—
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—	np	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—	np	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	—	np	—
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>192</b>	—	<b>8</b>	<b>476</b>	—
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<i>Indigenous children aged 4–5 years attended</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....					
TOTAL					
Preschool					
Government	342	np	np	696	73
Non-government					
Community	1 494	427	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	np	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	13	16	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	35	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 494</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>21</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	87	np	np	8	17
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>1 923</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>725</b>	(c) <b>90</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	481	np	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	113	np	8	18	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 517</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>96</b>

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NOT STATED

Preschool					
Government	56	—	6	206	—
Non-government					
Community	81	np	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	—	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	—	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>81</b>	np	—	<b>46</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	—	—	11
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>137</b>	np	<b>6</b>	<b>252</b>	(c) <b>11</b>
Long day care					
Long day care with a preschool program only	13	—	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>13</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>150</b>	np	<b>6</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>11</b>

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<i>Children enrolled</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
4 YEARS			
Preschool			
Government	2 499	2 637	np
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	255	np	nya
Catholic schools	486	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>136</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	5	11	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>3 245</b>	<b>2 784</b>	(b) <b>2 792</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	120	49	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	108	125	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>918</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>3 473</b>	<b>2 958</b>	<b>3 710</b>
.....			
5 YEARS (c)			
Preschool			
Government	2 235	104	np
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	235	np	nya
Catholic schools	507	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>25</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	4	—	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>2 981</b>	np	(b) <b>680</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	82	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>82</b>	np	<b>87</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>3 063</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>767</b>
.....			
TOTAL			
Preschool			
Government	4 734	2 741	3 433
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	490	88	nya
Catholic schools	993	73	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 483</b>	<b>161</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	9	11	39
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>6 226</b>	np	(b) <b>3 472</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	120	49	500
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	190	np	505
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>310</b>	np	<b>1 005</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>6 536</b>	<b>3 088</b>	<b>4 477</b>
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CHILDREN ATTENDED A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME  
SCHOOLING, Sector, State and Territory, Age

<i>Children attended</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
4 YEARS			
Preschool			
Government	2 478	2 295	2 687
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	255	np	nya
Catholic schools	481	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>115</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	5	10	37
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>3 219</b>	np	(b) <b>2 724</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	119	49	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	108	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>227</b>	np	<b>907</b>
<b>Total children attending a preschool program</b>	<b>3 446</b>	<b>2 587</b>	<b>3 631</b>
.....			
5 YEARS (c)			
Preschool			
Government	2 208	89	670
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	233	np	nya
Catholic schools	504	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>23</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	4	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>2 949</b>	np	(b) <b>670</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	81	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>81</b>	np	<b>87</b>
<b>Total children attending a preschool program</b>	<b>3 030</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>757</b>
.....			
TOTAL			
Preschool			
Government	4 686	2 384	3 357
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	488	85	nya
Catholic schools	985	53	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 473</b>	<b>138</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	9	10	37
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>2 532</b>	(b) <b>3 394</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	119	49	489
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	189	119	505
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>Total children attending a preschool program</b>	<b>6 476</b>	<b>2 700</b>	<b>4 388</b>
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WEEKLY HOURS ENROLLED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME SCHOOLING, Sector, State and Territory

<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
ENROLLED LESS THAN 10 HOURS			
Preschool			
Government	4	32	37
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	—	nya
Catholic schools	np	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>11</b>	—	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	—	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	(b) <b>37</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	24	18	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	—	—	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>67</b>

.....			
ENROLLED 10–14 HOURS			
Preschool			
Government	2 549	1 317	2 553
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	101	—	nya
Catholic schools	377	20	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>20</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	—	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>3 027</b>	<b>1 337</b>	(b) <b>2 553</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	14	np	48
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	65	np	170
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>3 106</b>	<b>1 361</b>	<b>2 771</b>

.....			
ENROLLED 15 HOURS OR MORE			
Preschool			
Government	2 181	1 380	843
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	379	88	nya
Catholic schools	615	53	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>141</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	9	11	39
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>3 184</b>	<b>1 532</b>	(b) <b>882</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	66	np	287
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	125	np	334
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>621</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>3 375</b>	<b>1 637</b>	<b>1 503</b>

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WEEKLY HOURS ENROLLED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME SCHOOLING, Sector, State and Territory *continued*

<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
TOTAL			
Preschool			
Government	4 734	2 729	3 433
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	88	nya
Catholic schools	np	73	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 483</b>	<b>161</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	9	11	39
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>6 226</b>	<b>2 901</b>	(b) <b>3 472</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	104	21	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	190	126	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>869</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>6 520</b>	<b>3 048</b>	<b>4 341</b>

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NOT STATED

Preschool			
Government	—	12	—
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	—	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	—	<b>12</b>	(b) —
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	16	28	136
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>136</b>

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CHILDREN ENROLLED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME  
SCHOOLING, State and Territory, Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage, Age(a)

<i>Children enrolled</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
4 YEARS			
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>			
Quintile 1	1 145	739	78
Quintile 2	828	442	198
Quintile 3	719	552	554
Quintile 4	474	430	1 156
Quintile 5	263	346	1 633
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 429</b>	<b>2 509</b>	<b>3 619</b>
Not stated(b)	44	449	91
.....			
5 YEARS (c)			
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>			
Quintile 1	1 015	39	14
Quintile 2	774	12	40
Quintile 3	593	21	135
Quintile 4	434	11	252
Quintile 5	196	9	310
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 012</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>751</b>
Not stated(b)	51	38	16
.....			
TOTAL			
<b>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>			
Quintile 1	2 160	778	92
Quintile 2	1 602	454	238
Quintile 3	1 312	573	689
Quintile 4	908	441	1 408
Quintile 5	459	355	1 943
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 441</b>	<b>2 601</b>	<b>4 370</b>
Not stated(b)	95	487	107

- (a) See SEIFA in Explanatory Notes for more information on Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD)
- (b) An index of relative disadvantage can be not stated if the geography of the child was not provided or if the child's geography was not able to be coded
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CHILDREN ENROLLED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME SCHOOLING, Sector, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a)

Children aged 4–5 years enrolled Tas. NT ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

	Tas.	NT	ACT
Preschool			
Government	—	—	3 340
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	29
<b>Total preschool</b>	—	—	(c) <b>3 369</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	458
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	495
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	<b>953</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	—	—	<b>4 322</b>

INNER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

	Tas.	NT	ACT
Preschool			
Government	2 906	np	79
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	364	—	nya
Catholic schools	700	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 064</b>	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	6	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>3 976</b>	np	(c) <b>79</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	109	np	32
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	180	—	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>289</b>	np	np
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>4 265</b>	np	<b>120</b>

OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

	Tas.	NT	ACT
Preschool			
Government	1 696	1 396	7
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	121	np	nya
Catholic schools	257	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>378</b>	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	3	np	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>2 077</b>	<b>1 456</b>	(c) <b>7</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	11	np	3
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	10	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>153</b>	np
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>2 098</b>	<b>1 609</b>	<b>11</b>

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CHILDREN ENROLLED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME  
SCHOOLING, Sector, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a) *continued*

<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
REMOTE AUSTRALIA			
Preschool			
Government	69	np	—
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	nya
Catholic schools	21	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>21</b>	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	np	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>90</b>	np	(c)—
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	np	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	np	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	np	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>90</b>	np	—
.....			
VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA			
Preschool			
Government	12	548	—
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	5	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>553</b>	(c)—
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>553</b>	—
.....			
TOTAL			
Preschool			
Government	4 683	2 411	3 426
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	485	84	nya
Catholic schools	978	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>1 463</b>	<b>90</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	9	11	29
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>6 155</b>	<b>2 512</b>	(c) <b>3 455</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	120	49	493
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	190	126	505
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>998</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>6 465</b>	<b>2 687</b>	<b>4 453</b>

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<i>Children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
NOT STATED			
Preschool			
Government	51	330	7
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	5	4	nya
Catholic schools	15	67	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>71</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	10
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>401</b>	(c) <b>17</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	7
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	<b>7</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>24</b>

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WEEKLY HOURS ENROLLED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME SCHOOLING, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a)

Children aged 4-5  
years enrolled

Tas. NT ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours enrolled

Less than 10 hours	—	—	60
10-14 hours	—	—	2 690
15 hours or more	—	—	1 449
<b>Total</b>	—	—	<b>4 199</b>
Not stated	—	—	120

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours enrolled

Less than 10 hours	39	24	3
10-14 hours	3 059	773	79
15 hours or more	3 249	787	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 347</b>	<b>1 584</b>	<b>119</b>
Not stated	16	np	12

REMOTE/ VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Weekly hours enrolled

Less than 10 hours	—	16	—
10-14 hours	13	406	—
15 hours or more	89	644	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1 066</b>	—
Not stated	—	np	—

TOTAL

Weekly hours enrolled

Less than 10 hours	39	40	63
10-14 hours	3 072	1 179	2 769
15 hours or more	3 338	1 431	1 486
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 449</b>	<b>2 650</b>	<b>4 318</b>
Not stated	16	27	132

NOT STATED

Weekly hours enrolled

Less than 10 hours	—	10	np
10-14 hours	34	182	np
15 hours or more	37	206	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>23</b>
Not stated	—	—	np

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WEEKLY HOURS ATTENDED IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME  
SCHOOLING, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a)

Children aged 4–5  
years attended Tas. ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

<b>Weekly hours attended</b>		
0–4 hours	—	157
5–9 hours	—	573
10–14 hours	—	2 252
15 hours or more	—	1 048
<b>Total</b>	—	<b>4 030</b>
Not stated	—	292

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

<b>Weekly hours attended</b>		
0–4 hours	131	3
5–9 hours	813	25
10–14 hours	2 871	61
15 hours or more	2 523	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 338</b>	<b>118</b>
Not stated	25	13

REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

<b>Weekly hours attended</b>		
0–4 hours	6	—
5–9 hours	11	—
10–14 hours	30	—
15 hours or more	55	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	—
Not stated	—	—

TOTAL

<b>Weekly hours attended</b>		
0–4 hours	137	160
5–9 hours	824	598
10–14 hours	2 901	2 313
15 hours or more	2 578	1 077
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 440</b>	<b>4 148</b>
Not stated	25	305

NOT STATED

<b>Weekly hours attended</b>		
0–4 hours	3	4
5–9 hours	9	3
10–14 hours	28	3
15 hours or more	31	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>
Not stated	—	np

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 Areas for States and Territories

# HOURLY FEES CHARGED FOR A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME SCHOOLING, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a)

Children  
aged 4-5  
years  
enrolled

Tas. NT ACT

## MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Hourly fees	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	—	—	2 809
\$1-\$4	—	—	690
\$5-\$9	—	—	604
\$10-\$14	—	—	184
\$15-\$19	—	—	20
\$20+	—	—	15
<b>Total</b>	—	—	<b>4 322</b>
Not stated	—	—	—

## INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Hourly fees	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	4 032	1 089	89
\$1-\$4	1 875	235	21
\$5-\$9	393	156	18
\$10-\$14	56	61	3
\$15-\$19	3	np	—
\$20+	4	np	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 363</b>	<b>1 565</b>	<b>131</b>
Not stated	—	46	—

## REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Hourly fees	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	72	941	—
\$1-\$4	30	44	—
\$5-\$9	—	48	—
\$10-\$14	—	13	—
\$15-\$19	—	np	—
\$20+	—	np	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1 050</b>	—
Not stated	—	26	—

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HOURLY FEES CHARGED FOR A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME SCHOOLING, State and Territory, Remoteness Areas(a) *continued*

Children  
aged 4-5  
years  
enrolled

Tas. NT ACT

TOTAL

Hourly fees	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	4 104	2 030	2 898
\$1-\$4	1 905	279	711
\$5-\$9	393	204	622
\$10-\$14	56	74	187
\$15-\$19	3	10	20
\$20+	4	18	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 465</b>	<b>2 615</b>	<b>4 453</b>
Not stated	—	72	—

NOT STATED

Hourly fees	Tas.	NT	ACT
\$0	50	393	18
\$1-\$4	17	np	np
\$5-\$9	np	np	np
\$10-\$14	np	np	—
\$15-\$19	—	—	—
\$20+	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>24</b>
Not stated	—	4	—

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Indigenous children enrolled Tas. NT ACT

4 YEARS

Preschool			
Government	213	1 051	np
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	7	np	nya
Catholic schools	14	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>74</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	—	9	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>1 134</b>	(b) <b>80</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	5	17	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1 157</b>	<b>83</b>

5 YEARS (c)

Preschool			
Government	208	60	np
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	21	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	<b>13</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	np	—	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>73</b>	(b) <b>17</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	3	—	3
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>3</b>	—	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>20</b>

TOTAL

Preschool			
Government	421	1 111	72
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	21	nya
Catholic schools	35	66	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	<b>87</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	np	9	25
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>1 207</b>	(b) <b>97</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	8	17	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>1 230</b>	<b>103</b>

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(c) Children aged 5 years old who have repeated preschool are excluded from these counts. Age of child as at 1 July 2011

<i>Indigenous children attended</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
4 YEARS			
Preschool			
Government	210	795	53
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	7	np	nya
Catholic schools	14	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>56</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	—	8	23
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>859</b>	(b) <b>76</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	5	17	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>79</b>
.....			
5 YEARS (c)			
Preschool			
Government	206	46	16
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	21	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>11</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	np	—	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>57</b>	(b) <b>16</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	3	—	3
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>19</b>
.....			
TOTAL			
Preschool			
Government	416	841	69
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	18	nya
Catholic schools	35	49	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>67</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(a)	np	8	23
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>916</b>	(b) <b>92</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(a)	8	17	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children attending in a preschool program</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>98</b>

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Indigenous children aged 4–5 years enrolled Tas. NT ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Preschool			
Government	—	—	58
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	16
<b>Total preschool</b>	—	—	(c) <b>74</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	—	—	<b>80</b>

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool			
Government	407	279	13
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	np	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	np	np	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>284</b>	(c) <b>13</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	8	15	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>13</b>

REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Preschool			
Government	np	575	—
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	15	nya
Catholic schools	np	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	<b>21</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	8	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>604</b>	(c) —
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	np	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	np	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>9</b>	np	—

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<i>Indigenous children aged 4–5 years enrolled</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
TOTAL			
Preschool			
Government	np	854	71
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	35	6	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	np	np	16
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>888</b>	(c) <b>87</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	8	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>11</b>	np	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>475</b>	np	<b>93</b>

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NOT STATED

Preschool			
Government	6	257	np
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	<b>62</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	np
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>319</b>	(c) <b>10</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>10</b>

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Indigenous children aged 4–5 years attended Tas. NT ACT

MAJOR CITIES OF AUSTRALIA

Preschool			
Government	—	—	56
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	—	nya
Catholic schools	—	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	—	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	15
<b>Total preschool</b>	—	—	(c) <b>71</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	—	—	<b>77</b>

INNER/OUTER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Preschool			
Government	403	238	13
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	np	—	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	np	np	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>243</b>	(c) <b>13</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	8	15	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>13</b>

REMOTE/VERY REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Preschool			
Government	np	410	—
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	12	nya
Catholic schools	np	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	<b>17</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	7	—
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>434</b>	(c) —
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	np	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	np	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>8</b>	np	—

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<i>Indigenous children aged 4–5 years attended</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
.....			
TOTAL			
Preschool			
Government	np	648	69
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	np	np	nya
Catholic schools	35	5	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	np	np	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	np	np	15
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>677</b>	(c) <b>84</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	3	6	np
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	8	np	np
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	<b>11</b>	np	<b>6</b>
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>470</b>	np	<b>90</b>

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NOT STATED

Preschool			
Government	6	193	—
Non-government			
Community	—	—	nya
Private for profit	—	—	nya
Independent schools	—	np	nya
Catholic schools	—	np	nya
<b>Total Non-government</b>	—	<b>46</b>	nya
Multiple preschools(b)	—	—	8
<b>Total preschool</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>239</b>	(c) <b>8</b>
Long day care			
Long day care with a preschool program only	—	—	—
Long day care with a preschool program and Preschool(b)	—	—	—
<b>Total long day care with a preschool program</b>	—	—	—
<b>Total children enrolled in a preschool program</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>8</b>

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains experimental estimates on children enrolled and attending preschool programs across Australia collected through the National Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Collection under the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education (NP ECE).

### SCOPE AND COVERAGE

**2** The collection scope of the National ECEC Collection consists of all service providers delivering a preschool program during the reference period.

**3** For long day care (LDC) centres, information was collected from LDC's that have children enrolled aged 3-6, however only data from those delivering a preschool program were considered in-scope. Programs aimed at children in the year immediately before grade 1 are also considered out of scope for the National ECEC Collection.

**4** The National ECEC Collection aims to compile child, teacher and service provider statistics from all service providers delivering an in-scope preschool program. The following statistical entities are in-scope for the collection population:

#### *Service provider*

**5** A service provider is considered to be in-scope if it was providing a structured, play based learning program, delivered by a degree qualified teacher, aimed at children in the year or two before they commence full-time schooling (a preschool program) during the reference period.

#### *Child*

**6** All children who at 1 July were between 3 and 6 years of age (inclusive), are in-scope of the collection if they were enrolled during the reference period at a preschool program. To be considered as enrolled, the child must have attended the preschool program for at least one hour during the reference period, or be absent due to illness or extended holiday leave and expected to return.

#### *Worker*

**7** All paid employees who were working at an in-scope service provider during the reference period are in-scope of the collection. This includes both contact and non-contact workers, and is irrespective of whether the worker delivered a preschool program during the reference week.

**8** All state and territory governments of Australia, as well as the Australian Government, currently collect data on preschool programs. The current data collection governance responsibilities for ECEC within each jurisdiction are outlined below:

### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR ECEC, 2011

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Government Department</i>
Commonwealth	Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations
New South Wales	Department of Education and Communities
Victoria	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Queensland	Department of Education and Training
South Australia	Department of Education and Child Development
Western Australia	Department of Education
Tasmania	Department of Education
Northern Territory	Department of Education and Training
Australian Capital Territory	Education and Training Directorate

**9** In an effort to achieve complete coverage of all ECEC services delivering preschool programs in Australia, ECEC data were sourced from state and territory education departments and compiled together with data from the Australian Government, which collected data on children attending preschool programs in Long Day Care settings. The collection coverage in each state and territory for the 2011 National ECEC Collection is presented in detail in *National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat no: 4240.0.55.001).



## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### DATA COMPARABILITY

**10** To ensure national comparability, all jurisdictions were required to follow national data standards for the 2011 National ECEC Collection. The ECEC National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) is a set of national data standards which has been established by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), in conjunction with the ABS, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and state and territory departments responsible for early childhood education. The ECEC NMDS is designed to support jurisdictions with the collection of ECEC data under the National Information Agreement for Early Childhood Education and Care. Compliance with these standards will ensure ECEC data is consistent and comparable between state and territories. More information on the ECEC NMDS can be found on the AIHW website, <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au>.

**11** For the 2011 National ECEC Collection not all jurisdictions were able to directly align their collection methods with these standards, and this is outlined in detail in the *National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 4240.0.55.001). As a result, not all measurement concepts or data items are able to be published for all jurisdictions.

#### *Long Day Care centre data*

**12** The Australian Government managed Child Care Management System (CCMS) is the only source of information on children enrolled and attending preschool programs in LDC centres for the majority of jurisdictions.

**13** Where data on preschool programs in LDCs is also collected by the jurisdiction, an assessment between the CCMS and the jurisdictional LDC data was undertaken to determine which source would be used for publication purposes. Victoria, Queensland and South Australia are the jurisdictions for which LDC data was received from both the jurisdictional collection and CCMS. Based on investigations it has been determined for the 2011 publication that the jurisdictions LDC data would be used for estimation purposes. LDC estimates for all other jurisdictions were sourced from CCMS.

#### *Child Care Management System (CCMS) data issues*

**14** While the CCMS was not initially designed to collect information about preschool programs in Long Day Care (LDC) centres, the CCMS provides an opportunity to gain such information. From June 2010, enhancements were deployed in the CCMS to capture information on whether a child is attending a preschool program in each LDC, and the hours per week of attendance. Reporting capabilities for this data have been available since 1 September 2010.

**15** The CCMS has a high level of accuracy in reporting information on child demographics (such as name, date of birth and address information) and children's attendance in child care services, as this information contributes to the provision of Child Care Benefit (CCB). However, details on service provider characteristics or information on children's attendance in preschool programs was subject to a level of service non-response, as the provision of this data by service providers was not mandatory.

**16** Based on initial investigations into this data, it was discovered that there was an under-count of services delivering preschool programs and a subsequent under-count of children who attended a preschool program in 2011 within a CCB approved service provider.

**17** To address this under-count issue, the ABS developed a Preschool Provider Frame to provide a more comprehensive national picture of the number of known service providers delivering preschool programs in Australia.

**18** The two primary purposes for the Preschool Provider Frame were:

- to determine the coverage of the National ECEC Collection
- to assist with the supplementation of jurisdictional data with data from the CCMS for 2011.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

*Child Care Management  
System (CCMS) data issues  
continued*

**19** The project initially focused on improving and confirming the list of LDCs providing preschool programs that could be sourced from the CCMS, to ensure that data were of a sufficient quality to include in the National ECEC Collection. Using the results of the Preschool Provider Frame, imputation was undertaken for a number of LDCs within the CCMS data set to indicate that those LDCs were delivering preschool programs.

**20** This meant that a higher number of LDCs sourced from the CCMS were included in the National ECEC Collection.

COLLECTION DATE AND  
REFERENCE PERIOD

**21** The collection date for the National ECEC Collection is the first Friday in August of each year. In 2011, the collection date for all jurisdictions was Friday, 5 August 2011, with a reference period of 1 – 5 August 2011. Some jurisdictions preferred to incorporate a reference period of one or two weeks that included the collection date, to better reflect their preschool program delivery model. Jurisdictional collection dates and reference periods for 2011 are summarised in the table below.

### JURISDICTIONAL COLLECTION DATES AND REFERENCE PERIODS, 2011

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Collection Date</i>	<i>Reference Period</i>
Commonwealth	5 August 2011	1 - 7 August 2011
New South Wales	5 August 2011	(a) 1 - 12 August 2011
Victoria	5 August 2011	1 - 5 August 2011
Queensland	5 August 2011	(b) (a) 1 - 7 August 2011 and 25 July - 7 August 2011
South Australia	5 August 2011	(a) 25 July - 5 August 2011
Western Australia	5 August 2011	(a) 25 July - 5 August 2011
Tasmania	5 August 2011	(a) 25 July - 5 August 2011
Northern Territory	5 August 2011	1 - 5 August 2011
Australian Capital Territory	5 August 2011	(a) 1 - 12 August 2011

(a) Jurisdiction collected data for a fortnightly reference period to reflect their preschool delivery model better.

(b) Reference period for community-based preschools in Queensland.

**22** For the National ECEC Collection to be comparable across the states and territories, it is necessary for all jurisdictions to have consistent collection dates and overlapping reference periods. The use of the recommended collection date of the first Friday in August also aligns the National ECEC Collection with the census date used for the National Schools Statistics Collection to ensure that children are only counted in one sector of early childhood education.

AGE REFERENCE DATE

**23** The National ECEC Collection age reference date for aggregate collections is 1 July of the collection year. In 2011, all states and territories that provided aggregate level data collected age at this reference date.

**24** For jurisdictions that provided unit record level (URL) data, where the age of the child could not be directly derived, the age was imputed based on available information.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

**25** An Early Childhood Education (ECE) program is an alternate term for a preschool program. Preschool program terminology differs across states and territories and these differences are summarised in the table below.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM  
*continued*

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM TERMINOLOGY, BY STATE AND TERRITORY, 2011

#### PRESCHOOL (YEAR BEFORE FULL-TIME SCHOOLING)

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Program name</i>	<i>Age entry requirement</i>
New South Wales	Preschool	3 and 4 year olds
Victoria	Kindergarten	4 by 30 April
Queensland	Kindergarten/Pre-Preparatory (Pre-Prep)	4 by 30 June
South Australia	Preschool/Kindergarten	After 4th birthday
Western Australia	Kindergarten	4 by 30 June
Tasmania	Kindergarten	4 by 1 January
Northern Territory	Preschool	4 by 30 June
Australian Capital Territory	Preschool	4 by 30 April

**26** A preschool program is a structured, play based learning program, delivered by a degree qualified teacher primarily aimed at children in the year or two before they commence full-time schooling. This is irrespective of the type of institution that provides it or whether it is government funded or privately provided.

SECTOR OF PRESCHOOL  
PROVISION

**27** Depending on jurisdictional delivery models, preschool programs may be delivered through government or non-government schools, government or community preschools and for-profit child care providers.

**28** Data in this publication are presented hierarchically, by government or non-government managed and by Long Day Care in accordance with the definition in the 2011 ECEC NMDS, which is as follows:

- Government managed preschools include Australian, state and local government managed services.
  - Government managed preschools may operate within a variety of settings depending on the jurisdiction, funding models and licensing regulations.
- Non-government managed preschools include:
  - Community managed, including private not-for-profit services provided or managed by parents, churches or co-operatives
  - Private-for-profit, including for-profit services provided or managed by a company or private individual
  - Independent schools, including non-government schools that are governed, managed and accountable at the level of the individual school
  - Catholic schools including non-government schools which are affiliated with the diocesan Catholic Department of Education
  - Other, including employer sponsored services.
- Long Day Care with a preschool program.

**29** Where children are enrolled in multiple preschool programs, URL data has been provided and unique child records are able to be identified, this information is presented separately within the tables presenting number of children enrolled and attending preschool programs.

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT

**30** A child is considered to be enrolled if they have been offered a place in a preschool program and have attended the preschool program for at least one hour during the reference period, or were absent due to illness or extended holiday leave and are expected to return.

PRESCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**31** A child is considered to be attending a preschool program if the child has attended at least one hour during the reference period.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FEES

**32** Fees charged are usually based on the number of hours of a preschool program a child is enrolled to receive. Data on preschool fees are collected differently for URL data and aggregate level data. For URL data, fees are collected at the child level. As this is not possible for aggregate collections, fee per child information is based on a service's schedule of fixed fees, for example a charge of \$150 per full term. The fee schedule can differ between programs, organisations and jurisdictions. Fees may be charged daily, weekly, annually, per session or per term. If data is collected at any level other than weekly, the weekly fee is derived from the collected fee and fee schedule.

### HOURS

**33** Information on preschool hours available, enrolled and attended is necessary to evaluate whether children have access to 15 hours of preschool per week and if so, whether they are enrolling and attending the program for those hours. Part of the Universal Access commitment is that by 2013 every child will have access to a preschool program for at least 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year.

**34** Hours data are collected differently for URL data and aggregate level data. For URL data, hours are collected at the child level. As this is not possible for aggregate collections, hours data are collected at the service provider level, and hours per child figures are derived.

### CLASSIFICATIONS

*Australian Standard  
Geographical Classification -  
Main Structure*

**35** The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) is a hierarchical classification system consisting of six interrelated classification structures. The ASGC provides a common framework of statistical geography and thereby enables the production of statistics which are comparable and can be spatially integrated.

**36** The state/territory is the largest spatial unit in the Main Structure and in the ASGC. Six states and five territories are recognised in the ASGC: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory, Jervis Bay Territory and the External Territories of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

**37** For the purpose of this publication, ASGC have been derived from Census Collection District based on the residential address of the child where available. For children enrolled in and attending preschool programs in New South Wales, ASGC is based on the suburb and postcode of the child. Children enrolled and attending preschool programs in Jervis Bay have been included in statistics for the Australian Capital Territory and the external Territories of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands have been included in statistics for Western Australia.

**38** For further information refer to *Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)* (cat.no.1216.0).

*Remoteness Areas*

**39** Remoteness Areas (RA) are the spatial units that make up the ASGC Remoteness Classification. There are six classes of Remoteness Area in the Remoteness Structure: Major Cities of Australia, Inner Regional Australia, Outer Regional Australia, Remote Australia, Very Remote Australia and Migratory. Under this classification, statistics were produced for:

- Major Cities of Australia
- Inner Regional Australia
- Outer Regional Australia
- Remote Australia
- Very Remote Australia.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

Socio-Economic Indexes for  
Areas (SEIFA)

**40** SEIFA is a suite of four summary measures that have been created from 2006 Census information. The indexes can be used to explore different aspects of socio-economic conditions by geographic areas. For each index, every geographic area in Australia is given a SEIFA number which shows how disadvantaged that area is compared with other areas in Australia.

**41** Each index summarises a different aspect of the socio-economic conditions of people living in an area. They each summarise a different set of social and economic information. The indexes provide more general measures of socio-economic status than is given by measuring income or unemployment alone, for example.

**42** The four indexes in SEIFA 2006 are:

- Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage: which is derived from Census variables related to disadvantage, such as low income, low educational attainment, unemployment, and dwellings without motor vehicles
- Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage: a continuum of advantage (high values) to disadvantage (low values) which is derived from Census variables related to both advantage and disadvantage, like household with low income and people with a tertiary education
- Index of Economic Resources: which focuses on Census variables like the income, housing expenditure and assets of households
- Index of Education and Occupation: which includes Census variables relating to the educational and occupational characteristics of communities, like the proportion of people with a higher qualification or those employed in a skilled occupation.

**43** The concept of relative socio-economic disadvantage is neither simple, nor well defined. SEIFA uses a broad definition of relative socio-economic disadvantage in terms of people's access to material and social resources, and their ability to participate in society. While SEIFA represents an average of all people living in an area, SEIFA does not represent the individual situation of each person. Larger areas are more likely to have greater diversity of people and households.

**44** For this publication quintiles of the Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage are used to assign a SEIFA to children.

**45** Quintiles: all areas are ordered from lowest to highest score, the lowest 20% of areas are given a quintile number of 1 and so on, up to the highest 20% of areas which are given a quintile number of 5. This means that areas are divided up into five groups, depending on their score. The lower quintiles represent the more disadvantaged areas.

**46** For the purpose of this publication, SEIFA have been derived from Census Collection District based on the residential address of the child where available. For children enrolled in and attending preschool programs in New South Wales, SEIFA is based on the suburb and postcode of the child. As the SEIFA for children in New South Wales are based on broader geographic regions than other jurisdictions, the SEIFA scores are not directly comparable and inferences between jurisdictions should not be made.

**47** For more information on SEIFA please see *Information Paper: An Introduction to Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), 2006* (cat. no. 2039.0).

**48** The *Census and Statistics Act, 1905* provides the authority for the ABS to collect statistical information, and requires that statistical output shall not be published or disseminated in a manner that is likely to enable the identification of a particular person or organisation. This requirement means that the ABS must take care and make assurances that any statistical information about individuals cannot be derived from published data.

CONFIDENTIALITY

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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### CONFIDENTIALITY *continued*

**49** Some techniques used to guard against identification or disclosure of confidential information in tables are the suppression of sensitive cells or random adjustments to cells with very small values. To protect confidentiality within this publication, some cell values may have been suppressed and are not available for publication. These values are included in totals where applicable. In these cases data may not sum to totals due to the confidentialisation of individual cells.

### ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

**50** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

**51** ABS products and publications are available free of charge from the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. Click on Statistics to gain access to the full range of ABS statistical and reference information.

## APPENDIX SERVICE PROVIDER COVERAGE

### SERVICE PROVIDER COVERAGE

*Table A1 - Census response  
count*

There are two counts of the Number of Preschool Providers in 2011. These are presented in Tables A1 and A2 below.

The census response count of providers represents the numbers of service providers from which data was published for the 2011 National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection. Total Preschools were sourced solely from respective state and territories' 2011 ECEC collections. Total Long Day Care (LDC) providers with a preschool program were sourced from either state and territories' 2011 ECEC collections or CCMS. Data confrontation of both CCMS and jurisdictional collections were undertaken to determine which source provided the greater statistical coverage of LDCs within each jurisdiction. This analysis determined that LDCs with a preschool program would be sourced from CCMS for NSW, WA, Tas, NT and ACT, and that the 2011 jurisdictional collections would be the source for Vic, QLD and SA LDCs with a preschool program.

For table A1, where multiple provider records were found within the same geographical location, all provider records were included as separate service providers.

### **A1** NUMBER OF PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS, SECTOR, STATE AND TERRITORIES (CENSUS RESPONSE COUNT) (a) (b)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>								
Government	100	239	33	363	628	157	134	81
Non-Government								
Community	787	892	325	8	—	—	—	—
Private for profit	—	39	(c)13	—	—	—	—	—
Independent Schools	—	72	19	—	122	30	6	—
Catholic Schools	—	—	3	8	126	31	4	—
Total Non-Government	787	1 003	360	16	248	61	10	—
Total Preschools	887	1 242	393	379	876	218	144	81
<b>LONG DAY CARE</b>								
Long day care with a preschool program	1 173	588	(d)672	68	53	13	11	47
<b>Total Preschool Providers</b>	<b>2 060</b>	<b>1 830</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>128</b>

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Sourced from CCMS and states and territories.

(b) Where multiple preschool programs were delivered by a service provider at one geographic location, all programs were counted for that location.

(c) Includes 'Other' Non-government Preschools.

(d) Queensland's Long day care data includes a small number of Occasional Care services providing a Preschool program.

## APPENDIX SERVICE PROVIDER COVERAGE *continued*

Table A2 - Population count

The population count of providers represents all service providers known to have delivered a preschool program in 2011, irrespective of the data source. State and territory data were sourced from the 2011 jurisdictional ECEC collections, CCMS and the 2011 National Preschool Census (NPC). Data were merged from each source into a single database where data matching occurred to remove, where appropriate, replication of service providers at a geographical location. The total population count of Preschools and LDCs with a preschool program in A2 is greater than A1 however there are discrepancies due to multiple programs per service provider being included in A1.

### A2 NUMBER OF PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS, SECTOR, STATE AND TERRITORIES (SERVICE PROVIDER POPULATION COUNT) (a)(b)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>								
Government	100	238	34	370	636	160	141	85
Non-Government								
Community	836	905	336	9	np	—	—	np
Private for profit	np	45	(c)17	—	np	—	—	np
Independent Schools	9	75	19	3	125	31	np	np
Catholic Schools	np	—	3	9	125	31	np	—
Total Non-Government	854	1 025	375	21	252	62	10	10
Total Preschools	954	1 263	409	391	888	222	151	95
<b>LONG DAY CARE</b>								
Long day care with a preschool program	1 156	650	(d)810	98	53	13	11	46
Total Preschool Providers	2 110	1 913	1 219	489	941	235	162	141
Long day care without a preschool program	1 260	802	1 023	245	426	101	60	70
<b>Total early childhood education and care providers</b>	<b>3 370</b>	<b>2 715</b>	<b>2 242</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1 367</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>211</b>

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

(a) Service provider data for all states and territories were sourced from jurisdictions, CCMS and the National Preschool Census (NPC).

(b) Where multiple preschool programs were delivered by a service provider at one geographic location, only one preschool provider was counted for that location.

(c) Includes 'Other' Non-government Preschools.

(d) Queensland's Long day care data includes a small number of Occasional Care services providing a Preschool program.



## APPENDIX SERVICE PROVIDER COVERAGE *continued*

Table A3 - Estimated Resident Population

The estimated resident population (ERP) is the official measure of the population of Australia based on the concept of usual residence. Estimates of the Australian resident population are generated on a quarterly basis and are released by Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

### **A3** ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, SINGLE YEAR OF AGE, AUSTRALIA - AT 30 JUNE 2011

	NSW	Vic.	QLD	SA	WA(a)	Tas.	NT	ACT(a)	Aust.
3 Year old	92 652	72 374	64 155	20 290	32 111	6 835	3 736	4 720	296 873
4 Year old	89 196	71 870	60 896	19 720	31 417	6 999	3 568	4 777	288 443
5 Year old	91 998	69 003	60 303	19 098	30 016	6 651	3 547	4 662	285 278
6 Year old	89 497	66 778	59 291	18 773	29 103	6 290	3 404	4 396	277 532

(a) Other Territories (OT) Estimated Residential Population (ERP) counts have been added to the controlling Jurisdiction for the purpose of the ECEC collection. Counts for Jervis Bay have been combined with ACT ERP counts, and counts for Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands combined with WA ERP counts.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, Jun 2011 (cat. no. 3101.0)

## GLOSSARY

<b>Administrative data</b>	Administrative data is information recorded in administrative records, systems or reports, primarily collected for the purpose of record-keeping.
<b>Aggregate level data collection</b>	Aggregate level data collection methodology contains data from statistical entities within the collection population that are grouped together and summed into broader categories. For the National ECEC Collection, an Aggregate data collection methodology collects totals of children enrolled in and attending preschools programs at the service provider record level only. Data collected at this level does not contain child record level information.
<b>Attendance</b>	For the purposes of the National ECEC Collection, a child is considered to be attending a preschool program if the child was enrolled and present for at least one hour during the reference period. Children who did not attend a preschool program during the reference period (e.g. children who were absent due to illness or extended holiday leave) are not considered to have attended a preschool program.
<b>Australian Standard Geographical Classification</b>	The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) was developed by the ABS for the collection and dissemination of geographical statistics. It is a hierarchically structured classification with a number of spatial units to satisfy different statistical purposes. For more information see <i>Australian Standard Geographical Classification</i> (cat. no. 1216.0). The ASGC will be replaced by the Australian Statistical Geographical Standard (ASGS) in July 2011. More information can be found on the ABS website < <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/">http://www.abs.gov.au/</a> >.
<b>Child Care</b>	Child care services provide care to children at a specific location, and can include long day care, family day care, outside school hours care, vacation care, in-home care and occasional care services. Child care services may or may not offer additional preschool programs within their services. Child care services may be provided through a combination of private organisation, community and some state and local government initiatives.
<b>Child Care Management System</b>	<p>The Child Care Management System (CCMS) is a national child care computer system that enables child care services to exchange child care information online with the government. It enables the payment of the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) fee reduction on behalf of parents to approved child care services. It also provides for the collection of information about the supply and usage of child care across Australia.</p> <p><i>Child Care Benefit:</i> Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a payment made to eligible parents or guardians, to assist with the cost of child care for long day care, family day care, occasional care, outside school hours care, vacation care and registered care. Eligibility is based on an income and eligibility test.</p> <p><i>Child Care Rebate:</i> Child Care Rebate (CCR) is a payment available to eligible parents or guardians, who are working or studying, to assist with the out-of-pocket cost of approved child care services.</p>
<b>Child record level data</b>	Child record level data contains data for each individual child in a data set. Data at the child record level includes personal characteristics and enrolment and attendance information for each child.
<b>Collection district</b>	The smallest geographic area defined in the <i>Australian Standard Geographical Classification</i> (ASGC). Collection districts (CDs) serve as the basic building block in the ASGC and are used for the aggregation of statistics to larger ASGC areas, and some non-ASGC areas.
<b>Collection date</b>	The recommended collection date is the common date to collect data. For the National ECEC Collection, the collection date is the first Friday in August. For 2011 this was Friday 5 August.

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<b>Council of Australian Government</b>	COAG is the peak intergovernmental forum in Australia, comprising the Prime Minister, State Premiers, Territory Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association. The role of COAG is to initiate, develop and monitor the implementation of policy reforms that are of national significance and which require cooperative action by Australian governments.
<b>Coverage</b>	Coverage explains extent to which the scope is complete.
<b>Data element</b>	A unit of data for which the definition, identification, representation and permissible values are specified by one or more data items. Data elements for the National ECEC Collection are detailed within the ECEC NMDS and the <i>National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Data Collection Guide</i> (cat. no. 4240.0.55.002).
<b>Data Item</b>	A particular characteristic of units in a population which is measured or observed. For the National ECEC Collection, data items have been adopted by the ABS where appropriate for conducting the collection and for processing activities.
<b>Data processing</b>	The preparation of data for analysis. Data processing involves five steps: data coding, data input, data editing, data cleaning and data modification.
<b>Data validation</b>	A method of confirming the reliability of data through a checking process, to ensure that the data is free of systematic error. A validation study compares data collected using a collection instrument with data considered to represent the "true value" of the data.
<b>Delivery setting</b>	<p>The type of setting in which children's service activities are provided or could be provided by a service provider, as defined within the NMDS ECEC 2010:</p> <p><i>Centre-based (school)</i>: refers to child care services or preschool programs delivered on school grounds, using school facilities, e.g. a building owned by the school.</p> <p><i>Centre-based (other)</i>: refers to a non-residential building that was purpose-built or renovated for the purpose of delivering early childhood education and care services, but is not located on the property of a State, Independent or Catholic school, e.g. a child care centre or stand-alone preschool that is not part of a primary school.</p> <p><i>Home-based (child's home)</i>: child's home, refers to a private residential dwelling where the child lives.</p> <p><i>Home-based (other)</i>: refers to a private residential dwelling where a child care or preschool program is delivered by someone other than the child's parents, carers or guardians, e.g. a family day care caregiver's home.</p> <p><i>General community setting</i>: refers to a non-residential community infrastructure, facility or building that was not specifically built or developed for the provision of early childhood education and care services and is not part of a State, Independent or Catholic school, e.g. a park, community or scout hall, public library, etc.</p> <p><i>Other setting</i>: refers to settings not covered under the other categories, such as mobile services which are attended at a specific location, rather than being delivered in settings such as a child's home.</p>
<b>Disadvantage</b>	<p>A key requirement of the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education (NP ECE) is that preschool programs should be available to everyone, regardless of their income or background. The NP ECE also recognises that disadvantaged families often face barriers to accessing government services for various reasons.</p> <p>To measure the extent to which children from disadvantaged families are under-represented in preschool programs, the National ECEC Collection uses usual residence, in conjunction with the geographically based Index of Relative Social Disadvantage (IRSD), which is one of four indexes of the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA). See also 'SEIFA'.</p>
<b>Early Childhood Education and Care National Minimum Data Set (ECEC NMDS)</b>	The ECEC NMDS is the document of agreed standards, definitions, classifications and protocols required for nationally comparable ECEC data. Entities within the ECEC NMDS are at the following levels:

## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Early Childhood Education and Care National Minimum Data Set (ECEC NMDS)</b> <i>continued</i>	<p><i>Person/ child:</i> refers to the person or child receiving the preschool program.</p> <p><i>Person (employed)/ worker:</i> refers to all persons or staff members who work within an ECEC service provider (both contact and non-contact staff), irrespective of whether they are employed (paid) or working voluntarily (unpaid).</p> <p><i>Service provider organisation:</i> refers to the service provider that delivers the preschool program.</p>
<b>Episode of enrolment/attending a preschool program</b>	<p>An episode is the count of the occurrence of a specific characteristic. For the National ECEC Collection, an episode refers to a preschool program provided to a child. When one child attends two different preschool programs, the child is attending two episodes of preschool.</p>
<b>Enrolment</b>	<p>A child is considered to be enrolled if they were offered a place in the preschool program and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ attended the preschool program for at least one hour during the reference period; or</li><li>■ were absent during the reference period due to illness or extended holiday leave, but were expected to return.</li></ul> <p>A child is not considered to be enrolled if they were absent during the reference period and not expected to return to the preschool program.</p>
<b>Estimated resident population</b>	<p>The estimated resident population (ERP) is the official measure of the population of Australia and is based on the concept of usual residence. It refers to all people, regardless of nationality, citizenship or legal status, who usually live in Australia, with the exception of foreign diplomatic personnel and their families. It includes usual residents who are overseas for less than 12 months. It excludes overseas visitors who are in Australia for less than 12 months.</p> <p>Estimates of the Australian resident population are generated on a quarterly basis by adding natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) and net overseas migration (NOM) occurring during the period to the population at the beginning of each period. or more information, see <i>ABS Australian Demographic Statistics</i> (cat. no. 3101.0).</p>
<b>Fees</b>	<p>For the purpose of the National ECEC Collection, fees refer to the actual tuition fees charged for the child to attend a preschool program after subsidies have been deducted. Preschool fees are collected differently for unit record level (URL) data and Aggregate level data. For URL data, fee information is collected at the child level. As this is not possible for Aggregate collections, fee per child information is based on a service's schedule of fixed fees, for example a charge of \$150 per full term. The fee schedule can differ between programs, organisations and jurisdictions. Fees may be charged daily, weekly, annually, per session or per term. If data are collected or provided at any level other than weekly, the weekly fee is derived from the provided fee and fee schedule.</p>
<b>Hours</b>	<p>Information on preschool hours available, enrolled and attended is necessary to evaluate whether children have access to 15 hours of preschool per week and if so, whether they are enrolled in and attending the program for those hours. Part of the Universal Access commitment is that by 2013 every child will have access to a preschool program for at least 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year.</p> <p>Information on hours is collected differently for URL data and Aggregate level data. For URL data, hours information is collected at the child level. As this is not possible for Aggregate collections, hours data are collected at the service provider level, and hours per child is derived.</p>
<b>Indigenous status</b>	<p>For the purposes of the National ECEC Collection a child is considered to be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander if he or she is identified by a parent/guardian as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. The National ECEC Collection uses the ABS standard Indigenous categories, which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Aboriginal, but not Torres Strait Islander origin</li><li>■ Torres Strait Islander, but not Aboriginal origin</li></ul>

## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Indigenous status <i>continued</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin</li><li>■ Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin</li><li>■ Not stated/inadequately described</li></ul>
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Jurisdiction is defined for the National ECEC Collection, as the Australian Government or a state or territory within Australia.
<b>Licensed service providers</b>	Licensed service providers are service providers that have been issued with a license by the relevant department or authority which grants legal approval or accreditation to operate their service or a particular component of their service, such as a preschool program or child care centre.
<b>Management type</b>	<p>Preschool management type refers to the legal or social entity responsible for managing the service. Data presented from the National ECEC Collection are based on ECEC NMDS categories. Early childhood education and care services may be provided by a number of legal and social entities. The management type categories used in the National ECEC Collection include the following.</p> <p><i>Government managed:</i></p> <p><i>State and territory and local government managed:</i> State and territory and local government managed services are services that are managed by the state, territory or local government. Excludes state and territory government schools.</p> <p><i>State and territory government schools:</i> State and territory government schools are schools that are funded and managed by the respective state or territory government.</p> <p><i>Non-government managed:</i></p> <p><i>Private not-for-profit - community managed:</i> Community managed services include services that are managed by organisations based in the community through a membership made up of community members (e.g. the parents). The membership elects a management committee and the committee is accountable to the membership. No profit is distributed to the management committee or the members, any surplus funds are redirected to the service.</p> <p><i>Private not for profit - other organisations:</i> Other organisations include services that are managed by non-profit organisations such as charity organisations, consortium of charity organisations and church groups. Excludes Independent and Catholic schools.</p> <p><i>Private for-profit:</i> Private for-profit services include for-profit services provided or managed by a company or private individual.</p> <p><i>Independent schools:</i> Independent schools are non-government schools that are governed, managed and accountable at the level of the individual school and are not affiliated with the diocesan Catholic Department of Education.</p> <p><i>Catholic schools:</i> Catholic schools are schools that are affiliated with the diocesan Catholic Department of Education. Catholic schools, as with other classes of non-government schools, receive funding from the Australian Government.</p> <p><i>Other:</i> Other services include employer sponsored services.</p>
<b>Metadata Online Registry (METeOR)</b>	METeOR is an online repository for national metadata standards for health, housing and community services statistics and information. It is the resource which holds all ECEC NMDS data elements and associated metadata standards.
<b>Performance indicator</b>	Performance indicators are measurement indicators used to assess the progress of the National Partnership on Early Childhood Education (NP ECE) and may be calculated using data from the National ECEC Collection. Performance Indicators relating to the NP ECE are further described in detail in the <i>National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Data Collection Guide</i> (cat. no. 4240.0.55.001) under Chapter 7, Collection Background and Governance.

## GLOSSARY *continued*

- Preschool program** A preschool program is a structured, play-based learning program, delivered by a degree qualified teacher, aimed at children in the year before they commence full-time schooling. This is irrespective of the type of institution that provides it or whether it is government funded or privately provided. Programs may be delivered in a variety of service settings including separate preschools or kindergartens, long day care centres, in association with a school etc. Early childhood education terminology of a preschool program differs across states and territories, and these differences are outlined in the *National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection: Data Collection Guide* (cat. no. 4240.0.55.001) under Chapter 3, Concepts and Definitions.
- Reference period** The period of time for which the data are collected and/or compiled (e.g. calendar year, financial year, last week, last fortnight or a specific day of the month etc.). The reference period may vary for each data element within a collection. For example, fees and hours data could be collected over a 2 week period; however these data would then be derived back to a representative week. For the 2011 National ECEC Collection the reference period was 1 August to 5 August 2011.
- Service activity type** The service activity type is the type of service available or provided by an early childhood education and care service provider. Definitions of service activity types include the following.
- Long day care:* Long day care is a centre-based form of child care service providing all-day or part-time care for children of working families and the general community (services may cater to specific groups within the general community). For-profit and not-for-profit organisations, local councils, community organisations and employers may run these services. Long day cares primarily provide long day care services for children aged 0–5 years. Some long day care may also provide preschool and kindergarten programs and care for school children before and after school and during school holidays, where state and territory government regulations allow this. The service may operate from stand-alone or shared premises, including those on school grounds. For the 2011 ECEC Collection individuals who were enrolled in more than one long day care with a preschool have been included in the 'Long day care with a preschool program' category.
- Occasional care:* Occasional care comprises services usually provided at a centre on an hourly or sessional basis for short periods or at irregular intervals for parents who need time to, for example, attend appointments, take care of personal matters, undertake casual and part time employment, study or have temporary respite from full time parenting. These services provide developmental activities for children and are aimed primarily at 0–5 year olds. Centres providing these services usually employ a mix of qualified and other staff.
- Outside school hours care:* Outside school hours care comprises services that provide care for school aged children (5–12 year olds) before school, after school, during school holidays, and on pupil free days. Outside school hours care may use stand-alone facilities, share school buildings and grounds and/or share facilities such as community halls.
- Vacation care:* Vacation care comprises services provided for school aged children (5–12 year olds) during school holidays only.
- Family day care:* Family day care comprises services providing small group care for children in the home environment of a registered carer. Care is primarily aimed at 0–5 year olds, but primary school children may also receive care before and after school, and during school holidays. Educators work in partnership with scheme management and coordination unit staff.
- In-home care:* In-home care comprises services where an approved carer provides care in the child's home. Families eligible for in-home care include families where the parent/s or child has an illness or disability; families in rural or remote areas; parents working shift work or non-standard hours; families with more than two children from a

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<b>Service activity type</b> <i>continued</i>	<p>multiple birth and/or more than two children under school age; and families where a breast feeding mother is working from home.</p> <p><i>Preschool program: stand-alone:</i> Preschool program (stand-alone) comprises of separately located services dedicated to provide structured educational programs to children in the year before they commence full-time schooling only.</p> <p><i>Preschool program: as part of a school:</i> Preschool program (as part of school) comprises services that are co-located with a school that provide structured educational programs to children in the year before they commence full-time schooling. These services may also be integrated with a school.</p>
<b>Service provider record level data</b>	<p>Service provider record level data contains data for each individual service provider delivering a preschool program within a data set. Data at the service provider record level includes location information, management type, activity type and service delivering setting, as well as information on preschool programs delivered by each service provider in the data set.</p>
<b>Socio-economic indexes for areas (SEIFA)</b>	<p>The SEIFA is a product developed especially for those interested in the assessment of the welfare of Australian communities. SEIFA is a suite of four summary measures that have been created from 2006 Census information. The indexes can be used to explore different aspects of socio-economic conditions by geographic areas. For each index, every geographic area in Australia is given a SEIFA number which shows how disadvantaged that area is compared with other areas in Australia. The indexes provide more general measures of socio-economic status than is given by measuring, for example, income or unemployment alone. The SEIFA index used for the National ECEC Collection is the Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD).</p> <p><i>Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage:</i> The IRSD summarises a range of information about the economic and social resources of people and households within an area. Unlike other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage. Variables that comprise this index include; low income, no qualifications, unemployment, overcrowded housing, disability, no car, and Indigenous status.</p>
<b>Standard Council for School Education and Early Childhood</b>	<p>The Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood comprises state, territory, Australian Government and New Zealand Ministers with responsibility for the portfolios of school education, early childhood development and youth affairs. With the new COAG Council System, the Standing Council replaces the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA).</p>
<b>Subsidy</b>	<p>Subsidies are defined as state and territory government funding for preschools and/or preschool programs, as well as any additional financial support provided by the Australian Government and state, territory and local governments to eligible families to make preschool more affordable.</p>
<b>Teacher</b>	<p>For the purpose of the National ECEC Collection, a teacher is defined as a staff member who is employed by the ECEC service, and who mainly has direct contact with children in the delivery of a preschool program. Persons (including teacher's aides, or child care assistants) employed by the ECEC service whose duties do not include delivering preschool programs to children are not counted as teachers.</p>
<b>Unit record level (URL) data collection</b>	<p>A URL data collection methodology contains confidentialised data for individual statistical entities in a collection population.</p> <p>For the purposes of the National ECEC Collection, a URL data collection methodology collects child enrolment and attendance level data corresponding to service provider record level data for each child in the data set. A URL data collection methodology also includes worker record level data corresponding to service provider record level data for each worker in the data set</p>

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<b>Usual residence</b>	The place where the person has or intends to live for six months or more; or the place the person regards as their main residence; or where the person has no other residence, the place they currently reside.
<b>Work activity</b>	<p>The work activity type refers to the type of work performed by a person in the course of their employment in early childhood education and care.</p> <p><i>Primary contact:</i> An activity type of primary contact refers to a worker that mainly has direct contact with children. This may include but is not limited to teachers, teacher's assistants/ aides, specialist teachers and therapists.</p> <p><i>Other contact:</i> An activity type of other contact refers to a worker that has some duties involving direct contact with children, but deals mainly with staffing or management issues such as supervising staff and handling queries from parents or designing the education program. This may include but is not limited to principals, deputy principals, centre managers and coordinators.</p> <p><i>Management/administration:</i> An activity type of management/administration refers to a worker who mainly performed management or administration work that contributed to the running of the early childhood education and care service and had no direct contact with children. Work may include clerical or receptionist duties, filing, keeping financial records, staffing and management issues.</p> <p><i>Other work:</i> An activity type of other work refers to a worker who provides support services such as cooking, cleaning and gardening. This may include drivers, cooks, cleaners and maintenance staff.</p>
<b>Year before full-time schooling (YBFS)</b>	The year before full-time schooling (also referred to as the 'year before formal schooling') is a term used to describe the 'preschool' cohort, due to the varying delivery models of early childhood education in the different jurisdictions (McEwin and Ryan, 2009). The year before a child begins full-time schooling is further defined as Year 1 (or Grade 1) minus 2 years.









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