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Western Australia government schools	
Inclusion of school types	 Attendance at Intensive English Centres (IECs), the hospital school, juvenile detention and program specific schools is recorded as part of student's home school. Schools of the Air record online participation as attendance. The School of Isolated and Distance Education does not report attendance, but monitors participation. Christmas Island District High School and Cocos Island District High School are offshore facilities administered by the WA Department of Education on behalf of the Commonwealth. Their attendance recording and reporting is the same as other WA government schools.
Inclusion of students	 Attendance records for exchange, FFPOS and other visa holders are the same as for other students WA public schools do NOT allow simultaneous current enrolments in more than one school. For students undertaking approved learning programs other than at their home school, attendance is recorded at the home school.
Level of disaggregation	Gender options are Male, Female, Other/Indeterminate
Student attributes	 If a student moves interstate, overseas or to a non-government school only those days that the student was enrolled at a WA government school are included.
Part-day absences	 The WA attendance unit is a half day (am and pm). Legislated hours of instruction are at least 25 hours and 50 minutes per week and 4 hours and 20 minutes per day that the school is open for instruction. The precise duration of half days is based on each school's timetable, so half day units can vary in length. For national reporting purposes, half days absences are aggregated into whole days and rounded to the nearest whole day.
Authorised absences	 Suspensions and exclusions are recorded as an authorised absence. If an excluded student is participating in an approved educational program other than at the home school, they will be recorded as present off-site.