**Data dictionary & notes**

This data set contains information for Child Care Benefit (CCB) approved child care services in Greater Sydney and Greater Melbourne (as defined by the Greater Capital City Statistical Areas – GCCSA). It includes information relating to long day care (LDC), after school hours care (ASC) and before school hours care (BSC) services.

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| **Variable name** | **Definition** | **Values** | **Note** |
| SA3\_code\_2011 | Statistical Area Level 3 code |  |  |
| SA3\_name\_2011 | Statistical Area Level 3 name |  |  |
| FY | Financial year | FY201213  FY201314  FY201415  FY201516 |  |
| Servicetype | Type of child care service | LDC – Long day care  BSC – Before school hours care  ASC – After school hours care | * LDC services provide care for children who have not yet commenced school. LDC services may also provide child care for school children before and/or after school and during school holidays although the *majority* of the children attending any particular LDC service must not have commenced school. * BSC & ASC services provide education and care mostly for children attending school, although they can care for children who have not yet started school. The *majority* of the children attending any particular BSC or ASC service must be attending school. |
| Child\_age | Age of the child | 1:0-4  2:5-9  3:10+  9:Total | * Age is calculated at 1st Jan of each financial year. If a child is born after 1st Jan of that financial year then their age is considered to be 0. * Due to rounding the sum of component parts may not equal the Total. |
| Child\_count | Number of children |  | Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10. Figures less than 5 are displayed as ‘<10’ |
| Service\_count | Number of CCB approved child care services |  | Figures less than 5 are displayed as ‘<5’. |
| Fee\_hr\_mean | Mean of the fee per hour values of the CCB approved child care services |  | Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 cents. |
| Fee\_hr\_std | Standard deviation of the fee per hour values of the CCB approved child care services |  | Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 cents. |