

# LTC Stats: Nursing Facility Operational Characteristics Report

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Source: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Online Survey Certification and Reporting (CMS-OSCAR) data as of September 2010



**Table 1: Nursing Facility Control, September 2010**

State	Facilities	Multifacilities	Independent	Hospital-based
US	15,685	54.4%	45.6%	6.7%
AK	15	33.3%	66.7%	73.3%
AL	228	60.1%	39.9%	4.8%
AR	232	72.4%	27.6%	4.7%
AZ	137	56.2%	43.8%	2.2%
CA	1,241	51.6%	48.4%	9.7%
CO	212	63.7%	36.3%	5.2%
CT	239	47.7%	52.3%	1.3%
DC	19	10.5%	89.5%	21.1%
DE	47	46.8%	53.2%	4.3%
FL	678	55.0%	45.0%	1.5%
GA	359	75.8%	24.2%	14.2%
HI	48	58.3%	41.7%	35.4%
IA	443	51.7%	48.3%	7.2%
ID	79	63.3%	36.7%	21.5%
IL	788	48.6%	51.4%	6.2%
IN	501	69.1%	30.9%	2.8%
KS	340	49.4%	50.6%	12.4%
KY	285	66.0%	34.0%	9.1%
LA	281	52.0%	48.0%	5.3%
MA	429	53.4%	46.6%	2.1%
MD	231	56.3%	43.7%	4.3%
ME	109	60.6%	39.4%	7.3%
MI	429	52.9%	47.1%	5.8%
MN	386	50.5%	49.5%	13.0%
MO	514	50.8%	49.2%	3.1%
MS	203	46.3%	53.7%	10.8%
MT	87	34.5%	65.5%	29.9%
NC	424	70.5%	29.5%	8.3%
ND	85	44.7%	55.3%	16.5%
NE	223	52.9%	47.1%	9.4%
NH	80	50.0%	50.0%	5.0%
NJ	360	34.7%	65.3%	4.4%
NM	70	64.3%	35.7%	5.7%
NV	50	62.0%	38.0%	20.0%
NY	633	13.9%	86.1%	10.0%
OH	955	61.0%	39.0%	2.9%
OK	318	31.4%	68.6%	3.1%
OR	137	70.8%	29.2%	2.9%
PA	712	56.6%	43.4%	6.9%
RI	86	30.2%	69.8%	0.0%
SC	184	72.3%	27.7%	7.6%
SD	110	60.9%	39.1%	12.7%
TN	318	65.1%	34.9%	6.3%
TX	1,170	63.2%	36.8%	2.7%
UT	99	65.7%	34.3%	7.1%
VA	285	70.9%	29.1%	7.7%
VT	40	37.5%	62.5%	7.5%
WA	230	60.4%	39.6%	4.8%
WI	391	46.8%	53.2%	6.4%
WV	127	52.8%	47.2%	18.9%
WY	38	39.5%	60.5%	34.2%

Source: CMS OSCAR Form 671:F10, F13. Fields are not mutually exclusive \*Multifacility ownership is two or more facilities owned or operated by the same organization.  
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**Table 2: Nursing Facility Ownership, September 2010**

State	Facilities	For Profit	Nonprofit	Government
US	15,685	67.1%	26.1%	5.8%
AK	15	20.0%	33.3%	46.7%
AL	228	78.9%	14.5%	6.1%
AR	232	82.3%	13.8%	3.9%
AZ	137	78.1%	20.4%	1.5%
CA	1,241	79.9%	15.2%	3.7%
CO	212	59.4%	19.8%	9.0%
CT	239	77.8%	20.1%	0.8%
DC	19	47.4%	42.1%	10.5%
DE	47	51.1%	38.3%	10.6%
FL	678	70.4%	26.4%	2.1%
GA	359	64.3%	29.2%	6.1%
HI	48	50.0%	29.2%	20.8%
IA	443	53.3%	42.2%	4.5%
ID	79	57.0%	16.5%	17.7%
IL	788	70.3%	25.8%	3.9%
IN	501	66.3%	24.2%	9.4%
KS	340	49.7%	37.4%	12.9%
KY	285	71.2%	26.0%	2.1%
LA	281	75.1%	17.4%	5.7%
MA	429	70.4%	28.4%	1.2%
MD	231	62.8%	31.6%	3.5%
ME	109	68.8%	30.3%	0.9%
MI	429	66.4%	23.1%	8.6%
MN	386	27.7%	61.1%	11.1%
MO	514	69.3%	23.7%	6.6%
MS	203	59.1%	11.3%	13.8%
MT	87	42.5%	41.4%	16.1%
NC	424	73.8%	21.9%	2.4%
ND	85	5.9%	91.8%	2.4%
NE	223	47.1%	29.6%	22.9%
NH	80	51.3%	33.8%	15.0%
NJ	360	67.8%	26.7%	5.3%
NM	70	67.1%	24.3%	7.1%
NV	50	64.0%	16.0%	12.0%
NY	633	51.0%	41.5%	6.8%
OH	955	76.9%	20.7%	2.4%
OK	318	85.8%	11.3%	2.8%
OR	137	81.8%	14.6%	3.6%
PA	712	48.7%	44.8%	5.5%
RI	86	81.4%	18.6%	.
SC	184	75.0%	16.3%	8.2%
SD	110	32.7%	61.8%	4.5%
TN	318	73.9%	19.5%	4.7%
TX	1,170	84.4%	12.6%	2.6%
UT	99	80.8%	14.1%	3.0%
VA	285	64.9%	29.5%	3.9%
VT	40	65.0%	32.5%	2.5%
WA	230	73.5%	20.0%	5.7%
WI	391	50.4%	34.5%	14.6%
WV	127	68.5%	21.3%	9.4%
WY	38	42.1%	13.2%	44.7%

Source: CMS OSCAR Form 671:F12  
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**Table 3: Nursing Facility Certification, September 2010**

State	Facilities	Medicare Only	Medicaid Only	Medicare and Medicaid
US	15,685	5.0%	4.0%	90.9%
AK	15	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
AL	228	3.9%	0.9%	95.2%
AR	232	3.4%	9.5%	87.1%
AZ	137	16.1%	0.0%	83.9%
CA	1,241	5.9%	4.8%	89.3%
CO	212	9.9%	6.6%	83.5%
CT	239	4.6%	0.0%	95.4%
DC	19	0.0%	5.3%	94.7%
DE	47	6.4%	14.9%	78.7%
FL	678	4.0%	0.4%	95.6%
GA	359	3.3%	1.1%	95.5%
HI	48	2.1%	6.3%	91.7%
IA	443	2.0%	6.3%	91.6%
ID	79	6.3%	0.0%	93.7%
IL	788	6.1%	9.9%	84.0%
IN	501	6.0%	3.6%	90.4%
KS	340	3.5%	20.0%	76.5%
KY	285	7.0%	0.0%	93.0%
LA	281	7.5%	0.0%	92.5%
MA	429	3.0%	1.6%	95.3%
MD	231	4.3%	1.7%	93.9%
ME	109	0.9%	0.0%	99.1%
MI	429	4.0%	3.5%	92.5%
MN	386	1.8%	2.6%	95.6%
MO	514	1.9%	4.5%	93.6%
MS	203	3.9%	15.3%	80.8%
MT	87	4.6%	1.1%	94.3%
NC	424	3.8%	0.5%	95.8%
ND	85	2.4%	0.0%	97.6%
NE	223	0.9%	10.8%	88.3%
NH	80	2.5%	6.3%	91.3%
NJ	360	8.1%	0.0%	91.9%
NM	70	5.7%	5.7%	88.6%
NV	50	4.0%	4.0%	92.0%
NY	633	0.9%	0.3%	98.7%
OH	955	2.9%	0.0%	97.1%
OK	318	4.1%	8.8%	87.1%
OR	137	3.6%	12.4%	83.9%
PA	712	11.7%	1.1%	87.2%
RI	86	1.2%	0.0%	98.8%
SC	184	16.8%	0.0%	83.2%
SD	110	0.9%	12.7%	86.4%
TN	318	7.2%	6.0%	86.8%
TX	1,170	6.3%	4.1%	89.6%
UT	99	20.2%	8.1%	71.7%
VA	285	5.6%	6.3%	88.1%
VT	40	2.5%	0.0%	97.5%
WA	230	2.6%	2.2%	95.2%
WI	391	2.8%	4.1%	93.1%
WV	127	6.3%	6.3%	87.4%
WY	38	5.3%	13.2%	81.6%

Source: CMS OSCAR Form 671:F9  
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**Table 4: Nursing Facility State and Median Occupancy Rate for Certified Beds, September 2010**

State	Facilities	Patients	Beds	State Occupancy*	Median Facility Occupancy
US	15,668	1,394,994	1,669,647	83.6%	87.1%
AK	15	630	716	88.0%	93.3%
AL	227	22,915	26,507	86.4%	89.5%
AR	232	17,800	24,534	72.6%	74.9%
AZ	137	11,856	15,662	75.7%	77.4%
CA	1,241	102,556	121,036	84.7%	88.0%
CO	212	16,359	19,992	81.8%	84.9%
CT	239	26,017	28,832	90.2%	91.7%
DC	19	2,506	2,715	92.3%	94.0%
DE	47	4,146	4,910	84.4%	90.8%
FL	678	71,816	81,989	87.6%	90.0%
GA	359	34,807	39,830	87.4%	91.7%
HI	48	3,889	4,191	92.8%	94.7%
IA	443	25,548	31,841	80.2%	81.9%
ID	79	4,464	6,159	72.5%	77.0%
IL	788	75,287	96,202	78.3%	78.3%
IN	501	39,120	48,606	80.5%	78.1%
KS	340	19,000	22,843	83.2%	78.7%
KY	285	23,271	25,906	89.8%	92.3%
LA	280	25,287	34,906	72.4%	73.8%
MA	429	43,035	48,504	88.7%	91.7%
MD	231	24,863	28,762	86.4%	88.4%
ME	109	6,414	7,102	90.3%	92.2%
MI	428	39,956	47,028	85.0%	87.7%
MN	382	29,164	32,114	90.8%	92.0%
MO	513	37,640	52,269	72.0%	71.7%
MS	202	16,353	18,411	88.8%	91.7%
MT	86	4,865	6,925	70.3%	72.6%
NC	424	37,238	43,722	85.2%	89.2%
ND	85	5,677	6,440	88.2%	93.0%
NE	223	12,592	15,787	79.8%	81.8%
NH	80	6,923	7,742	89.4%	91.4%
NJ	360	45,953	51,039	90.0%	91.7%
NM	70	5,543	6,769	81.9%	84.2%
NV	50	4,735	5,755	82.3%	89.1%
NY	633	108,853	117,803	92.4%	94.2%
OH	951	78,897	92,008	85.8%	88.0%
OK	318	19,392	29,002	66.9%	66.7%
OR	137	7,606	12,316	61.8%	61.6%
PA	712	80,686	88,797	90.9%	93.0%
RI	86	7,997	8,784	91.0%	91.4%
SC	184	17,147	18,862	90.9%	92.5%
SD	110	6,495	7,477	86.9%	89.9%
TN	318	32,008	36,979	86.6%	89.7%
TX	1,169	90,411	127,022	71.2%	73.3%
UT	99	5,276	8,230	64.1%	68.0%
VA	285	28,291	31,747	89.1%	90.8%
VT	40	2,927	3,276	89.3%	90.7%
WA	230	18,120	21,755	83.3%	85.6%
WI	389	30,681	36,110	85.0%	88.2%
WV	127	9,555	10,768	88.7%	91.7%
WY	38	2,427	2,965	81.9%	82.2%

Source: CMS OSCAR Form 671:L18, L37, L38, L39 and Form 672:F78. \*State occupancy is calculated by dividing the sum of patients occupying certified beds by the sum of all certified beds in the state. OSCAR data only reflects patients who occupy a certified bed. Occupancy rate of 0% and greater than 100% were eliminated from this analysis. LTC Stats: Nursing Facility Operational Characteristics Report - Research Department - American Health Care Association



**Table 5: Nursing Facility Beds in Dedicated Special Care Units, September 2010**

State	Total Beds	Aids	Alzheimer's	Hospice	Ventilator	Rehab	Other	Total Special Care Beds
US	1,706,474	592	81,763	2,268	7,657	14,776	4,397	111,453
AK	716	0	37	1	0	0	0	38
AL	26,683	0	1,350	155	13	503	112	2,133
AR	24,561	0	310	22	10	50	0	392
AZ	16,206	0	1,296	0	165	181	103	1,745
CA	121,375	70	4,009	187	2,194	1,314	289	8,063
CO	20,005	181	2,107	316	114	332	550	3,600
CT	29,250	70	1,871	11	84	1,229	5	3,270
DC	2,775	0	96	0	12	0	0	108
DE	4,989	0	399	0	56	120	20	595
FL	82,240	168	3,482	153	239	375	100	4,517
GA	39,910	0	1,518	0	0	331	16	1,865
HI	4,319	0	106	0	73	0	30	209
IA	35,966	0	2,104	345	80	168	128	2,825
ID	6,159	0	374	74	23	31	136	638
IL	101,516	0	5,446	133	552	1,282	169	7,582
IN	57,191	0	5,331	12	128	124	361	5,956
KS	25,787	0	676	12	28	40	3	759
KY	26,039	0	638	24	140	0	88	890
LA	36,087	0	1,668	6	210	76	0	1,960
MA	49,189	0	4,259	21	66	352	495	5,193
MD	29,031	0	1,010	23	165	77	36	1,311
ME	7,127	0	497	0	0	42	48	587
MI	47,240	0	998	1	214	167	3	1,383
MN	32,592	0	2,850	22	42	1,632	115	4,661
MO	55,389	16	4,672	64	0	576	145	5,473
MS	18,537	0	384	0	70	90	0	544
MT	6,958	0	579	11	0	14	18	622
NC	44,401	0	1,539	26	69	68	0	1,702
ND	6,440	0	437	0	0	63	0	500
NE	16,167	0	1,282	11	82	90	31	1,496
NH	7,742	0	597	13	0	136	76	822
NJ	51,044	0	1,332	18	189	215	269	2,023
NM	6,769	0	552	26	0	127	0	705
NV	5,839	0	341	14	190	76	0	621
NY	117,896	41	3,431	17	599	1,614	272	5,974
OH	92,704	16	6,314	151	513	690	27	7,711
OK	29,364	29	487	0	37	0	0	553
OR	12,317	0	360	7	0	14	0	381
PA	88,805	0	6,343	18	726	1,168	86	8,341
RI	8,802	0	483	1	10	260	0	754
SC	19,474	0	74	0	0	0	0	74
SD	7,617	0	524	3	0	7	7	541
TN	37,317	0	220	38	22	0	0	280
TX	130,372	1	3,255	255	184	504	143	4,342
UT	8,267	0	519	14	32	67	0	632
VA	32,056	0	1,161	1	128	113	333	1,736
VT	3,276	0	165	0	0	0	8	173
WA	21,860	0	1,062	1	107	155	126	1,451
WI	36,303	0	2,734	60	91	245	49	3,179
WV	10,840	0	191	0	0	58	0	249
WY	2,965	0	293	1	0	0	0	294

Source: CMS OSCAR Form 671: F15 - F22  
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**Table 6: Nursing Facility Beds by Certification Type, September 2010**

State	Facilities	Total Beds	Medicare	Medicare/Medicaid	Medicaid	Non-Certified
US	15,685	1,706,474	92,348	1,474,139	104,629	35,358
AK	15	716	0	561	155	0
AL	228	26,683	391	25,908	331	53
AR	232	24,561	409	20,798	3,327	27
AZ	137	16,206	1,755	13,222	685	544
CA	1,241	121,375	4,486	107,450	9,100	339
CO	212	20,005	1,895	16,436	1,661	13
CT	239	29,250	574	28,220	38	418
DC	19	2,775	0	2,663	52	60
DE	47	4,989	429	4,007	474	79
FL	678	82,240	8,034	71,006	2,949	251
GA	359	39,910	600	37,433	1,797	80
HI	48	4,319	116	3,898	177	128
IA	443	35,966	523	28,626	2,692	4,125
ID	79	6,159	146	6,008	5	0
IL	788	101,516	10,001	59,559	26,642	5,314
IN	501	57,191	5,794	39,469	3,343	8,585
KS	340	25,787	538	18,802	3,503	2,944
KY	285	26,039	1,858	23,391	657	133
LA	281	36,087	2,588	32,363	0	1,136
MA	429	49,189	798	46,351	1,355	685
MD	231	29,031	619	27,696	447	269
ME	109	7,127	300	6,127	675	25
MI	429	47,240	3,931	41,897	1,250	162
MN	386	32,592	506	30,856	1,080	150
MO	514	55,389	2,600	44,064	5,750	2,975
MS	203	18,537	433	15,437	2,661	6
MT	87	6,958	60	6,693	203	2
NC	424	44,401	902	41,778	1,042	679
ND	85	6,440	41	6,399	0	0
NE	223	16,167	712	13,629	1,446	380
NH	80	7,742	179	7,172	391	0
NJ	360	51,044	3,170	46,937	932	5
NM	70	6,769	277	6,263	229	0
NV	50	5,839	212	5,068	475	84
NY	633	117,896	167	117,403	233	93
OH	955	92,704	1,277	91,006	96	325
OK	318	29,364	697	25,741	2,564	362
OR	137	12,317	216	10,352	1,748	1
PA	712	88,805	4,157	80,798	3,842	8
RI	86	8,802	65	8,643	76	18
SC	184	19,474	1,929	16,573	360	612
SD	110	7,617	40	6,762	675	140
TN	318	37,317	1,226	28,338	7,415	338
TX	1,170	130,372	23,664	98,930	4,540	3,238
UT	99	8,267	935	7,000	295	37
VA	285	32,056	1,555	27,362	2,830	309
VT	40	3,276	73	3,120	83	0
WA	230	21,860	641	19,559	1,555	105
WI	391	36,303	516	34,316	1,422	49
WV	127	10,840	280	9,361	1,127	72
WY	38	2,965	33	2,688	244	0

Source: CMS OSCAR Form 1539: L37, L38, L39  
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**Table 7: Average Full-Time Equivalent Direct Care Staff per Facility by State, September 2010**

State	Facilities	Total Direct Care Staff	RN Staff	LPN Staff	Aide Staff**
US	14,789	65.55	6.82	14.95	43.78
AK	10	63.30	14.04	8.09	41.16
AL	221	80.63	5.96	21.25	53.43
AR	225	61.55	2.14	14.62	44.79
AZ	133	66.27	7.45	16.32	42.51
CA	1,158	65.47	7.56	14.37	43.54
CO	206	56.42	8.29	12.04	36.09
CT	231	81.93	10.49	17.10	54.34
DC	14	123.99	10.02	35.90	78.07
DE	44	73.63	10.74	16.37	46.53
FL	661	93.53	6.84	21.32	65.38
GA	340	65.83	3.24	19.69	42.90
HI	40	66.94	13.56	7.69	45.69
IA	429	38.31	4.62	7.24	26.44
ID	78	47.73	5.75	9.14	32.84
IL	754	59.33	9.04	11.14	39.14
IN	487	53.78	4.77	15.53	33.48
KS	327	40.08	3.87	7.30	28.91
KY	263	61.68	5.17	14.80	41.70
LA	247	57.13	1.95	16.17	39.02
MA	411	74.82	9.69	17.21	47.92
MD	215	82.14	8.76	21.07	52.32
ME	99	51.62	8.59	5.09	37.94
MI	409	68.26	7.24	14.79	46.23
MN	355	56.81	6.79	11.63	38.39
MO	498	52.87	3.71	11.06	38.09
MS	188	62.74	5.10	16.36	41.28
MT	84	43.31	6.62	6.33	30.36
NC	402	65.43	6.58	15.60	43.25
ND	71	57.57	6.05	8.46	43.07
NE	218	43.20	4.29	9.01	29.90
NH	73	70.99	10.33	12.66	48.00
NJ	346	90.48	13.66	19.39	57.44
NM	67	54.96	6.42	9.26	39.28
NV	48	70.64	10.07	15.99	44.58
NY	592	120.57	14.02	26.47	80.07
OH	893	61.99	6.34	15.78	39.87
OK	299	42.63	1.96	9.50	31.18
OR	135	45.46	4.54	6.53	34.39
PA	677	82.67	10.95	19.27	52.45
RI	81	67.12	10.60	7.73	48.79
SC	175	68.82	6.47	17.76	44.59
SD	70	36.98	5.89	3.98	27.10
TN	306	69.63	5.08	19.15	45.40
TX	1,060	53.76	2.44	14.02	37.29
UT	91	43.97	8.02	6.82	29.14
VA	267	70.58	5.59	20.68	44.31
VT	36	59.20	7.99	14.09	37.12
WA	225	61.55	8.16	11.98	41.41
WI	376	58.88	8.92	9.68	40.29
WV	117	53.51	5.10	14.27	34.13
WY	37	44.20	8.35	6.24	29.61

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**Table 8: Average Direct Care Staff Hours per Patient Day by State, September 2010**

State	Total Direct Care Staff HPPD	RN HPPD	LPN HPPD	Aide HPPD*
US	3.61	0.38	0.82	2.41
AK	5.63	1.25	0.72	3.66
AL	3.96	0.29	1.04	2.62
AR	3.94	0.14	0.94	2.86
AZ	3.73	0.42	0.92	2.39
CA	3.88	0.45	0.85	2.58
CO	3.61	0.53	0.77	2.31
CT	3.70	0.47	0.77	2.45
DC	4.15	0.34	1.20	2.61
DE	3.96	0.58	0.88	2.50
FL	4.37	0.32	1.00	3.06
GA	3.39	0.17	1.01	2.21
HI	3.84	0.78	0.44	2.62
IA	3.30	0.40	0.62	2.28
ID	4.23	0.51	0.81	2.91
IL	3.06	0.47	0.57	2.02
IN	3.42	0.30	0.99	2.13
KS	3.54	0.34	0.64	2.55
KY	3.73	0.31	0.90	2.52
LA	3.16	0.11	0.89	2.15
MA	3.68	0.48	0.85	2.35
MD	3.75	0.40	0.96	2.39
ME	4.25	0.71	0.42	3.13
MI	3.64	0.39	0.79	2.47
MN	3.67	0.44	0.75	2.48
MO	3.52	0.25	0.74	2.54
MS	3.78	0.31	0.99	2.49
MT	3.75	0.57	0.55	2.63
NC	3.63	0.36	0.87	2.40
ND	4.02	0.42	0.59	3.01
NE	3.80	0.38	0.79	2.63
NH	3.92	0.57	0.70	2.65
NJ	3.45	0.52	0.74	2.19
NM	3.48	0.41	0.59	2.49
NV	3.71	0.53	0.84	2.34
NY	3.44	0.40	0.75	2.28
OH	3.65	0.37	0.93	2.35
OK	3.48	0.16	0.77	2.54
OR	4.10	0.41	0.59	3.10
PA	3.59	0.48	0.84	2.28
RI	3.51	0.55	0.40	2.55
SC	3.67	0.34	0.95	2.38
SD	3.24	0.52	0.35	2.38
TN	3.40	0.25	0.93	2.21
TX	3.36	0.15	0.88	2.33
UT	3.91	0.71	0.61	2.59
VA	3.49	0.28	1.02	2.19
VT	3.81	0.51	0.91	2.39
WA	3.89	0.52	0.76	2.62
WI	3.71	0.56	0.61	2.54
WV	3.50	0.33	0.93	2.23
WY	3.40	0.64	0.48	2.28

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## Glossary of Terms for use with OSCAR data

**Certified Beds** This measure represents the total number of certified beds in the nursing home. Some nursing homes can have a combination of Medicare, Medicaid, and/or private pay beds. Please check with the nursing home to find out what types of beds are available.

**Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)** provide care on a twenty-four hour basis. They work under the direction of a licensed nurse to assist patients with activities of daily living, i.e., eating, grooming, hygiene, dressing, transferring, and toileting. All full-time certified nursing assistants (CNAs) must have completed a competency evaluation program or nurse assistant training within 4 months of their permanent employment. They must also pursue continuing education each year.

**Hospital-based** - The nursing home is affiliated with a hospital.

**Hours Per Patient Day** is computed as the sum of the total number of hours worked by direct care staff in each category, and is then divided by a 35-work week and by the number of patients.

**Medicare** is the federal health insurance program for: people 65 years of age or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure with dialysis or a transplant, sometimes called ESRD). Medicare pays for some nursing home care in specific situations and for no more than 100 days for each benefit period. A benefit period begins the day you go to a skilled nursing facility. The benefit period ends when you have not received skilled nursing care for 60 days in a row.

**Medicaid** is a joint federal and state program that helps with medical costs for some people with low incomes and limited resources. Medicaid programs vary from state to state, but most health care costs are covered if you qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid pays for long term care for people with low incomes and resources. Check out with your State Medicaid Agency for the income levels in your State. If a nursing home does not participate in the Medicaid program and does not accept Medicaid patients, and the resident runs out of other funds/coverage, the resident will have to move to another nursing home if he/she wants to be on Medicaid.

**Multifacility** Multi-nursing home chains have two or more homes under one ownership or operation.

**Nursing Home** A residence that provides a room, meals, and help with activities of daily living and recreation. Generally, nursing home residents have physical or mental problems that keep them from living on their own. They usually require daily assistance.



**Occupancy** This measure indicates the percentage of certified beds occupied by residents at the time of the inspection. It is obtained by taking the number of residents occupying certified beds at the time of the inspection divided by the total number of certified beds in the nursing home.

**Ownership** Nursing homes can be run by private for-profit corporations, non-profit corporations, religious affiliated organizations or government entities.

**Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses** - Registered nurses (RNs) have between 2 and 6 years of education. Licensed practical and vocational nurses (LPNs/LVNs) generally have 1 year of training. By law, RNs must assess residents' needs. RNs and LPNs/LVNs work together to plan care, implement care and treatment, and evaluate residents' outcomes. Nurses must be licensed in the state and are on site to provide care to residents twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week.

**Residents in Certified Beds** This number tells you how many residents in certified beds were living in the nursing home at the time of the inspection.



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