



U.S. LONG-TERM CARE WORKFORCE AT A GLANCE

EMPLOYMENT IN LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) *

Total long-term care (LTC) employment, 2009	4.7 million
Percentage of LTC employment in U.S. health care sector, 2009	29.3%
Percentage of LTC employment in total U.S. jobs, 2009	3.6%
Total number of LTC direct-care worker (DCW), 2009	2.9 million
Registered nurse (RN) & licensed practical nurse (LPN), 2009	644,850
Nursing aide, orderly, & attendant & home health aide, 2009	2.2 million

* Including nursing home, assisted living and home health.

Nursing and Residential Care Facilities Added Jobs in 2009

Total employment in 2009	Total employment in 2008	Total Job increase in 2009
3,079,800	3,029,600	50,200

Insurance Programs for Nursing Home Employees 2009-2010*

Insurance Plans	Percentage of Nursing Facilities Providing Insurance
Health	100.0%
Dental	99.8%
Vision	83.9%

*Based on a national survey conducted by Hospital & healthcare Compensation Service (HCS)

DEMAND AND GROWTH OF LONG-TERM CARE WORKFORCE

Projected U.S. population aged 65 & over in 2008 & 2030	2008 - 38.8 million; 2030 - 72.0 million
Population aged 65 & over with any disabilities, 2008	15.7 million or 41% of the 65+ population
Population aged 85 & over having difficulty with 1 to 5 ADLs**, 2006	Male - 628,600; Female - 2,063,700
Estimated population having Alzheimer's disease in 2007 & 2030	2007 - 4.9 million; 2030 - 7.7 million
Population aged 65 & over living in nursing homes, 2006	1.6 million
Population aged 65 & over living in assisted living facilities, 2006	1.5 million
Medicare beneficiaries using home health services, 2006	3 million
Projected Medicare enrollment	2007 - 44 million; 2016 - 55 million; 2030 - 79 million
Percentage increase of LTC utilization between 2000 & 2020	Nursing home residents-40%; Home health visits-36%
Percentage increase of demands for DCW between 2000 & 2020	RN - 41%; LPN - 47%; Nurse aide - 50%
Percentage job growth in LTC settings between 2000 & 2010	Nursing home - 26%; Assisted living facility - 67%
Projected population using LTC services, 2050	27 million
Projected direct care workers in LTC sector, 2050	5.7 million - 6.6 million

**ADL – Activities of Daily Living (i.e. bathing, transferring, toileting, dressing and eating).

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