



# TENNESSEE

## Nursing Home Trends

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Data used to compile Tennessee Nursing Home

Trends was obtained from summary tabulations of the Joint Annual Report of Nursing Homes. Individual reports are completed each year by the licensed nursing homes in Tennessee and returned to the Division of Health Statistics for compilation and review. While the compiled information of all licensed nursing homes is quite detailed, data summarized for this report focuses on trends and changes in Tennessee nursing homes for the period 2000-2009.

As Tennessee's older adult population increases, the need for nursing home and other means of caring for the elderly has become an important issue. In 2009, 13.1 percent of Tennessee's population was 65 years and older. The 2009 estimated population 65 and older of 813,702 increased 15.7 percent over the State's 2000 population of 703,311 for this age group.

Joint Annual Reports of Nursing Homes were returned by 326 of the 329 nursing homes operating in Tennessee on December 31, 2009. Beginning in 2004, the two federal nursing homes, located in Tennessee, were excluded from the nursing home data reports.

The absence of data from the non-reporting facilities will lower bed counts and utilization statistics on the current data.

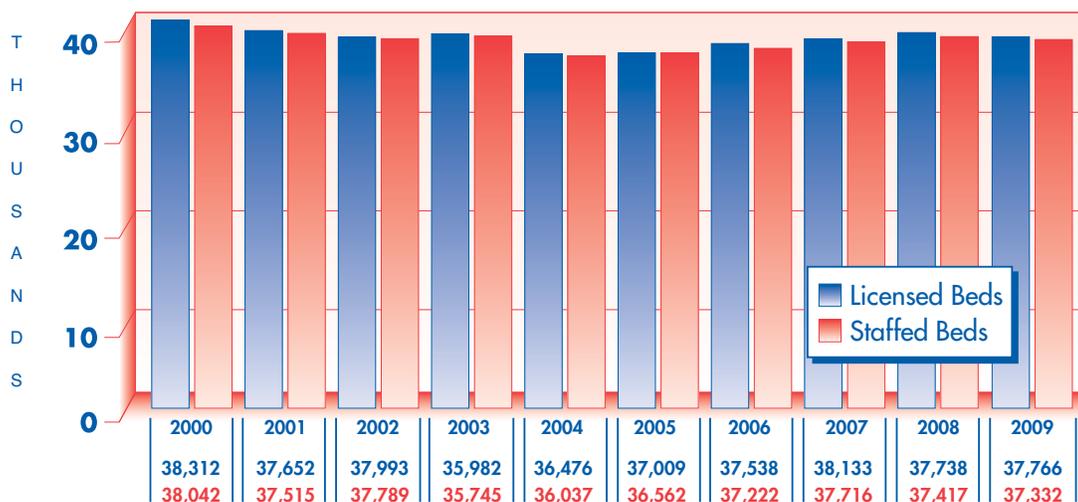
In 2001, the categories of limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability corporation and limited liability company were added to the nursing home report. Data for 2001 - 2009 for these categories are included in the table below.

**NUMBER OF NURSING HOMES BY TYPE OF OWNERSHIP**  
Tennessee, 2000-2009

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>TOTAL</b>	349*	338*	340*	345*	338*	334*	335*	331*	330*	329*
<b>Non-profit</b>	80	61	62	70	68	64	69	65	67	63
Church related	11	17	20	36	40	35	35	38	24	22
Corporation/Association	66	44	42	30	24	25	29	23	36	34
Other Non-profit	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limited Liability Company	-	-	-	4	4	4	5	4	7	7
<b>For-Profit</b>	232	245	242	221	226	226	234	224	234	240
Individual	1	-	-	4	3	5	5	1	1	1
Partnership	37	7	6	4	4	6	3	2	1	1
Corporation/Association	194	156	147	109	118	108	105	105	91	88
Limited Partnership	-	29	30	33	28	25	27	19	23	20
Limited Liability Partnership	-	4	2	4	4	7	4	7	8	7
Limited Liability Corporation	-	49	57	67	69	75	90	90	110	123
<b>Government</b>	36	32	35	33	28	26	26	25	26	23
State	-	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	3
County	33	26	22	23	19	19	18	18	19	17
City	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
City-County	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hospital District	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Veterans Administration	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Government Agency	-	4	10	7	6	5	5	3	3	2

\*Total includes nursing homes that may not have submitted a report.

### Number of Licensed and Staffed Beds Tennessee Nursing Homes, 2000-2009

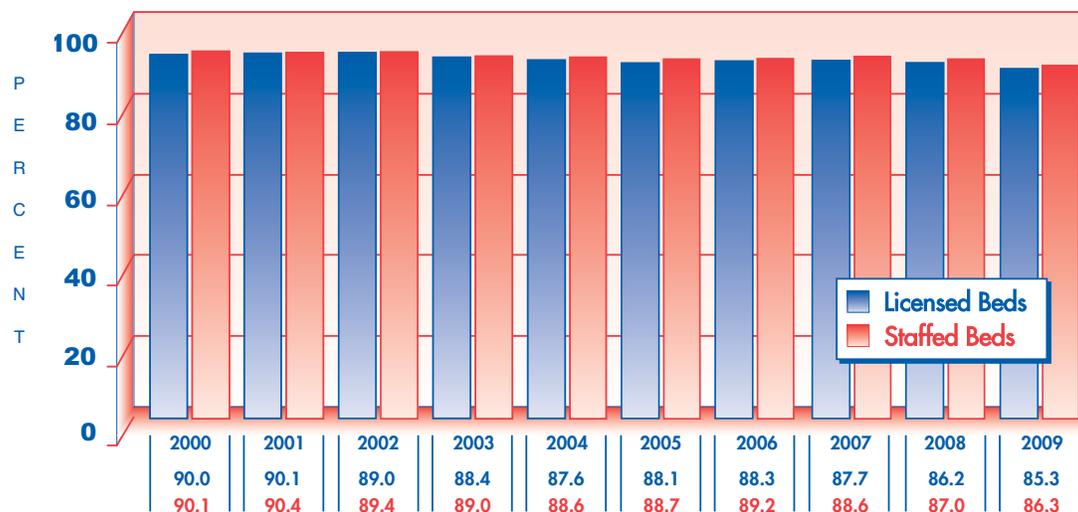


In 2009, there were 37,766 licensed beds and 37,332 staffed beds reported for Tennessee nursing homes. For the 10-year period 2000-2009 the number of licensed and staffed beds overall remained fairly constant.

**Licensed beds** - The maximum number of beds authorized by the state licensing agency or regulated by a federal agency.

**Staffed beds** - The total number of beds set up, staffed, and in use at the end of the reporting period. This number should be less than or equal to the number of licensed beds.

### Percent Occupancy for Licensed and Staffed Beds Tennessee Nursing Homes, 2000-2009



Percent occupancy is computed as the number of patient days of care divided by the number of bed days open for licensed or staffed beds, multiplied by 100. For the 10-year period 2000 through 2009, the percent occupancy for licensed and staffed beds fluctuated but generally declined. In 2009, the licensed occupancy was 85.3 percent and the staffed occupancy was 86.3 percent.

Admissions are the number of patients admitted to a facility during the reporting period, and discharges are the number of patients discharged plus all deaths. Nursing home admissions increased 26.7 percent from 89,263 in 2008 to 113,131 in 2009, while the reported number of discharges increased 2.0 percent from 88,345 to 90,141 over the same period. Discharge patient days are the total number of days of care rendered to patients discharged during the reporting period (including days of

**NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DISCHARGE PATIENT DAYS**

Tennessee, 2000-2009

Year	Admissions	Discharges Including Deaths	Discharge Patient Days
2009	113,131	90,141	12,190,715
2008	89,263	88,345	12,838,433
2007	81,397	79,073	11,280,004
2006	79,512	76,862	12,191,583
2005	77,932	76,558	12,625,789
2004	74,468	72,181	12,644,002
2003	69,488	75,567	11,049,876
2002	67,932	66,858	11,615,772
2001	60,023	61,412	10,558,426
2000	58,655	59,924	11,232,783

**AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS, AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY RATE OF PATIENT TURNOVER**

Tennessee Nursing Homes, 2000-2009

Year	Average Daily Census	Average Length of Stay	Rate of Patient Turnover
2009	31,710	135	3.00
2008	32,544	145	2.40
2007	32,778	143	2.20
2006	33,402	159	2.14
2005	34,591	165	2.13
2004	34,641	175	2.07
2003	30,274	146	1.94
2002	33,227	179	1.82
2001	33,270	182	1.62
2000	33,853	194	1.55

care rendered prior to the beginning of the reporting period). From 2008 to 2009, the reported number of discharge patient days decreased 5.0 percent.

The average daily census is calculated as the number of patient days of care divided by the number of days in the calendar year. The average length of stay is calculated as the number of discharge patient days divided by the number of discharges. The rate of patient turnover is the

number of admissions divided by the number of staffed beds. From 2008 to 2009, the average daily census and average length of stay decreased, while the rate of patient turnover increased.

Patient census data is reported for December 31 of each indicated year. The number of nursing home patients is given by 5-year age group, as well as by gender.

**NUMBER OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS BY GENDER AND AGE**

Tennessee, 2000-2009

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total	33,806	33,698	33,697	32,839	33,255	33,113	33,495	33,427	37,191	36,774
Male	8,950	9,053	9,327	9,034	9,467	9,395	9,424	9,365	11,199	11,081
Female	24,856	24,645	24,370	23,805	23,788	23,718	24,071	24,062	25,992	25,693
Age Group										
Under 60	2,271	2,309	2,557	2,584	2,637	2,814	2,666	2,684	3,230	3,133
60-64	1,130	1,221	1,242	1,270	1,388	1,453	1,577	1,490	1,760	1,878
65-69	1,792	1,910	1,913	1,847	2,026	2,048	2,076	2,118	2,618	2,712
70-74	2,913	3,077	3,023	2,966	2,976	3,001	3,069	3,029	3,658	3,477
75-79	5,073	4,909	4,932	4,670	4,750	4,566	4,541	4,547	5,083	4,960
80-84	6,637	6,757	6,670	6,574	6,648	6,558	6,519	6,446	7,018	6,785
85-89	7,057	6,823	6,723	6,531	6,458	6,496	6,713	6,842	7,324	7,198
90-94	4,859	4,719	4,578	4,440	4,371	4,280	4,370	4,312	4,486	4,612
95-99	1,756	1,732	1,700	1,610	1,633	1,585	1,633	1,637	1,680	1,667
100+	354	313	330	347	368	312	331	322	334	352

Totals may include patients with age unknown.

During the time period of 2000-2009, the number of admissions to Tennessee nursing homes increased 92.9 percent, while the number of discharges increased 50.4 percent. This is much greater than what any increase in elderly population would indicate. At the same time, the average length of stay dropped by 30.4 percent, while the rate of patient turnover increased by 93.5 percent, and the average daily census decreased by 6.3 percent. This indicates that nursing home services in Tennessee are now being used by more persons for shorter episodes of care.

Many persons are now entering nursing homes for convalescence, then are

leaving for home or other settings. This can be attributed to the fact that more hospitals are discharging patients, especially the elderly patients, to the less medically intense nursing home setting for a longer recuperation period after initial acute care treatment. In fact, some hospitals have converted excess bed capacity into skilled nursing or rehabilitation unit beds. The situation is further reflected in hospital statistics which have shown a decrease in the average length of stay over this same time frame.

Percent occupancy for Tennessee nursing homes remained high over the 2000-2009 time period, fluctuating

between 86 to 90 percent. High occupancy is typical for the nursing home industry and appears to be invariant with changes occurring in resource capacity.

The Department of Health will continue to collect nursing home data through its Joint Annual Report of Nursing Homes. This data and those from other reports will be monitored as changes in the delivery of health care in Tennessee evolve. More detailed utilization statistics and data on individual nursing homes are publicly available through the Division of Health Statistics or visit our website at the address indicated below.

POPULATION AGED 65 AND OLDER

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
703,311	712,371	718,615	727,992	737,186	752,718	769,105	783,350	798,244	813,702

**NOTE:** Tennessee population estimates used to calculate the rates in this report were based on estimates and projections prepared from the 2000 census data for 2000-2010 by the Division of Health Statistics revised in February 2008. These population figures may result in rates that differ from or may be somewhat disjointed from those rates previously published.

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