

HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, TENNESSEE, 1995

Resources - Facilities

- In 1995 there were 287 home health agencies in Tennessee.

Resources - Personnel

- A total of 20,270 employees provided services in these agencies or an average of 71 per agency.
- Personnel were distributed in the following categories: full-time, 14,327 (70.7%); full-time equivalent of part-time personnel, 2,678.66 (13%); contract, 3,194 (16%); and consultants, 70 (0.3%).

Utilization

- A total of 169,464 patients were served by home health agencies in Tennessee in 1995. This amounts to an average of 590 patients per agency and 8 patients per employee.
- Utilization varied by age of the patient:
 - 5,750 (3.5%) were under 1 year of age;
 - 4,549 (2.8%) were aged 1-18 years;
 - 10,859 (6.7%) were aged 19-44 years;
 - 21,731 (13.4%) were aged 45-64;
 - 37,149 (22.8%) were aged 65-74;
 - 52,006 (31.9%) were aged 75-84; and
 - 30,810 (18.9%) were 85 years of age or older.
 - For 6,610 patients, age was unknown.

Costs

- In 1995, the number of home health patients¹ varied by payment source as follows:
 - Medicare patients accounted for the bulk of home health agency patients at 80.4% (153,249 patients);
 - Private pay patients made up 7.1% of home health agency patients (13,594 patients);
 - 6.8% were Medicaid/TennCare patients (12,884 patients);
 - 5.4% of patients had other payment sources (10,350 patients); and
 - 0.3% of patients made no payments (647 patients).

¹This is not an unduplicated count in that patients can be in more than one payment source category in a year.

Source: Joint Annual Report of Home Health Agencies, 1995, TDH, Health Statistics and Information.