

- The average daily census<sup>38</sup> of nursing home patients in Tennessee was 34,595 in 1995, compared to 34,050 in 2000. This total is a decrease of 1.6%.
- The occupancy rates in 2000 were 90.2% for licensed beds and 90.4% for staffed beds, compared to 92.9% and 93.3%, respectively, in 1995. Declines in respective rates over the period have amounted to 2.9% and 3.1%.
- In 2000, the average length of stay in Tennessee nursing homes was 194 days, compared to 204 days in 1999 and 277 days in 1995. From 1995 to 2000, the average length of stay decreased by 30%.
- The rate of patient turnover increased from 1.20 in 1995 to 1.55 in 2000, a 29.2% rise.

### Costs

- Total operating costs<sup>39</sup> for all nursing home facilities in Tennessee increased to \$1.46 billion in 2000, from \$1.41 billion in 1999 but are still lower than 1998 (\$1.5 billion). Total operating costs were \$1.17 billion in 1995, \$1.36 billion in 1996 and \$1.39 billion in 1997.
- Total revenue also increased between 1999 and 2000, from \$1.42 billion to \$1.5 billion. This represents a 5.6% increase in one year. Total revenue increased by 24%, from \$1.21 billion in 1995 to \$1.5 billion in 2000.
- From 1995 to 2000, average gross charges per day increased by 27.5%, from \$109 per day in 1995 to \$145 per day in 2000.

Source: *Joint Annual Report of Nursing Homes*, TDH, Office of Health Statistics and Research, 2000; *Tennessee Nursing Home Trends*, December 2002, TDH, Office of Health Statistics and Research; *Tennessee Nursing Home Trends*, May 2001, TDH, Office of Health Statistics and Research; and under "Nursing Homes" on the HIT Web site.

## **Home Health Agencies**

### Resources - Facilities

- According to the Tennessee Department of Health's Joint Annual Report of Home Health Agencies, there were 178 licensed home health agencies in Tennessee in the fiscal year 2000-2001. The Joint Annual Reports were completed and returned

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<sup>38</sup>Patient census data is reported as of December 31 of each year.

<sup>39</sup>Dollar amounts have not been adjusted for inflation.