

by 167 home health agencies. Of the 11 remaining home health agencies, two were inactive during the reporting period.

- The majority of the reporting home health agencies were free-standing (65.3%) or hospital-based (26.9%). The remainder were hospital-affiliated (1.8%), nursing home-based (1.8%), public health department (0.6%), or unknown (3.6%).
- The majority of the reporting home health agencies were for-profit corporations (62.9%), followed by other types of ownership including nonprofit corporations (24%), government (7.8%), individual profit (2.4%), partnership profit (1.8%) and partnership nonprofit (1.2%).
- In 2000-2001, Tennessee home health agencies employed an average of 36 FTE personnel. By job category, there were an average of 12 FTE nursing services personnel, 6 FTE home health aide services personnel and 18 FTE other personnel.

Patient and Discharge Characteristics

- In 2000-2001, 223,577 Tennesseans were home health agency patients. This represents a rate of 39 home health agency patients per 1,000 population.
- By gender, 63.4% of the home health agency patients were female and 36.6% were male. While 30.8% were under 65 years of age, 22.9% of patients were aged 65 to 74, and 46.3% were age 75 and over.
- In 2000-2001, specific reasons for home health agency patient discharge, in descending order of magnitude, were: (1) No Further Care Needed (63.2%); (2) Institutionalized (11.3%); (3) Death (4.6%); (4) Patient No Longer Met Payor's Home Care Qualifications for Eligibility/Coverage (4.4%); (5) Patient Request (2.7%); (6) Physician Order (2.2%); (7) Transfer to Hospice Service from Home Health Agency (1.6%); (8) Transfer Out of Service Area (1.2%); with Other representing 7.7% of reasons for discharge.
- The average number of days of home health agency care per discharged patient was approximately 21 days in 2000-2001 and the average visits by home health providers per discharged patient was 17%.

Sources of Payment

- In 2000-2001, the average revenue per home health agency was \$2.71 million.