

Facts About:

The Nursing Home Population

- ▶ Approximately 1.5 million seniors currently live in one of 17,000 nursing homes.
- ▶ Of all U.S. residents who turned 65 in 2000, 23% will stay in a nursing home for a year or longer.
- ▶ 87% of seniors in nursing homes are over the age of 75.
65-74: 194,800 75-84: 517,600 85+: 757,100
- ▶ There are almost 3 times more women than men in nursing homes.
Women: 1,091,700 Men: 377,800
- ▶ There are roughly 4.5 times more women than men in the nursing home population over age 85.
Female: 612,900 Male: 144,200

- ▶ 40% of all nursing home admissions are due to injuries sustained by falling.
- ▶ 97% of all nursing home residents need assistance in performing at least one activity of daily living.
- ▶ For every 100 elderly patients in a nursing home in a given year, 35 patients will die, and another 37 will be admitted to a hospital.
- ▶ The average stay for patients who die in a nursing home is just under 2 years.
- ▶ Older persons without family support are far more likely to end up in a nursing home than those with family support.

50% without family support 7% with family support

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