

As of 31st December 2011

RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

- In Italy, residential care facilities, active at 31st December 2011, are 12,033 with 386,803 beds (6.5 for every 1,000 residents). Compared with 2009 no significant changes are observed.
- The majority of the residential care facilities provide both social and health care services, the 74% of beds. They mainly provide services to non-independent elderly. The rest of the facilities (26%) provide only social care.
- The huge geographical differences remained unchanged from the previous year: 67% of all residential care beds were in the regions of the North, with a rate of 9,5 beds for every 1,000 residents. In the South the rate was just 3 beds per thousand residents.
- The greatest supply of both health and social residential care services was in the North, with 8 beds for every 1,000 residents versus 2 beds per thousand residents in the South.
- The residential care recipients were 369,523. Around 279,000 of them were elderly people aged 65 and over (76%), approximately 73,000 were adults aged between 18 and 64 (20%), and while just over 17,000 were minors aged under 18 (5%).
- Half of the elderly recipients were aged over 85, while 75% of them were non independent. The sex ratio was highly unbalanced: of the approximately 279,000 elderly recipients, over 209,000 were women.
- 61% of adult recipients aged 18-64 were men. The main difficulty was connected with disability or psychiatric disorders (around 71% of the adult recipients).
- 59% of recipients aged fewer than 18 had no specific problem, 23% had problems related to substance abuse and 17% had mental health problems or disabilities.
- Almost half of recipients aged under 18 (46%) live in residential care facilities as a result of family-related problems.
- Just over 13,000 of recipients aged fewer than 18 were released from residential care facilities during 2011. Half of them were placed with an adoptive or foster family.
- Foreign residential care recipients were 14,895 (4% of all guests). 55% of them were adults (3 for every 1,000 adult foreign residents), 40% were minors aged under 18 (7 for every 1,000 foreign residents aged under 18) and only 5% were elderly (7 for every 1,000 elderly foreign residents).
- 62% of residential care facilities belong to the private sector. Over two thirds of them were run directly by the owners.
- Public owners, that do not directly run the residential facilities, entrust most frequently the management, in the North to other public-sector institutions (in 60% of cases). In the centre and in the southern regions the same owners entrust the management mainly to private institutions (in 64% and 75% of cases respectively).