

Overview of the Nursing Home Weekly Bed Census Survey Database

Description

The Department of Health requires nursing homes to complete electronic filing of each facility's licensed nursing home beds and availability by bed category on a weekly basis. Available Bed and Occupancy information is nursing home facility self-reported, and is not audited by the NYSDOH.

The following ten categories are reported based on the weekly Wednesday morning census:

- [Nursing Home Beds \(Licensed\)](#)
- [Pediatric Beds \(Approved\)](#)
- [Pediatric Ventilator Beds \(Approved\)](#)
- [Behavioral Intervention Beds \(Certified\)](#)
- [Ventilator Beds \(Certified\)](#)
- [Ventilator "Scatter" Beds \(Not Certified\)](#)
- [Traumatic Brain Injury Beds \(Certified\)](#)
- [Coma Recovery Beds \(Certified\)](#)
- [Adult Day Health Care \(ADHCP\) Daily Capacity](#)
- [Dialysis Stations \(On-site\)](#)

The survey has allowed the nursing home surveillance program to:

- Improve the coordination of nursing home placements in the event of a closure or emergency situation within a community; and
- Create a consistent and efficient mechanism for long term care stakeholders to collect and report on nursing home bed availability.

Bed Category Definitions of the Nursing Home Weekly Bed Census Survey

Nursing Home Beds (Licensed)

Nursing Home Beds, also referred to as residential health care facility bed or nursing beds, means a bed, licensed by the NYSDOH under Article 28 of the New York State Public Health Law.

Pediatric Beds (Approved)

Pediatric Beds are those approved by the Department within the nursing facility for persons from birth to age 21 years.

Pediatric Ventilator Beds (Approved)

Ventilator Beds certified by the Department within the nursing facility for pediatric residents, where the bed is intended to serve ventilator dependent residents.

Behavioral Intervention Beds (Certified)

Behavioral Intervention Beds are those beds certified by the Department that appear on the operating certificate as neurobehavioral beds. The program must include a discrete unit with a planned combination of services with staffing, equipment and physical facilities designed to serve individuals whose severe behavior cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting.

Ventilator Beds (Certified)

Ventilator Beds are those beds certified by the Department that appear on the operating certificate as ventilator within the nursing facility for adult residents where the bed is intended to serve ventilator dependent resident.

Ventilator “Scatter” Beds (Not Certified)

Ventilator Beds which do not appear on the operating certificate within the nursing facility for adult residents, where the bed is intended to serve ventilator dependent residents. These ventilator scatter beds do not receive the enhanced rates.

Traumatic Brain Injury Beds (Certified)

Traumatic Brain Injury Beds are those beds certified by the Department and appear on the operating certificate as TBI that provide a planned combination of specialized services provided in a nursing home unit for head-injured residents, where the unit consists of at least 20 beds. The population served shall consist primarily of individuals with traumatically acquired, non-degenerative, structural brain damage resulting in residual deficits and disability. The program shall not admit or retain individuals who are determined to be a danger to self or others.

Coma Recovery Beds (Certified)

Coma Recovery Beds are those certified by the Department that appear on the operating certificate as coma, where a resident is admitted for coma management, who has suffered a traumatic brain injury with structural non-degenerative brain damage, and is in a coma.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHCP) Daily Capacity

ADHCP Daily Capacity is the number of daily registrants approved by the Department, and includes all daily sessions. This program provides the health care services and activities provided to a group of persons, who are not residents of a residential health care facility, but are functionally impaired.

The ADHCP Daily Capacity is impacted by the number of sessions per day approved by the Department, which are held in conjunction with the slots approved per session. For example, an ADHCP with two sessions per day with a 30 slots approved per session would have a Daily Capacity of 60 registrants. If 45 registrants attend per day, then 15 daily slots would be vacant.

Dialysis Stations (On-site)

Certified capacity is the number of stations approved by the Department to accommodate chronic renal dialysis patients per shift. Stations are the combination of the chair, the water and electrical supply and the machine for treatment of the chronic renal patient. A patient shift is the length of time required to dialyze one patient, usually in 4-5 hours.