

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

## RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

- In Italy, residential care facilities, active at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, are 12,808 with 424,705 beds (7 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 72% of beds. They mainly provide services to non-independent elderly. The rest of the facilities (28%) provide only social care.
- The huge geographical differences remained unchanged from the previous year: 66% of all residential care beds were in the regions of the North, with a rate of 10 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 394,374. Around 295,000 of them were elderly people aged 65 and over (75%), while just over 80,000 were adults aged between 18 and 64 (20%), and approximately 19,000 were minors aged under 18 (5%).
- Half of the elderly recipients were aged over 85, while 74% of them were non independent. The sex ratio was highly unbalanced: of the approximately 295,000 elderly recipients, over 220,000 were women.
- 61% of adult recipients aged 18-64 were men. The main difficulty was connected with disability or psychiatric disorders (around 69% of the adult recipients).
- 57% of recipients aged fewer than 18 had no specific problem, 25% had problems related to substance abuse and 16% had mental health problems or disabilities.
- Almost half of recipients aged under 18 (47%) live in residential care facilities as a result of family-related problems.
- Just over 14,000 of recipients aged fewer than 18 were released from residential care facilities during 2010. Half of them were placed with an adoptive or foster family.
- Foreign residential care recipients were 16,023 (4% of all guests). 59% of them were adults (3 for every 1,000 adult foreign residents), 35% were minors aged under 18 (6 for every 1,000 foreign residents aged under 18) and only 6% were elderly (1 for every 1,000 elderly foreign residents).
- 70% 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 53% of cases). In the centre and in the southern regions the same owners entrust the management mainly to private institutions (in 54% and 83% of cases respectively).