

Residential care facilities 31 December 2012

In Italy, residential care facilities, active at 31st December 2012, were 11,571, with 372,962 beds (6.2 for every 1,000 residents). The majority of the residential care facilities provide both social and health care services, 76% of beds. They mainly provide services to non-independent elderly. The rest of the facilities (24%) provided social care only.

The huge geographical differences remained unchanged from the previous year: 69% of all residential care beds were located in the regions of the North area, with a rate of 9.3 beds for every 1,000 residents. In the South area there were only 3 beds per thousand residents.

The greatest supply of both health and social residential care services was recorded 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 355 thousand. Around 270 thousand of them were elderly people aged 65 and over (76%), more than 69 thousand were adults aged between 18 and 64 (20%), and while just less 16 thousand were minors aged under 18 (4%).

Half of the elderly recipients were aged over 85, and 76% of them were non independent. The ratio by sex was greatly unbalanced: of the approximately 269 thousand elderly recipients, around 202 thousand 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).

58% of child and young recipients (under 18 years old) had no specific problem, 25% had problems related to substance abuse and 16% suffered mental health problems or disabilities. Almost half of these recipients (45%) lived in residential care facilities as a result of family-related problems.

Just over 13 thousand of young recipients were released from residential care facilities during 2012. Half of them were placed with an adoptive or foster family.

Foreign residential care recipients were 15,093 (4% of all guests). 57% of them were adults (3 for every 1,000 adult foreign residents), 38% were minors under 18 (6 for every 1,000 foreign residents aged under 18) and only 5% were elderly (6 for every 1,000 elderly foreign residents).

85% of residential care facilities were run directly by the owners.

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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