

Residential care facilities

31 December 2013

In Italy, residential care facilities, active at 31st December 2013, were 12,261, with 384,450 beds (6.3 for every 1,000 residents). The majority of the residential care facilities provided both social and health care services, 74% of beds. They mainly provided services to non-independent elderly. The rest of the facilities (26%) provided social care only.

The huge geographical differences remained unchanged from the previous year: 66% of all residential care beds were located in the regions of the North area, with a rate of 9 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 7.4 beds for every 1,000 residents versus 2 beds per thousand residents in the South and Islands area.

The residential care recipients were 367 thousand. Nearly 279 thousand of them were elderly people aged 65 and over (76%), more than 71 thousand were adults aged between 18 and 64 (19%), and more than 17 thousand were minors aged under 18 (5%).

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 279 thousand elderly recipients, around 208 thousand were women.

62% of adult recipients aged 18-64 were men. The main difficulty was connected with disability or psychiatric disorders (around 69% of the adult recipients).

More than half of children and young recipients (under 18 years old) had no specific problem, 22% had problems related to substance abuse and 15% suffered mental health problems or disabilities. Almost half of these recipients (42%) 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 2013. 41% of them were placed with an adoptive or foster family.

Table 1 - Residential care facilities, beds, recipients by type and division at 31 December 2013

REGIONS	Residential care	Beds	Recipients			Total
			Minor	Adult	Older	
Absolute values						
North-West	3.615	150.811	4.658	24.184	115.507	144.348
North- East	3.260	103.210	3.666	16.137	79.169	98.972
Centre	2.355	58.005	3.503	11.984	39.631	55.117
South	1.646	39.951	2.612	9.794	25.723	38.129
Islands	1.385	32.473	3.147	9.148	18.623	30.919
ITALY	12.261	384.450	17.586	71.247	278.652	367.485
Rate by 1.000 residents						
North-West	0,22	9,35	1,77	2,46	31,48	8,95
North- East	0,28	8,86	1,90	2,26	30,58	8,49
Centre	0,20	4,81	1,81	1,61	14,69	4,57
South	0,12	2,82	1,04	1,10	9,49	2,69
Islands	0,20	4,80	2,74	2,15	13,81	4,57
ITALY	0,20	6,32	1,73	1,89	21,41	6,05

Foreign residential care recipients were 16,682 (4.5% of all guests). 55% of them were adults (3 for every 1,000 adult foreign residents), 41% were minors under 18 (6 for every 1,000 foreign residents aged under 18) and only 4% were elderly (5 for every 1,000 elderly foreign residents).

88% of residential care facilities were run directly by the owners.

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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