In Italy, residential care facilities active at 31st December 2015 were 12,828, with 390,689 beds (6.4 for every 1,000 residents). The majority of the residential care facilities provided both social and health care services, 75% of beds. They mainly provide services to non-independent elderly. The rest of the facilities (25%) provided social care only.

The relevant geographical differences remained unchanged from the previous year: 64% 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 8 beds for every 1,000 residents versus 2 beds per thousand residents in the South.

The residential care recipients were 383 thousand. Around 288 thousand of them were elderly people aged 65 and over (75%), more than 73 thousand were adults aged between 18 and 64 (19%), while more than 21 thousand were minors aged under 18 (6%).

Three elderly recipients of four were aged over 80, and were mainly non-independent and women.

63% of adult recipients aged 18-64 were men. The main difficulty was connected with disability or psychiatric disorders (around 66% of the adult recipients).

More than half of children and young recipients (under 18 years old) had no specific problem, 27% had problems related to substance abuse and 13% suffered mental health problems or disabilities. More than one third of these recipients (36%) lived in residential care facilities as a result of family-related problems.

Just over 14 thousand of young recipients were released from residential care facilities in 2015. 8.1% of them were placed with an adoptive or foster family.

Foreign residential care recipients were more than 21 thousand (6% of all guests). 52% of them were adults (3 for every 1,000 adult foreign residents), 45% were minors under 18 (9 for every 1,000 foreign residents aged under 18) and only 3% were elderly (4 for every 1,000 elderly foreign residents).

**Beds in the residential care facilities 31 December 2015**

rates by 1,000 inhabitants