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HEALTH AND WELFARE ESTABLISHMENTS, QUEENSLAND, 1987-88, PRELIMINARY

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Main Features

- At 30 June 1988, there were over 49,500 beds available in Queensland residential health and welfare establishments (excluding emergency accommodation establishments) accommodating over 41,000 inpatients or residents.
- About one-third of the beds were in acute hospitals but they accommodated less than a quarter of the inpatients or residents. Traditionally there is a significant proportion of unoccupied beds in acute hospitals, which have a considerably higher turnover of inpatients or residents than other residential health and welfare establishments. At the end of June 1988, there were the equivalent of 29,130 full-time staff engaged by acute hospitals; 13 per cent were medical and other professional and technical staff and 38 per cent were qualified and student nurses.
- Nursing care homes accounted for about a quarter of beds but about 30 per cent of inpatients or residents, reflecting their high bed occupancy rate (97 per cent at the end of June 1988). Of the equivalent of 9,007 full-time staff engaged, 3 per cent were medical and other professional and technical staff and 22 per cent were qualified and student nurses.
- Psychiatric institutions continue to be a declining sector of residential health and welfare. At the end of June 1988, they accounted for only 3 per cent of beds and of inpatients or residents.
- Residential welfare establishments accounted for 38 per cent of beds and 43 per cent of inpatients or residents at the end of June 1988. Like nursing homes, these establishments have a high bed occupancy rate. Included in this category are establishments providing substitute family or home care (16 per cent of beds), hostel care (8 per cent of beds) and accommodation only (14 per cent of beds). Residential welfare establishments employed the equivalent of 4,210 full-time staff of which 4 per cent were medical and other professional and technical staff, a further 4 per cent were qualified nurses and 25 per cent were residential care staff. Substitute family or home care establishments accounted for most staff employed in residential welfare establishments.

Explanatory Notes

This publication contains a summary of the type, staff and patients/residents of establishments catering for the health and social welfare of the community. Establishments are grouped in three major categories: residential health establishments, residential welfare establishments and non-residential health establishments.

2. Notes on the scope, definitions and classifications used in compiling the figures are included in the latest issue of *Health and Welfare Establishments* (Catalogue No. 4302.3). A number of changes were made to the classification of establishments in 1985-86. Hence, in some instances the statistics produced for

1984-85 and earlier years are not directly comparable with those for later years. A final publication for 1987-88, which will provide more detailed statistics, will be issued at a later date.

Symbols and Other Usages

n.y.a. Not yet available.
= Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

3. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1 - ACUTE HOSPITALS, QUEENSLAND

Particulars	1984-85 (a)	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Total establishments	192	186	185	184
Beds available at end of year	15,968	15,743	15,906	15,765
Total inpatient days during year	3,432.8	3,367.6	3,395.1	3,063.0
Staff engaged (b)	28,966	28,820	29,539	29,131
Medical	1,570	1,567	1,580	1,581
Other professional and technical	2,510	2,204	2,443	2,338
Qualified and student nurses	10,683	10,623	11,174	11,137
Other	14,203	14,227	14,342	14,073

(a) Including 3 private psychiatric hospitals and 4 State Government maternal and child health homes which are excluded from later years because of changes in classification procedures.

(b) Full-time staff plus the full-time equivalent of part-time staff engaged in the last week of June.

TABLE 2 - RESIDENTIAL HEALTH ESTABLISHMENTS, QUEENSLAND, 1987-88

Particulars	Acute hospitals		Nursing care homes	Psychiatric institutions
	Recognised	Other (a)		
Total establishments	136	48	218	8
Establishments with				
Fewer than 21 beds	40	13	21	1
21 - 40 beds	37	10	85	—
41 - 60 beds	23	3	37	1
61 - 100 beds	10	7	50	1
101 - 250 beds	14	14	21	3
251 - 500 beds	9	1	4	1
Over 500 beds	3	—	—	1
Total beds available at 30 June 1988	(b) 12,159	3,606	13,118	1,620
Maternity beds, included above..	1,589	369	—	—
Inpatients at 1 July 1987	7,127	2,127	12,659	1,370
Admissions during year	413,758	162,995	9,487	5,142
Discharges during year	406,465	161,232	5,406	5,099
Deaths during year	7,343	1,667	4,075	66
Inpatients at 30 June 1988	7,077	2,223	12,665	1,347
Bed occupancy rate at 29 June 1988 %	59	62	97	82
Inpatients receiving care during the year	420,885	165,122	22,146	6,512
Total inpatient days during the year	'000 (c) 2,309.2	753.8	4,531.9	480.1
Average daily number resident	'000 6.3	2.1	12.4	1.3
Staff engaged (d)	23,990	5,140	9,007	1,698
Medical	1,558	23	12	38
Other professional and technical	2,303	35	251	81
Qualified and student nurses	8,867	2,271	1,944	762
Enrolled or pupil nurses, wardmen etc.	4,672	1,063	4,220	353
Administrative, managerial and clerical	2,210	553	360	93
Domestic or housekeeping	3,536	1,023	1,864	193
Other	845	174	356	179
Staff per 100 inpatients at 29 June 1988	335.5	230.4	71.0	127.5
Medical	21.8	1.0	0.1	2.9
Other professional and technical	32.2	1.6	2.0	6.1
Qualified and student nurses	124.0	101.8	15.3	57.2
Enrolled or pupil nurses, wardmen etc.	65.3	47.6	33.3	26.5
Administrative, managerial and clerical	30.9	24.8	2.8	7.0
Domestic or housekeeping	49.5	45.9	14.7	14.5
Other	11.8	7.8	2.8	13.4

(a) Comprising 4 hospitals operated by the State Government, 29 hospitals operated by religious authorities or other non-profit organisations and 15 hospitals run by private enterprise.

(b) Comprising 9,815 beds in standard wards and 2,344 beds in private wards.

(c) Comprising 1,940,362 inpatient days in standard wards and 368,841 inpatient days in private wards.

(d) Full-time staff plus the full-time equivalent of part-time staff employed during the last week of June.

TABLE 3 - RESIDENTIAL WELFARE ESTABLISHMENTS, QUEENSLAND, 1987-88

Particulars	Establishments providing		
	Substitute family or home care (a)	Hostel care	Accommodation only
Total establishments	299	(b) 73	(c) 393
Establishments with			
Fewer than 21 beds	197	16	308
21 - 40 beds	41	22	49
41 - 60 beds	24	15	20
61 - 100 beds	25	13	10
101 - 250 beds	10	5	6
Over 250 beds	2	2	-
Total beds available at 30 June 1988	7,857	4,047	7,167
Residents at 1 July 1987	7,062	3,674	6,669
Admissions during year	6,746	5,937	1,176
Discharges during year	6,152	5,804	785
Deaths during year	386	180	96
Residents at 30 June 1988	7,270	3,627	6,964
Bed occupancy rate at 29 June 1988	93	89	97
Residents receiving care during the year	13,808	9,611	7,845
Total resident days	2,588.8	1,314.7	2,485.2
Average daily number resident	7.1	3.6	6.8
Staff engaged (d)	3,247	850	113
Medical and other professional	137	19	-
Qualified nurses	115	40	4
Enrolled nurses, assistants and orderlies	241	43	13
Residential care staff	1,001	32	-
Administrative, managerial and clerical	625	196	38
Domestic or housekeeping	789	406	23
Other	339	115	35
Staff per 100 residents at 29 June 1988	44.7	23.5	1.6

(a) Predominant activity is the provision of domiciliary, custodial or paternal care.

(b) Except for 1 semi-government establishment controlled by a non-profit organisation.

(c) Including 284 establishments controlled by the Queensland Housing Commission, 15 establishments controlled by local authorities and 94 establishments controlled by other non-profit organisations.

(d) Full-time staff plus full-time equivalent of part-time staff employed during the last week of June.

TABLE 4 - NON-RESIDENTIAL HEALTH ESTABLISHMENTS, QUEENSLAND, 1987-88

Type of establishment	Establishments	Total services rendered during year	Average daily number of services rendered
	No.	'000	'000
Outpatient centres	230	6,332	17.3
Maintained by hospitals boards	167	5,849	16.0
Separate establishments or clinics	29	204	0.6
Ancillary clinics (a)	34	278	0.8
Day centres	53	519	2.6
Domiciliary nursing services	93	2,267	6.2
Ambulance services	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Ancillary services attached to residential establishments.

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