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# Preface

Before 1 October 1997, nursing home and hostel data had been published by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services in two report series – *Nursing Homes for the Aged: A Statistical Overview* and *Hostels for the Aged: A Statistical Overview*. From 1997, the Aged Care Statistics Series replaced those earlier publications, providing access to annual data on both nursing homes and hostels. The series is produced by the Ageing and Aged Care Unit of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare under an agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. The first publication in the series, entitled *Nursing Homes in Australia 1995–96*, was released in December 1997, followed by *Hostels in Australia 1995–96*, *Nursing Homes in Australia 1996–97* and *Hostels in Australia 1996–97* which were released in 1998. A supplementary report providing additional time-series data, *Nursing Homes in Australia 1992–93, 1993–94 and 1994–95*, was also released (in electronic format only) on the Internet early in 1998.

Under a series of reforms to the structure of aged care services, nursing homes and hostels were amalgamated into one system from 1 October 1997. Beginning with the 1997–98 financial year, the Aged Care Statistics Series presented a single volume on residential aged care facilities or services rather than two annual reports (one on hostels, the other on nursing homes). This current report covers the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002.

The statistics presented in this report were derived from information held on the Commonwealth System for the Payment of Aged Residential Care and from supplementary data provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

The information in this publication is presented in the following sections:

- Population and residential aged care service capacity;
- Residents and their characteristics;
- Admissions and separations;
- Characteristics of newly admitted residents; and
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# Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
ACCMIS	Aged and Community Care Management Information System
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
CACP	Community Aged Care Packages
CHIPS	Commonwealth Hostel Information Payment System
DVA	Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs
NHPS	Nursing Home Payment System (the previous payment system for nursing homes)
PCAI	Personal Care Assessment Instrument
RCI	Resident Classification Instrument
RCS	Resident Classification Scale
SPARC	System for the Payment of Aged Residential Care (the current payment system for residential care)