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**A statistical overview**

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# Preface

Previously, nursing home and hostel data had been published by the 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, produced by the Aged Care Unit of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare under an agreement with the Department of Health and Aged Care, replaces those earlier publications, providing access to annual data on both nursing homes and hostels.

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 services or homes rather than two annual reports (one on hostels, the other on nursing homes).

The statistics presented in this report were derived from information held on the Commonwealth System for the Payment of Aged Residential Care.

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

- Population and aged care home capacity
- Residents and their characteristics
- Admissions and separations
- Characteristics of newly admitted residents
- Resident dependency.

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