

Table 1. Number of home health and hospice care agencies, current patients, and discharges: United States, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000

Type of estimate	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000
Agencies	8,000	10,900	13,500	13,300	11,400
Current Patients	1,284,200	1,950,400	2,486,800	1,961,600	1,460,800
Discharges	3,273,300	5,600,200	8,268,900	8,117,700	7,800,100

Source: National Center for Health Statistics. Advance Data No. 297, Hyattsville, Maryland: Public Health Service, p. 2. 1998; and unpublished data.