



Oifig an Stiúrthóra Náisunta Cúnta,
Seirbhísí do Dhaoine Scothaosta –
Rochtain & Comhtháthú

Aonad 4, Lárionad Gnó,
Tullach Mhór, Co Uíbh Fhailí, R35 FH59

Office of the Asst National Director
Services for the Older Person –
Access & Intergration

Unit 4, Central Business Park
Tullamore, Co Offaly, R35 FH59

www.hse.ie
@hselive

t 087 345 5593
e OlderPeople.Operations@hse.ie

24/02/2025

Pádraig Rice TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 5211/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nursing home beds in the State in each year since 2019, broken down by HSE-provided, HSE-funded under sections 38 and 39 of the Health Act 2004 and privately provided, in tabular form.

In response to your above PQ request please see tables below which provides data for the total number of nursing home beds in the State in each of the years since 2019, broken down by HSE-provided and HSE-funded under Section 38 and 39 of the Health Act 2004

Many facilities have been impacted by SI293 Regulations mainly attributed to the age of some of these units. The Capital Investment Programme was introduced for the purpose of supporting regulation compliance and has resulted in planned closures during periods of structural improvement, hence fluctuations in bed stock numbers.

Bed Stock (Long and Short Stay Beds) in publicly managed and Section 38 Older Persons Residential Care Facilities 2020 – 2024

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Bed Stock	7191	7139	7087	6541	6387	6526



Section 39 (Long and Short Stay Beds) in Residential Care Facilities for Older Persons 2022 - 2024

Year	2022	2023	2024
Total Bed Stock	96	99	106

HIQA is responsible for the registration of nursing homes in Ireland and this is where you will find the information you request in relation to privately provided beds. Their report [15 Years of Regulating Nursing Homes](#) includes figures for registered beds private nursing homes for the period you require.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Whelehan
AND Services for Older People
National Office, Access and Integration