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Preface

In 1997, the Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare agreed to participate in a joint venture to publish nursing home and hostel data, with the Institute taking over the task of producing the publications. 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, replaces those earlier publications, providing access to annual data on both nursing homes and hostels.

So far, four reports of the series have been released. They are *Nursing Homes in Australia 1995–96*, *Nursing homes in Australia 1996–97*, *Hostels in Australia 1995–96* and *Hostels in Australia 1996–97*. The previous report series published by the Department of Health and Family Services provided data on hostels for the years from 1991–92 to 1993–94, and for nursing homes for the years from 1988 to 1991–92. In order to maintain continuity in the data series for nursing homes, the Institute is releasing these tables in electronic format for the years 1992–93, 1993–94 and 1994–95.

The statistics presented in this supplement were derived from information held on the Commonwealth Nursing Home Payment System (NHPS) by the Department of Health and Family Services.

A large range of information is presented, focusing on the characteristics of nursing home residents (including age, sex, marital status and dependency levels) and the patterns of service use (including length of stay, admissions and separations).

The information in this publication is presented in three parts — nursing homes in Australia 1992–93, 1993–94 and 1994–95 respectively. Each part consists of the following sections:

- Population and nursing home service capacity;
- Nursing home residents and nursing home characteristics;
- Nursing home admissions and nursing home separations
- Nursing home resident characteristics; and
- Nursing home resident dependency.

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