

80 square feet per bed in two- and four-bed rooms and 100 feet in single bed rooms. Other requirements or recommendations relate to service facilities in each nursing unit, such as nurses' utility room, pantry, storage, and treatment room; also to surgical, obstetrics, emergency, outpatient, contagious disease, and psychiatric departments or units.

(d) *Qualitative Standards of Performance*

Certification of hospitals by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals is one measure of qualitative performance. Since beginning the field survey of hospitals in January 1953, the Commission has surveyed all hospitals applying for accreditation and periodically resurveyed those fully or provisionally approved.

In 1964, the non-Federal hospitals registered with the American Hospital Association included 5,712 short-term general and specialty hospitals.² Of these 5,712 hospitals, 3,415 were accredited.³ The average size of these 3,415 accredited hospitals is 183 beds; the average size of 5,712 registered short-term hospitals is 126 beds.

TABLE 1.—Accredited and total registered non-Federal short-term general hospitals and beds, 1964

Control	Hospitals		Beds
	Total	Accredited	Total
Voluntary nonprofit.....	3,402	2,493	498,677
Proprietary.....	870	255	46,022
State and local government.....	1,440	667	176,111
Total.....	5,712	3,415	720,810

Of the 187 tuberculosis hospitals registered in 1964 with the American Hospital Association, 108 were accredited.⁴ As is the case with general hospitals, the accredited tuberculosis hospitals are significantly larger in average size than the nonaccredited hospitals. Average size of accredited tuberculosis hospitals was 271 while the other registered hospitals averaged 131 beds.

TABLE 2.—Accredited and total registered tuberculosis hospitals and beds, 1964

Control	Hospitals		Beds
	Total	Accredited	Total
Voluntary nonprofit.....	14	10	2,060
Proprietary.....	3	—	205
State and local government.....	170	98	37,324
Total.....	187	108	39,589

² Short-term hospitals are those having an average stay of less than 30 days. The term "specialty" as used here includes maternity, EENT (eye, ear, nose, and throat), children's, orthopedic, and tuberculosis facilities.

³ *Hospitals*, Journal of the American Hospital Association, guide issue, Aug. 1, 1965, p. 484.

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